



Students on Exchange Programme in the SDS, UCC visit CRAN

Special point of interest:
SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED
DOWN!

Students on an Exchange Programme in the School of Development Studies (SDS), University of Cape Coast (UCC) paid a day's study visit to Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN) to engage with and learn from CRAN on the latter's programmes and projects. The visit was to acquaint themselves with practical knowledge in the field as regards the various development projects and activities CRAN has been engaged in. The students were taken through presentations highlighting the work of CRAN in its over twenty-five years of existence. The students were highly impressed by CRAN's activities and achievements over the years and the several communities we have engaged with so far. The students were also appreciative of the fact that CRAN has made remarkable impact in numerous communities and in the lives of hundreds of individuals through our community enterprising and Child Education Support Scheme (CESS) respectively. They pledged their support for CRAN and our hope is that sooner or later they can contribute to the activities of CRAN in a more concrete manner. The SDS program is a collaborative masters' program between the UCC and Oslo Metropolitan University – Oslomet, Norway - through the Kulturstudier an academic program in social sciences and humanities that allows students to study in a number of countries including Ghana.



CRAN staff and Prof. Gudrun in a photo with Students from SDS , UCC

COVID'19: Out of School Activities for Child Support Scheme (CESS) Pupils

As the world battles with the global **COVID'19** pandemic it has become necessary for the Government of Ghana to take certain preventive measures to ensure that the virus does not spread across the country. Although prior to Ghana recording its first COVID'19 case, CRAN had already taken the initiative to educate many of our school children on the need to practice good personal hygiene through proper washing of hands. The severity of the pandemic has compelled government to take emergency preventive measures such as closing down all schools to control the spread of the virus. Although school children are home, CRAN has taken steps to ensure that we keep them busy with educational activities and learning. Depending on the school and the facilities available CRAN has put strategies in place to engage some of the children. Particularly, some CESS children have been provided with a number of library books of their choice to engage them whilst at home so as to improve their reading skills, some children have been given essays to write, others have been asked to write about their experiences while staying at home during the COVID'19 period whilst others are engaging in painting at home etc.

CRAN entreats all of us to stay at home as much as possible and stay safe during this COVID'19 period and also practice all the necessary hygienic protocols that will keep the virus away. We pray and hope things get back to normal very soon.



CESS pupils with Coordinators practicing social distancing in a photo after picking up their story books

CRAN: Safety Measures to Combat COVID' 19

Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN) has put in place stringent preventive measures in the wake of the novel COVID'19 global pandemic. These measures are necessary to protect our staff and clients who come into contact with our frontline officers and others. We have provided at all our offices and units "Veronica buckets" that provide running water, soap, tissues and hand sanitizers. These are placed at the entrance of our offices to be used by both staff and clients before entering our premises. Social distancing is also being strictly practiced in all our offices and premises. We pray God and hope that this pandemic passes over us and in fact ends soon.



Clients washing hands before entering CRAN's premises

CRAN NEWSLETTER

CRAN Microfinance Success Story!

Spotlight on Madam Joyce Amos

Madam Joyce Amos has been with CRAN Microfinance (CRAN MF) for over fifteen years now. According to Joyce, a former staff introduced her to CRAN MF. She believes the loan received from CRAN MF has been very helpful. Over the past fifteen years, she has been able to expand her shop and traded in different items that has enabled her attract many customers. She also mentioned that she has been able to acquire a parcel of land from the loan granted her by CRAN MF. To Joyce, even though her husband was responsible for her children's educational needs she also supported whenever there was the need because she was financially capable of supporting her family. Joyce currently has a warehouse where she stocks most of the items that she sells. She is extremely grateful to CRAN MF for their support over the years.



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Bank Name : Barclays Bank

Account Number: 1614521

Branch : Cape Coast

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