Local Interests

On Wednesday I was greeted by Kofi Nimo, a leader in the town of Hweakwae adjacent to our clinic site. He then gave me a private tour of his town, passing by the homes of many of his relatives. He also showed me some facilities built by Newmont. In this satellite image the top colored dots show the clinic site of the third day. The single dot in the Amanfrum community locates the clinic of the fourth day. In between, the colored dots show where I took photos during the hour tour with Kofi. Note the great difference in home layout patterns between the native African villages and the suburban style town built by Newmont Mining.

My memory of some of the details that Kofi shared with me has faded. So I am illustrating what might be of general interest in an African town.





North entrance to Hweakwae, and Amanfrum beyond. I met Kofi here.



town Palace



separating (front) and drying (rear) corn making casava flour



grinder for casava and corn flour

home of a relative

home of a relative

None of these photos were "staged". They just show life as we saw it.



cooking palm nuts for oil

tree variety and home

bananas



coconuts

water pump

hand-powered sewing machine



home with satellite dishes

community buildings built by Newmont

sawmill provided by Newmont



palm nut processing built by Newmont

metal and old shingle roof of home

Kofi between Ellie and Morgan



A ticklish plant - Sensitive Plant, *Mimosa pudica*. Touching the leaves makes usually makes them fold in seconds. (The Latin *pudica* means shy, bashful, shrinking.) Later the leaves spread out again. This amazes team members on all of the clinics of which I have been a member.





Though not part of the Clinic program, I sometimes hand out physically small USB memory devices (flash, thumb, jump, ... drives) loaded with movies in appropriate languages. They are freely downloaded from the Internet at https://www.jesusfilm.org/watch.html. I gave to a local person one which had a set of movies in English and another in Twi, the local language in Ghana. (The main movie is available in more than 1650 languages.) On the flight home at London's Heathrow airport, I met with Golda, who had sat beside me on the airplane flight to Ghana last October. She had then viewed (using my laptop and headset) the Magdalena movie in English (available in 160 languages) and received my gift of a loaded USB drive for sharing with friends and relatives.

During the 4 days of CURE Clinics, we served 1121 local people with their minor medical needs. Significant issues were referred to the local doctors and hospital.

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