Overview: This trip is in collaboration with The Akumanyi Foundation, a non-profit organization that works in Ghana to improve the lives and the living conditions of vulnerable youth and women. This experience will be a 10-day trip in Ghana, where participants will serve at The Engyankwa wo enyiadad (Hope for orphans) Children’s Home. The home aims of empowering orphaned and vulnerable youth from impoverished communities. Currently, the home has about sixty children. The children’s home also has a school, which works with students in nursery through JHS 1. There are between 150-200 students in the school. The home sustains its efforts through outside donations and a small farm on the property.

Day-to-Day: Participants will spend most days with the children getting them ready for the day, assisting with meal times, helping out with school lessons or homework, playing and preparing for bedtime. There will also be time set aside for group and cultural activities in the capital of Accra, Cape Coast and visiting a women’s seamstress program supported by the Akumanyi Foundation.

The Nitty Gritty Details: The group will lodge and eat at a volunteer home near the children’s home. Although most meals are included, participants should plan to have about $200 additional funds to pay for some food and activities. This is a 12 person trip. Applicants should have passports in hand at time of application; Participants will need to apply for a Ghana Visa shortly after selection. Entry to Ghana requires a Yellow Fever vaccination.

This trip requires completion of the Buck-I-SERV application AND a supplemental international application available at https://payitforward2013.wufoo.com/forms/m8ry0kn0ylnmwp/
The deadline to apply is January 14th. Applicants will be contacted for an in-person interview to be held in late January.

SPECIFICATIONS

Location: Akokwa, Ghana
Price: $2400

Price Includes:
- Transportation (flight, airport shuttles & in-country vans)
- Housing
- Program fees
- Cultural activities
- Most meals
- Supplemental Travel Insurance

Price Does Not Include:
- Passport or Visa application fees
- Required Yellow Fever vaccination or other immunizations

Transportation: Participants will travel by air through Accra, Ghana. Daily in-country transportation will be by van.

Housing: Volunteer House (bunk beds, shared bath/shower)

Meals: Most food provided at housing site

Social Justice Issue:
International Development, Poverty, Women and Children Education and Empowerment

Physicality Level: Medium. The service work can be adapted to any level. Lots of daily walking to/from sites and the heat will add extra challenge to stay hydrated while traveling.

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