

Let it be noted...
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If today could be summed up into three words, I believe I would choose “tiring but great”. We continued a strong start to our project with a very productive day of work.

The controls team, comprised of Billy and Hanleigh, worked on programming for logging the data collected in the system and troubleshooted the digital display for the main control box. Meanwhile, Salah worked on carefully documenting the installation of the solar panels that will power our system. The media team (Emily, Noah, and Nate) with the later assistance of Billy and Hanleigh, effectively cut the



remainder of the piping left from last year’s trip. This was about 315 meters of piping that was sectioned into approximately 1½ inch long pieces. The remainder of the team (Nial, Hope, Jase, Noah, and I) along with our trusty team leaders (McKenzie, Caleb, George, and Glenn) spent a majority of the day at the main project site. Here, many things were accomplished. Nial went with some of the Ghanaians to get pipe and then built a stand for the recirculation pump



with Glenn. Power lines were strung from the solar panels to the work site. With help from Hope and Jase, I went down into the large tank (approximately 5x8x9 ft) along with Glen and McKenzie (at different times, cause come one, it’s a big tank but not that big) to install the piping that ensures even distribution of wastewater in the tank. Concrete was also poured at the old site.



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That's enough about work. In other news, while a majority of our day was spent progressing the project, we did a lot of really amazing non-work things today too! For some, this included playing games like basketball with the children in the village. Let it be noted that Jase, Noah, and Cake each hit a half-court shot back-to-back-to-back. Needless to say, the kids loved it. Jase even spent time doing flips with the kids and teaching them how to properly do a standing back flip. After dinner, time was spent at the children's homes, joining them in their nightly devotional. For me, this was easily a highlight of my day. We sang with them and then they expected us to lead them in a devotional (which we were completely unprepared for). So we scrambled to find James 1:1-18, which was the passage our team focused on today, and I gave a short message on the passage. The group of girls in the home approved, and we finished the night with them by playing games and dancing. A very similar situation occurred in the boys' devotional, where Salah was told "preach" by the boys, so he did.



We are only two full days into my second trip here, and today only further reminded me why I love this place so much. It is a village full of vibrant people with smiles and attitudes that could brighten even the hardest and sweatiest days. It is a community that welcomes us without hesitation and continues to do so over and over. It is a place that draws our team closer to one another daily, if not by the hour. But above all, it is a place that I constantly and consistently witness God working through creation, circumstances, and His children.

P.S. - Thank you for joining me on this short journey through our day. Please enjoy this photograph of Nate with his new friend. 😊



P.S.S.– His friend later found clothes and a name, but that will have to be a story for another time.