

## **Baobab Tree Footsteps to Ghana 2011 Youth Culture Project**

Baobab Tree founders Kathy Armstrong and Rory Magill have had a relationship with the village of Dagbameete in the Volta Region of Ghana since 1990. The relationship is one of mutual respect and exchange. While learning about Ghanaian drumming and culture, they have built trusted friendships and partnerships in the village. Their efforts, along with visits by friends and colleagues, have resulted in help with village projects such as electrical poles, water pipes, latrines, contributions to the elementary school building and school fees for older children.

Prior to the last two Baobab Youth visits to Ghana (2001 & 2006), Canadian students have raised money and collected clothing and sports equipment to deliver to Dagbameete and the surrounding area.

While this has been a great connection both ways, for the 2011 tour we are hoping to go one step further, to contribute to a sustainable model for a children's and youth culture group in the village. There are lots of children and youth with musical talent who engage in the regular village gatherings, as well as hanging around lessons when Western groups come to study. What we are planning to do is to raise enough money to provide regular rehearsals, fees for artistic teachers and money for instruments and costumes. The group could then meet regularly, travel for performances and perhaps one day, tour to Canada.

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