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TRAVEL TEAM REPORT

The latest news and updates from the travel team in Ghana



Ram that Clare purchased as a gift to the chief

UPDATES

SCORPION SIGHTING

RAM PURCHASED

BRICKS TESTED

EVERYTHING IS FINISHED UP!



Final Day in Ullo

by Michelle Friedmann

Clare and David enjoyed the last day of their very productive trip in Ullo. The team was able to finish up everything in preparation for their departure from Ullo on Wednesday.

It was a great last day for wildlife in the community! They saw a scorpion and 2 large moths that have about a 5 inch wingspan.

The travel team completed the brick testing to determine the structural integrity and understand the physical properties for the potential use of these bricks in the construction of the Ullo clinic. They placed the bricks in water to see what happens, and ultimately determined that the bricks turn back into mud when submerged. According to Clare, they found out that this makes them undesirable for underwater castle building.

As mentioned in a previous travel team update, the paramount Chief of Ullo is celebrating his 50 year Jubilee this month. This is a large community celebration that honors the great accomplishments of the chief for leading and being respected by his community for the past 50 years. This is a huge honor for Ullo and the chief. As a thank you to the chief for hosting so many EWB-ISU trips over the years and as recognition of this accomplishment, Clare's dad (John Lanaghan) gave Clare money to purchase a gift for the chief to recognize this celebration.

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With the money, Clare purchased a ram as a token of appreciation. Livestock is traditionally given as a form of generosity in Ghana. Some of you may recall the gift of a goat that the travel team received during their stay in Ullo as a thank you for their hard work. Clare paid 620 cedi, or about \$115 for the ram, which Paul, Justin and David said she overpaid for but Clare thinks he looks great! It was her first livestock exchange ever!

The travel team is now preparing for their journey back home. We wish them safe travels for their long trip ahead and look forward to Clare's return to the US. Overall, it has been a very productive trip and we are thankful for all that was accomplished and the valuable data that was collected! It has been a very positive experience partnering with students from KNUST and we look forward to continuing to build this partnership in the future.



Brick testing being conducted





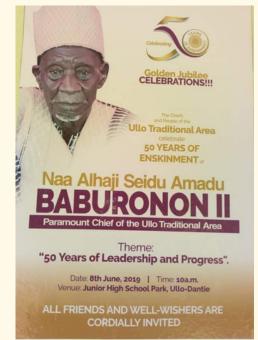
Scorpion and moth sightings in Ullo



David and Ferdinand retrieving the bricks from the water



Clare posing with the ram she purchased as a gift for the Chief



Invitation to the Chief's Golden Jubilee