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Hello friends,

We have returned from our exciting trip up North. Though we did not have any set plans throughout our journey, we were constantly blessed with random acts of kindness and hospitality. We did a home-stay in Larabanga where we visited the oldest mosque in West Africa, we saw elephants and baboons at Mole



National Park, played with crocodiles in Paga Village, and hiked up to a spiritual shrine in the town of Tengzug. We journeyed back to Akatsi late Thursday evening on African



tro-tros, which are “10 seater” vans that manage to somehow fit about 16 people, and twenty-three hours later we arrived home safely.

Returning to our village we were immediately thrown into a week that brought new setbacks but also exciting new changes to our library. We were informed that because the books have been sitting in the harbor for two months we will have to pay an extra 3500 US dollars as a storage fee. As you all know, the only reason the books and

computers continue to sit at the harbor is because we have refused to pay bribes to speed up the clearing process. All the necessary letters have been signed and submitted, but we are currently waiting on the customs officials to inspect our containers. Our exciting

news, on the other hand, comes with the visit of our friends Christina and Luke Jacobs, an amazing couple from Senyo’s church. They blessed us with their arrival on Sunday and brought bags full of resources to help teach the children to read. With the new supplies we were able to devise a new structure within our library for more effective learning. The children’s eagerness to interact with the new resources has brought about a new progressive atmosphere. It’s been such a blessing to see



how smart the children are when they are given a chance outside of their restrictive classrooms. Our new structure has also allowed us to create stronger friendships with the

children and the beauty behind these friendships is the constant feeling we are being taught more than we are teaching. Each child has impacted us in a way that we will never forget.



As far as our situations at home, our once abolished “lights out” has now been resumed. Unfortunately for us, “lights out” now occurs every three nights instead of every five nights... we don’t get it either! But, as Ghanaians like to say, “Life goes on!” However, our latest excitement comes from our village mama, Mercy, who is pregnant and coming close to her due date. She is our library administrator, personal chef, and close friend so please keep her in your prayers as she nears her due date on May 2nd. As always we continue to miss you all back home and are thankful for all

the support you are giving us.

God bless,
Brother Kojo and Sister Afi

