

## Akyem Clinics

Project C.U.R.E. ([www.projectcure.org](http://www.projectcure.org)) sent another medical mission team (C.U.R.E. Clinic) to Ghana, with travel spanning July 13 to 22 for most participants. The clinics were again arranged with Newmont Mining. This time we went to the gold mine area at Akyem. My Trip Reports on last October's trip to the gold mine area at Ahafo are at <http://www.edholroyd.info/TripReports/2017Ghana/>. The Akyem mine is located in south central Ghana, West Africa, part way between Accra and Kumasi. The satellite view shows extensive green vegetation with a scattering of villages and roads. This time all clinic sites were within a few kilometers of each other.



The guest facilities at the mine were full, so we were lodged and fed at a nearby hotel, apparently nicer for us.



Obaas Golden Plaza Hotel and our bus.

Our hotel, in lower left, has reddish roofs.

Hexagonal tree patterns are for abundant palm oil trees.

The Google Earth satellite imagery of this region was taken 16 January 2015, and so it does not record recent developments. The first two days of clinics were at the town center of New Abirem.



New Abirem clinic tents beside fire truck shelter.

Newmont supplied the tents, tables, and chairs at the town center for the first two days of clinics. As the first day progressed we changed our table arrangements. Local people waited in the chairs at the right. It was rainy on the second day, with somewhat muddy conditions. There was a nearby school from which we got an abundance of children at about 2 PM.

The third clinic day was to the west at the border between the villages of Adausena and Hweakwae.



Arranging our clinic tables while being watched by schoolkids.



Tents for waiting people.

We were again beside a school and therefore served many of its students during their breaks. Across the road was a town water tower built by Newmont.

Newmont also built a new town for people displaced by the mine. It has a suburban style layout with full utilities in the houses. The fourth clinic was held in a common area under a shelter built after the satellite imagery was taken.



water tower on hilltop



Fourth clinic tables at left, waiting people on right.

Most of the team arrived Saturday evening after a transfer at London's Heathrow airport.



airport arrival: Miranda, Lizzie, Amethyst and some of our baggage



Loading Newmont's bus at airport



evening snack at Airport View Hotel



gathering for Sunday trip to Akyem



dining room at hotel at Akyem

Sunday evening in Michael's room we organized the CURE Clinic supplies that were in our second luggage bags.



luggage bags.



Monday morning we arrived at the town center, the site of our first two days of clinics.



view to south from clinic site



view to NW of mine tailings



view to north from clinic site



large lizard at rest stop



Tree flowers.  
Bags (not bottles) of drinking water used by local people.



Michael greets arriving local nurses



waiting for clinic services



registration table



Jessica supervising triage



Miranda at triage



local doctor



Morgan and Joy explaining food groups



Ellie explaining posture and stretching



Ellie demonstrating lifting



Daniel and Brian at pharmacy



Amethyst at glasses



Irene at checkout



School kids arrive. Irene treats wounds.

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