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# GOODWORLDGHANA NEWS

## Early Childhood Day Treatment (ECDT)

February has been a month with a lot of news from the ECDT project. During this month our new teacher Becky has started in Kokobeng. Becky is a 48 year old woman who wants to start working after raising her children. By joining us she wants to gain experience and learn to be a teacher. We are confident that she will stay for a long time with us and she is very enthusiast! Also the classroom is looking great. We painted the room and bought new furniture and special tables and chairs. Also the toys, developmental materials and everything else are bought. Especially the special materials were quite difficult to get, but by asking everywhere we managed to find enough materials. After we found all the materials we have been washing them. So they are now nice and clean. Finally the selection of the children is taking place. Last week we invited the parents and did the intake interviews. We are starting with the children on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. Next month we will start to introduce the children to you.



The classroom, next newsletter more...



Toys for the small world corner



Toys for the home corner



Toys for the building corner



## Buying toys in Ghana

In Ghana there are almost no locally made toys, but there are some toys from China and they spoil a lot and quick. So we were searching for second hand toys. After some asking around we found out that the second hand toys from Europe and America are shipped to Ghana and sold in bags. Every bag contains 40KG of toys and they are all mixed together. In some suburbs of Kumasi there are shops where they allow you to go through the bags and gather whatever you want together in a bag. After you have finished the bag will be weighed and you pay a price per KG. So it is very difficult to gather the right stuff together, but with time and patience we managed to do so. We found books, puzzles, cars, dolls, music instruments, building materials, etc. So the children will be very happy!



## Dry season in Ghana

During December the dry season started here in Kokobeng. During this period the rain stops until mid march. It becomes very dry and dusty. The school bus becomes totally red from the dust and it needs a daily cleaning to keep it clean. Also the land becomes less green and the goats have to feed on cassava peels and mais. We are looking forward to the rain so the land becomes green again!



Waiting for the rain to come!!!