



Name of the library: Ampekro Bookfeeding Library.

Country: Ghana

Languages: Asante Twi, Fante, English

Address: C/O Box mk 182, Mankessim. Central Region. Ghana.

Accepting volunteers:

(if YES) YES

How do you get to the community by public transport from the capital city:

Through public transport ie, car or motorbike.

Under what conditions can volunteers come to the community?

(Will accommodation be provided? Will food be provided? If no, how much are they expected to pay? Will they have their own room? Will they share room with other people? Will there be electricity?) Accommodations and meal will be provided by the community. Volunteers will have their own room to have access to their privacy. Electricity is in the community and they will have access to any other social amenities in the community.

Local organization or partner: Rural Education Assistance Project (REAP)

Rural Education Assistance Project (REAP) is a Ghanaian based registered not for profit organization which seek to address the educational, health and social needs of people in rural communities. The focus of REAP is to advocate for equal access to education. REAP

envision to work to achieve some of the SDGs.

REAP is seeking for partners, organizations and individuals to make a wider impact.

Description of the library and community

(300-350 words):

Description of the library.

Library serves as a place for learning both formal and informal. The existence of a library in schools and communities is very essential not only in the academic life of the user but also in the socio-cultural, political and economic facets too.

Ampekro Bookfeeding is the only social amenity in the community. The school and the entire community did not have access to any book until Bookfeeding through the Rural Education Assistance Project (REAP) donated books to the school and the community to start a library.

The library is located in Ghana, in a rural community called Ampekro in the Assin South District in the central region. The library supports a population of about 500 people including people in the surrounding communities. Users of the facility include : learners from both the basic and second cycle schools, tertiary students among others. The building is situated at the heart of the community to ensure people have access to it.

The facility is the only social center in the community and have provided them the opportunity to interact with their environment, giving them endless opportunities to know new cultures and experiences, shaping their interpersonal skills and improving their academic performances.

Decription of the community.

Ampekro, where the Bookfeeding library is located is in the Assin South district in the central region. It is a rural farming community and it serves as a dwelling place for about 500 inhabitants including surrounding communities. The major economic activity in the community is farming. They grow food crops like cocoa, orange and vegetable crops. The community has one basic school called Ampekro D/A Basic school. It has a total enrollment of about 200 students from KG to JHS 3 with a staff of 16 teachers. One can get to the community by land through car or motor. Fante, Ashanti Twi are the local dialects spoken by the people. A handful of the people speak English.

There are about three routes one can take to get to Ampekro. The means of getting to the place is by land and that is by car. These routes are from either from Accra, Kumasi or Takoradi. Wherever stretch one takes, you

will alight at Yamoransa junction. From Yamoransa junction, you then pick a cargo loading to Kruwa. The road linking these towns are feeder road with lots of potholes and dust especially during the dry season. Because of the nature of the bad roads, all the cars that ply on the road are rickety but commuters have no option than to board them in order to carry out their daily economic and social activities. Enroute to Kruwa are major towns like Abakrampa, Nyamedom and Asuansi. After bypassing Asuansi, you alert the driver that you will alight at Ampekro.

The Ghanaian spirit of hospitality coupled with a prevailing atmosphere of peace and love make the community a safe haven for all and sundry especially to foreign nationals.

Volunteers can stay with local families to exchange cultural differences. The community is ready to host any volunteer with an open hands.

People at the project:

(Describe in 3-5 sentences 2-3 people at the project. Those could be teachers, children and librarians. Attach their photo to the application).

SOLOMON KWABENA GYIMAH

Solomon Kwabena Gyimah is the representative of Bookfeeding Project.

He is also a teacher and a humanitarian and an advocate for literacy. He is the founder and the director of Rural Educational Assistance Project (REAP) a Ghanaian based registered not for profit organization. He hails from Ampekro and counting the experiences growing, schooling and teaching in rural communities gave birth to this organization to support the educational, health and social needs of deprived communities. REAP is seeking for volunteers to come on board to make an impact in rural communities. Solomon Kwabena visit the facility to check the progress of studies and also to assess the impact of the facility on the people and the community.

CHARLES OPPONG.

Charles Oppong and a co-founder of REAP and very passionate about the education of children in rural communities. He always encourages children to make good use of the facility. He teaches in a different school but visit the facility frequently to organize reading sessions and other education related activities with the people.