



GHANA 2013

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Ete Sen?

(Pronounced Eh-Tuh-Sen)

That's how you ask "How are you?" in Twi. Try to remember it so you can impress your patient, your student, your business client, or your fellow construction workers!

Project planning is now under way. You should have heard from your project leader and have started planning your various projects.

In this newsletter, we will introduce you to the project leaders, along with their contact information. We're also including a participant directory! You can now start putting faces to some of the names you have been emailing with. If you still haven't sent a picture, it's not too late!

At the end of the newsletter is a release form – you must sign and mail this to us!

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Yamoransa – The long building on the left is the elementary school, the construction site is on the right

Reminders

- You should apply for a visa soon – you will need to have booked a flight first.
- Missed the email from your project leader? Find them in this newsletter and contact them!
- There is a release form at the end of this newsletter – you must sign and send this back to us!
- Talk to your doctor about immunizations and anti-malarial pills
- If you are able to bring supplies, we appreciate it – only do so if you are able to bear the expense. Our budget does not allow us to reimburse volunteers for any expenses. Trip costs, travel expenses and supplies expenses may be tax deductible – talk to a tax expert.

Participant Directory

We have created an online participant directory, which you can access here:

<http://www.yaleservicecorps.org/ghana2013>

To protect the privacy of our volunteers, you will need to log in to view the directory

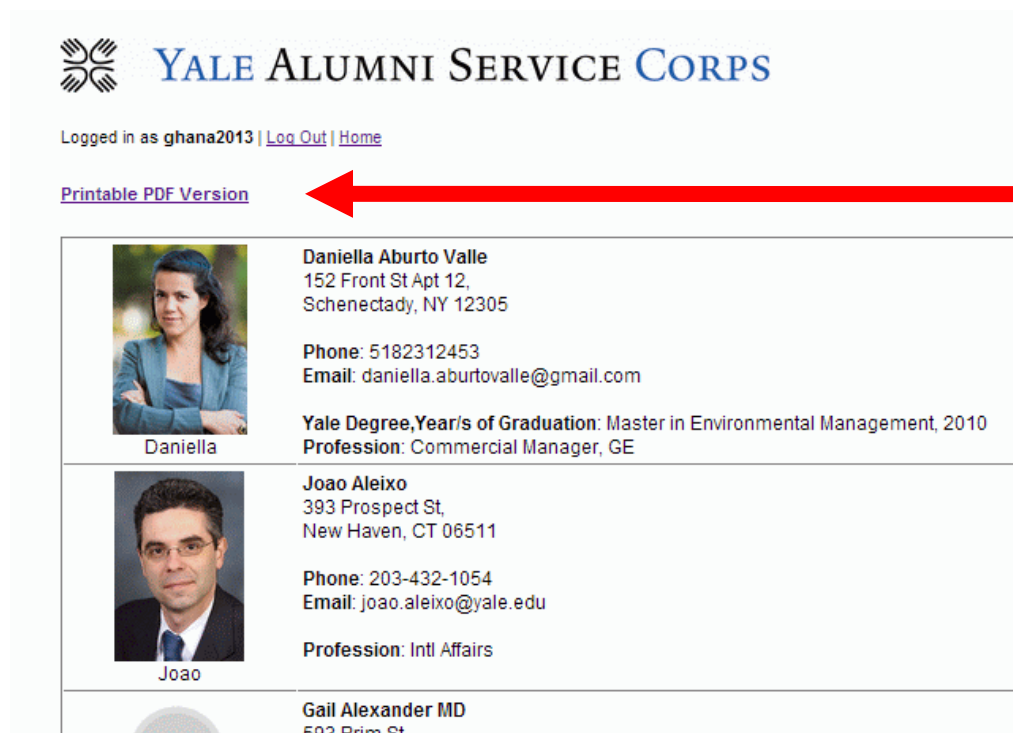
Please contact the trip leaders for access.

Also available at the above website are:

- A copy of the latest itinerary – this will be updated from time to time
- An archive of previous newsletters

The participant directory includes a link to a printable PDF version – **we recommend that you print a copy at home and bring it along.** You will find it valuable to find your fellow team members!



Here's what the directory looks like:



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**Click here for the
printable version**

Where are you from?

We have nearly 160 participants from **6 different countries** (Ethiopia, Israel, Japan, Spain, UK, USA) and **18 different states** within the US (Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Washington D.C).

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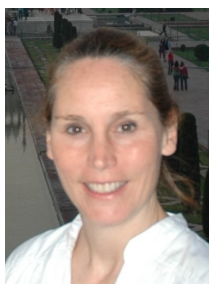


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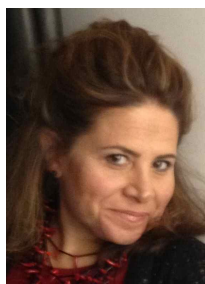
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What's that logo?

In case you're wondering what the images in our trip logo are, the part in the middle (that looks like a pair of beans) is an Adinkra symbol. Adinkra symbols were created in the 1800's by the Ashanti to encapsulate messages that convey traditional wisdom, aspects of life or the environment.

This particular Adinkra symbol is called **Nkonson Nkonson** or "chain link". The hands surrounding the Adinkra symbol are the hands from the logo of the Yale Alumni Service Corps (see header on page 1).

One interpretation of the Nkonson Nkonson Adinkra symbol is as follows:

It refers to a chain, and it signifies the strong bond between people of common lineage which is difficult to break. The unity of a community can be realized if citizens see themselves as responsible to each other. This realization binds communities together. The symbol portrays unity, responsibility, and interdependence.



ONE Extension

We are sorry to announce that the planned extension with ONE has been CANCELLED.

Money, Power, Water

Money ...

- Ghana's currency is called the Cedi, pronounced "Seedy"
- The exchange rate to US Dollars is approximately 2:1
- To convert Cedis to US Dollars, simply divide by 2
- You can exchange money at the airport, if you need to
- We may have a limited exchange facility at the hotel



Power ...

- Voltage is 220–240 Volts (The US and Canada use 110–120 Volts)
- You will come across a few different type of power outlets in Ghana
- 3-pin outlets are either Type G (United Kingdom) or Type D (India)
- The most common ones are the Type G 3-pin outlet, as pictured



Water ...

- Do not drink the tap water in Ghana
- We will provide you with bottled water on site and filtered water at the hotel
- We don't recommend drinking the bags of water (see picture) called "pure water"
- ["How pure is pure water?"](#)



Yamoransa in Pictures

Here are some pictures from Yamoransa, to help you get familiar



Nana Akwa, chief of Yamoransa and our host. “Nana” means “King”



A rendering of the ICT Center that the construction team started last year



A typical scene in the courtyard outside the elementary school at the end of our work day in Yamoransa

What You Need To Do Next

- Print a copy of the release form, included at the end of this newsletter.
- Send a signed copy of this form to Joao Aleixo by either:
 - Fax: +1 (203) 432 1926
 - Mail: 232 York St New Haven, CT 06511
 - Email: joao.aleixo@yale.edu
- Establish contact with your project leader!

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RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

SERVICE PROGRAM LOCATION: Ghana 2013

Dates: August 1-11, 2013

PARTICIPANT: (name and address)

Institutions:

Yale Alumni Service Corps, Yale University
Association of Yale Alumni AYA

I, the above named Participant, am eighteen years of age or older, or I am the above-named minor Participant who is under eighteen years of age but represented by a Parent/Guardian who is over eighteen years of age. I am fully competent to sign this Agreement on my behalf or the Parent/Guardian is fully competent to sign this agreement on the listed minor's behalf. I have voluntarily applied to participate or give permission for this Participant to participate in the above-referenced Yale Service Program. I acknowledge that the nature of the Service Program may expose me to hazards or risks that may result in my illness, personal injury or death and I understand and appreciate the nature of such hazards and risks.

In consideration of my participation in the Service Program, I hereby accept all risk to my health and of my injury or death that may result from such participation and I hereby release the Institutions and their governing board, officers, employees and representatives from any and all liability to me, my personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person, including my death, that may result from or occur during my participation in the service program, whether caused by negligence of the Institutions and their governing board, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Institutions and their governing board, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for injury or death of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the described service program.

I have carefully read this agreement and understand it to be a release of all claims and causes of action for my injury or death or damage to my property that occurs while participating in the described service program and it obligates me to indemnify the parties named for any liability for injury or death of any person and damage to property caused by my negligent or intentional act or omission.

Signature of Adult Participant or Parent/Guardian to Minor

Signature of Witness

Name (in print)

Name (in print)

Date

Date