

PENS EXCHANGES

Pan African Educational Network for Students (PENS) explores educational options within many specialized fields of interests. The Network is a growing consortium of educational programs and cultural opportunities currently available in West Africa for international students. Global Hand Incorporated has linked with Government-Private and Independent Schools, cultural artists and trades people to provide an international education, travel and social exchange for students. These opportunities not only enhance leadership capabilities practical learning experiences but have also proven to provide an excellent opportunity to learn a second language for most of our past participants.

- ✍ **PENS**, by providing cultural, social and practical living experiences in developing countries has already pioneered the evolving of a better enlightened, knowledgeable, and globally diverse group of students. Some former participants have ‘targeted’ international service careers as a result. While amongst black youth these exchanges have also been instrumental in building self-reliance, pride and self-esteem. Currently, ‘PENS’ offers numerous opportunities for students in America and the Caribbean to travel or study abroad in Africa.

- ✍ PENS has connected students to such prestigious education institutions in West Africa as the **University of Ghana, Legon, and The Ghana Institute of Languages in Ghana, both started by the honorable Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana’s first President after independence from Colonialism in 1957. The University of Leadership and Sustainable Economics MALI and other schools under our management and support in Mali also provide excellent programs and services and language exposure in French for the exchange student as well. In response to parents requesting both economical and quality study abroad opportunities, The NETWORK, has several opportunities available for both short and long term study and cultural exchanges in Africa.**

➤ **Thinking of boarding your child in Africa?**



IF your child is from 3rd to 6th grade or 7th to 12th grade he/she can study and board in the Leadership junior and secondary high school program in Mali. Your 18 year old can enter an African Institution to Learn Languages in Ghana or Mali as well. While, children and young adults alike can explore any aspect of African arts and culture through cultural and educational tourism: music, dance, languages, textiles, beading, cooking etc) and be enriched with indigenous African culture. Ongoing exchanges are currently available in Ghana and Mali beginning summer and fall of 2007.

☒ Past PENS EXCHANGES:

- ❶ Summer Language Institute in **Senegal** 2001 provided intensive French language classes and tours throughout Senegal and Gambia. The program lasted for six weeks in the summer of 2001.
- ❷ Summer Language Institute in **Ghana**-2002: Provided American exchange opportunities to the Ghana Institute of Languages, where students learned French and Arabic. It was a six-week program and offered a certificate of completion.

➤ Current PEN EXCHANGES

Global Institute of Leadership and Sustainable Economics collaborates with individuals to form private, independent and government schools at primary, secondary and university levels in developing countries. WE encourage and support the start-up and assistance of schools in both city and village communities in Africa. G of L Institute partners with schools in Africa and distributes resources: donates school supplies, teacher training, technical services, access to resources, and also *recruits volunteer* teachers to enhance learning experience.

⊕ **One reason we at Global Hand Incorporated focus on the support and establishment of affordable or *no cost* primary education institutions in Africa is to increase literacy (help children and adults learn to read and write). Education is an important first step towards increasing awareness and providing a learning foundation. This Learning foundation becomes an essential component in building leadership skills in developing communities.**