

TRAVEL TEAM REPORT

The latest news and updates from the travel team in Ghana



Clare pictured with the Chief of Ullo, Madame Rebecca, and David

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The Team Arrives in Ullo

by Michelle Friedmann

I am excited to report that the travel team has safely reached Ullo! After a long journey, Clare has been united with David and Ernestina (Tina) and the team is beginning the work that they have set out to do.

On Friday, Clare spent time at KNUST (a Ghanaian university) to get acquainted with her host professor Dr. Joseph Akwowuah and to meet up with David who is a student at KNUST and a part of the summer travel team.

KNUST was having large power outages throughout the week and Clare had limited access to the internet and cell service during her time there. Last week was finals week at KNUST and Friday was a big senior celebration dance and party for graduation. That was a fun surprise that Clare got to attend with David.

Early Saturday morning, Clare and David headed to the bus station where they took the bus to Wa. This trip was slightly longer than expected but they made it to Wa safely after 9 hours. In Wa, Clare and David were met by Patrick who owns a rental vehicle and driving service company and has worked with EWB-ISU for the past couple of years. Aziz, a friend of EWB-ISU and a driver for us in the past, drove Clare and David the rest of the way to Ullo.



Children of the Ullo community excited to see the travel team

Upon arrival in Ullo, Clare and David received a warm welcome from the community. They were met by Paul, a son of the Chief, and Hassan, a brother of the Chief and his secretary. The community was delighted to see Clare return to Ullo and many people send their greetings to past travel team members.

On Sunday, Ernestina traveled from Accra to Ullo because of a family engagement she had on Saturday. She was united with Clare and David upon her arrival.

In the morning on Sunday, Clare and David met with the Chief of Ullo and he welcomed them to the community. It is tradition to present the Chief with a gift upon arrival to thank him for hosting you in his community. Clare's mom, Sue, created homemade pillows (pictured on the right) out of cloth that the travel team brought back from Ullo on the last trip. The pillows are embroidered with "EWB" and "2019". The Chief was delighted with this thoughtful gift that symbolizes the partnership between Ullo and EWB-ISU.

During the meeting with the Chief, the team discussed the clinic project with him and got his thoughts on it. The Chief was overwhelmingly excited about the potential of this project and was supportive of the work EWB-ISU is doing.

Later in the day, the team went to check out the borehole where the solar powered pump and chlorination system was installed on the last trip for the water distribution system. Clare was able to attach her phone to the pump through bluetooth to adjust the pumping rate. Now the pump is operating the most sustainably.

The team also had the opportunity to meet with 25 elders of the Ullo community to get their input about the potential projects that EWB is currently working on. The elders think the ideas are great and are so grateful to see that EWB-ISU is continuing with more projects in Ullo.

Overall, everyone is healthy and in good spirits. Clare is especially excited that the traveling is over and that her and her team can now get to work in Ullo!



Pillows made from Ghanaian fabric presented to the Chief as a gift for his hospitality



Clare and David at the KNUST senior graduation dance



Bus ride from Kumasi to Wa



David, Ernestina and Clare in Ullo