



● *Volunteers from Praktikawelten*

## NGO DONATES CLASSROOM BLOCK TO ORPHANAGE

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**A**s part of efforts to improve the livelihood of the less-privileged in society, Praktikawelten Foundation, a Non-Governmental Organisation based in Germany, has donated a six-classroom block worth over 5,000 GHC to pupils of the West African Children Foundation (WACF) orphanage and school, at Kassa, a suburb of the Central Region.

The Programs Co-ordinator of the Foundation, Mrs. Peninah Brefour said, the donation formed part of the foundation's efforts to make a difference in the world by doing whatever little they could to improve the lives of others.

She disclosed that, prior to the donation, the pupils of WACF used to study under trees and this did not enhance teaching and learning in the in-

stitution.

Mrs. Brefour said, the volunteers of Praktikawelten Foundation, who comprise a cross section of young men and women from across Europe and America, did not only donate funds for the construction of the six-classroom block, but also actively participated in building the structure.

The Founder and Director of WACF, Patrick Nwodobeh, on his part said, the vision to establish a school and orphanage was a revelation from God to care for orphans and the deprived within the community.

Mr. Nwodobeh remarked that, the school, which began in 2009 with six students, has grown to a population of 182 with 9 orphans who are catered for exclusively by the school and 36 needy children who are cared for partly by the school.

The director noted that, the payment of rent for the premises, salaries of staff members, feeding and clothing of students are provided from his

personal resources, which he earns from a poultry farm he operates around the school.

Mr. Nwodobeh reminded the foundation as well as other benevolent organizations that, the school is in need of more classrooms as well as teaching and learning materials to enable them provide quality education to the pupils.

He added that, he needed further support to run the institution as well as to relocate to a more permanent location.

Praktikawelten Foundation is an NGO, which has been operating in the country for over 7 years and has similar operations in South Africa, Kenya, Namibia and some Latin American countries. "Praktikawelten" which loosely translated means "make a difference in the world" sums up the essence of the institution. The NGO has volunteers, who regularly help in various fields of community and public services, such as hospitals, media houses, schools as well as social work.