

TRAVEL TEAM REPORT

The latest news and updates from the travel team in Ghana



Local soccer game

UPDATES

CHLORINE PUMP FIXED

FINISHED COLLECTING RAINWATER DATA

FINISHED COLLECTING KITCHEN DATA

MEETING WITH GHANAIAN HEALTH SERVICES



Eighth and Ninth Day in Ullo

by Michelle Friedmann

The travel team has been working hard and making significant progress on completing their trip objectives as their time in Ullo is quickly coming to an end.

On Sunday, David and Clare went to the church service in Ullo and received a nice warm welcome to the church by Paul.

In the afternoon, the group had an incredibly productive meeting with the diocese and the Ghanaian Health Services. The team was under the impression that the meeting was going to be a small group meeting with Hassan, the chief's brother and secretary, but it was in fact a much bigger affair! The paramount Naa, Naa Bruce, Madame Rebecca, the nurse and midwife for the Ullo clinic, the Ullo assembly representative and more than 16 people attended the meeting.

Hassan has been hard at work over the past month communicating and working with the proper entities to ensure that the clinic project will be supported by the right organizations and will be a success. This hard work resulted in both the dioceses and the Ghanaian Health Services group coming to the meeting prepared with letters of endorsement of EWB-ISU's project that they presented to the travel team! The team was very thrilled about the amount of support they received from these important groups for this project.

Both groups have jointly committed to staff and supply the clinic and have laid out the requirements for how the building must be designed. The clinic project is a very big project, consisting of the design work, building, lodging for critical staff, and the need for running water and electricity but the impact of this project will be enormous. The team has noted that so many people in the community including the chief have personally expressed how important this project is and the impact that it will have on the Ullo community. The government and Ullo are fully ready to maintain a clinic if EWB-ISU can help them by working to construct the building for it. It cannot be over expressed how grateful the community is, and EWB-ISU is excited and ready to take on this project!

After the meeting at the clinic, Clare went to the Ullo market and did some fabric shopping. She also tried some new food that was made of fried beans but resembled a healthy and savory funnel cake (if that is possible). Clare noted that it tasted pretty good!



Fabric that Clare purchased at the Ullo market



Local fruit Clare tried for the first time



New valve for the chlorine pump being added



Chlorine pump operating properly with new valve!

On Monday, the travel team installed a new injection valve for the chlorine pump on the distribution system with the help of Paul and Justin. The chlorine pump appears to be working well, and the team will check the system for any leaks and verify the chlorine residuals at the distribution points on the following day after it has had time to be pumped through the entire system.

Later in the day, the team completed the rainwater catchment and kitchen improvement group's worksheets. They are trying to finish testing the bricks made in the community to use in the construction of the new stoves but the rain late last week has weakened the bricks that Paul and Justin made.

For fun, the team watched a community soccer game where the teams from two local towns played each other. The final score was 1-1 and the travelers enjoyed cheering on this local activity.

Clare was also able to try a yellow fruit that is grown locally and tastes like really sour rhubarb. Overall, everyone is in good health and sad that Tuesday is their last full day in Ullo. The team is thrilled about the support from the Ullo and is looking forward to the implementation of these projects in the future.