

## Ghana - Overview



This is the main office and warehouse of Project C.U.R.E. in Centennial, Colorado. From here and several other warehouses across the United States of America we normally ship 40-foot containers to more than 130 needy countries around the world. They are packed tight with donated medical equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics that have received a needs assessment to determine what is exactly needed and useful. Details at [www.projectcure.org](http://www.projectcure.org).

In recent years week-long CURE Clinics have been organized whereby several times each year teams of mostly medical people, all volunteers, go to other countries where Project C.U.R.E. has already been serving, to help with the health needs and education. This series of reports document an October 13 to 22, 2017, trip to southwestern Ghana, along the southern coast of West Africa.

This trip was sponsored by Newmont Mining, whose headquarters is very near that of Project C.U.R.E., and with whom there has been a good relationship for many years. Newmont Mining, which specializes in gold, seeks to provide helpful improvements to the communities in which their work is done, as well as proper care for the environment.

Lauren, along with Jennifer, organizes these clinic trips. In advance they fill travel bags with supplies for the clinics. The bags are normally allowed as free second baggage on international flights.



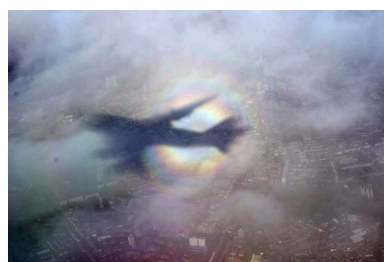
Our Clinic team numbered 19, including Lauren who was serving as the team leader for her first time. We all took different airline routes to and from Ghana, depending on where we lived in America and wherever we wanted to visit in addition to Ghana. Lauren, who was supposed to arrive in Ghana on my flight on Saturday night, got held in London because of Ghana visa problems, and was delayed rejoining our team until mid-day on Tuesday. Even so, the rest of us successfully prepared for and conducted our initial clinics without her.



Some of us met one evening at the warehouse for a trip briefing. Some others participated by conference phone. We departed with our shares of the clinic supplies.



While circling in our wait to land at the the airplane fell on some thin clouds. small cloud droplets produced a set of The center of the rings marks my seat in



LHR (London) airport, the shadow of The sunlight backscattered from the colored concentric rings called a glory. the rear of the 747-400 aircraft.



In Accra we stayed in the Airport View Hotel at both the start and end of our trip. The middle photo shows us in the lobby preparing for the trip to Newmont Ghana's Ahafo Mine. In the upper right photo we wait for our commuter airline flight to Kumasi. Then we took the bus to Ahafo.



Newmont housed us in the set of small cottages shown in the middle of this satellite view of the Ahafo Mine facilities. We always had to pass through a security gate at the bottom center of the view.

My cottage:



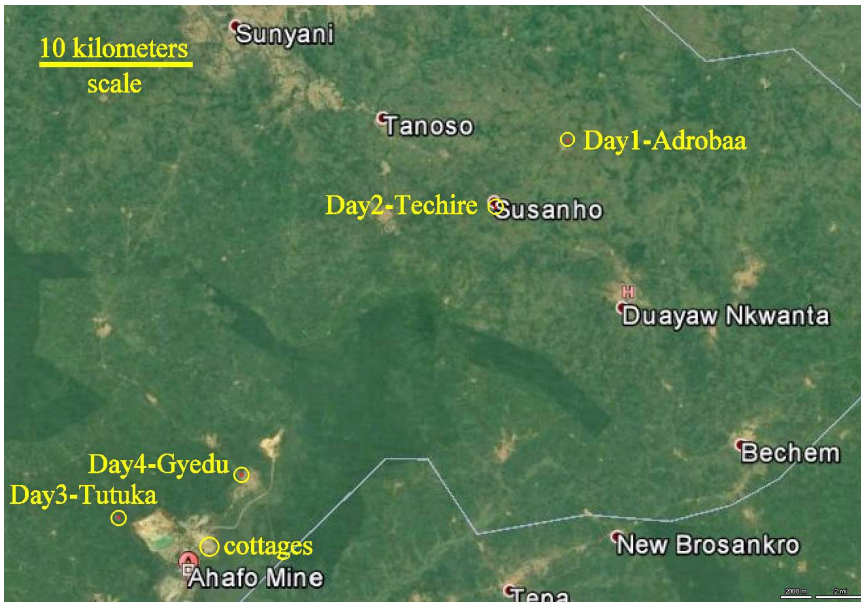
Ahafo Mine dining center with buffet style meals.



Northern Gray-headed Sparrow



Sunday evening sorting of supplies and pills, followed by a team briefing meeting.



This is a satellite view of the area of our clinic work. A scale is in the upper left, showing that we sometimes traveled significant distances. The Ahafo Mine is in the lower left. Various shades of green are fields and forests. The tan patches are villages and the provincial capital city of Sunyani. The white line is a province boundary. The daily clinic locations are named beside the yellow circles. So most of this region is very rural in character. Local health facilities are mostly in the larger villages.

These next fine resolution satellite views are centered on the clinic locations.



#### Day 1 - Adrobaa

The clinic was held under special tents between the buildings which included a maternity clinic and a school. It was a very rural area. All local people walked to this clinic by the rutted dirt road or across fields.



#### Day 2 - Techire near Susanho

The clinic was held in a relatively new school building on the edge of the village. Special tents were set up for waiting people. Our clinic activities were held in the class rooms.



#### Day 3 - Tutuka near Ahafo Mine

The clinic was held in an open field (tan) between the village and school at a very isolated and small village. We were again under tent canopies. This initial photo shows children waiting for us.



#### Day 4 - Gyedu near Ntotroso

The clinic was held under the abundant shade of a grove of trees between the road and local Gyedu Health Center.



external sign



emergency rooms entrance



seeing beds



pharmacy



supplies

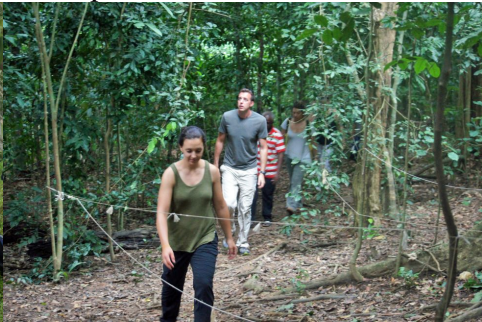


red CURE sticker on exam table

Friday morning (Day 5) we returned to the Gyedu Health Center for a tour. Then we drove to Accra with an afternoon stop (in very light rain) at a forest preserve with a set of elevated suspension foot bridges in the trees.



school children greeting Lauren



the walk through the forest



the aerial foot bridges

Saturday we visited the Accra harbor area and had a tour with community development people.



lighthouse



fishing boats



Ruth and team amongst homes



Black Kite



Pied Crow



Common Bulbul



Laughing Dove

Common birds here.

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