

Bonner Scholar Summer of Service 2015 Fellowship

Working at a Health Clinic in Rural Ghana

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MACALESTER COLLEGE



St. Paul, MN

Host Organization



- International Volunteer Headquarters (IVHQ) assigned me to the Medical Turquoise Program in Senya-Beraku, Ghana.
- Seth is the owner of the orphanage and school. He is a very respected leader in the community and had connections to the clinic where I worked.

New Learning and Cultural Experiences



- I learned about the inner workings of a rural clinic in Ghana.
- I made many friends and picked up conversational Twi!
- I saw firsthand the importance of health care workers in these communities.

- I participated in many health care initiatives and learned more about the healthcare system of Ghana.
- I saw a lot of health disparities in the rural area of Senya-Beraku and got to know many of the locals during my time at the clinic.

Introduction to the Senya Health Center & Staff



24 Hour Services

- Nutrition
- Deliveries
- Post-natal
- Ante-natal
- Laboratory
- Counseling
- Environmental health
- Medical care
- VCT/PMTCT
- School Health
- Disease Control
- Health Education
- Adolescent Health
- RCH/Family Planning



Jobs/Responsibilities



Community malaria testing and medication distribution



Malaria testing, HIV testing, medication distribution, family planning and outreach

School Health – visiting schools around the area and giving recommendations for clinic check-up



Day-to-day Responsibilities

- IVs
- Gluteal Injections
- Vitals
- Dressing changes
- Family Planning Community Outreach
- Maternity Ward