



YALE ALUMNI SERVICE CORPS

Cape Coast, Ghana

Community(s):	Yamoransa
Partner:	AFS Ghana, University of Cape Coast
Projects:	Education and arts, athletics, business development, college mentoring, construction, library, music, public health/medical, eyeglasses distribution
# Volunteers:	2012 (155) Trip Producer: Kathy Edersheim '87 2013 (154) Trip Producer: Puneet Batra '02 M.S. 2014 (14 YASC + 65 Yale Concert Band) Trip Producer: YAA 2016 (77) Trip Producer: Gertrude Sawmadal '05

Organized in collaboration with AFS Ghana, an organization that works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership, and University of Cape Coast, a leading university in Ghana, YASC organized four service trips (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016) in the community of Yamoransa, which is located on the outskirts of Cape Coast. The goal of our service trips was to work with school children and adults to provide basic services, broaden their horizons, share our culture, and open doors to a different way of life. We organized a variety of projects for children in education with a special emphasis on developing reading skills, arts, music, and drama, and athletics at the University of Cape Coast. The business development team worked with micro business owners, primarily women, to help them develop strategies to grow and expand their businesses by presenting concepts in basic finance, developing cooperatives, and connecting store owners directly to manufacturers to reducing supply chain costs. Other projects included running a medical clinic during the first two visits, public health addressing women's health, childhood health, birth control, safe sex, STDs as well as physical therapy, college mentoring for local high school students, and construction of an Information Communication and Technology Center (and a library) which were completed in 2016.

About the community:

Yamoransa is a small town in the central region of Ghana, along the coastline near Cape Coast and the University of Cape Coast. It sits on the main road between Accra and Cape Coast and is sometimes described as a "truck stop" town. It has a population of approximately 4,700 people and its economy consists mostly of small-scale entrepreneurial ventures, dominated by women involved in a variety of trades from selling kenkey, for which Yamoransa is famous, to hairdressers, bread makers, fruit sellers and provision store owners. There is no running water in the town and no medical facilities. There is a primary school and a middle school with no athletic facilities for the children.