**Farewell with a special gift**

**The graduates of the Comprehensive School Emsland handed over 2,250 € to Morphius**

**Lingen**  With a special gift the CTE school partnership Ghana says goodbye to music professor Morphius Eurapson-Quaye. To many schools in and around Lingen Morphius is well known for his drumming workshops.

Some weeks ago he celebrated his 70th birthday at the Comprehensive School Emsland and along with it 20 years of construction and support work at the CTE. On that occasion 15,000 € were donated for a new school bus. After three months in Germany Morphius will return to Ghana in order to continue his construction work at the Center for Talent Expression on site, introducing a new support project. In the last couple of weeks the discussion focused on the question: “How can we actively respond to the causes of migration?”

The tireless dedication of the Emsland schools for 15 years now on behalf of the NGO school in Ghana which is fully reliant on donations, the build-up of the association CTE School Partnership Ghana since 2016, and the expanding network now including the Oberschule Schüttorf as additional partner school are important steps towards a sustainable and secure future of the NGO school in Ghana under the roof of the CTE school partnership association.

“We still lack an important building block”, explains the head of association Martin Weber. “The vision of sustainable support must not only include a successful school education with as many good qualifications as possible, but must also counteract the high level of youth unemployment”. This works only if the association together with the CTE guides the graduates specifically to self-employment. The CTE develops and accompanies the business case, and the association provides the funding for the implementation. “That is our vision, only through this can we reduce the causes of migration effectively and permanently”, says Weber. “To this end the association needs more supporters, and we wish to find more donors and more schools in our network”.

Emma Timmer and Paul Pavlitzek as representatives of the graduating class have gladly joined the farewell dinner for Morphius in order to personally hand over their donation. “We gladly support help for self-help. It is important for us to support the association in its new assignment by means of the this farewell gift of the CSE. Our donation is meant to pave the way for the new project”.

Morphius thanked everybody and explained that the money will be directed at supporting this year’s graduates in the field of catering in their effort to start a small restaurant, and to support and secure this business start actively over the following years using the funds donated by the association. Another graduate in the field of music will be supported by buying a new musical instrument, in order to be admitted as professional musician in an orchestra.

“The amounts we require for the support of our graduates are comparatively small and enable us to guide them specifically and permanently into their professional life”, explains Morphius. “Without the work of the association and its new support project this would not be possible for us on our own. It encourages us that our work can now take effect beyond the graduation”.