



# AFRIKA

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## Visited hospitals in Ghana





## **Monday, 21. March 2022**

At 3.15 in the morning I was picked up by Ruedi at home. Simon drove us to the airport where we then also met Ueli Iseli. Our flight leaves promptly at 7.20 am from Zurich to Brussels. There we had 2 hours stay, before then continuing to Accra. We were picked up by Aminu and stayed at the Hotel Nogahil in Accra.

## **Thursday , 22. March 2022**

After some shopping at Shoprite we drove to the Schweizerhaus in Accra. We had breakfast there then continued to Sogakope.

### **Sogakope:**

## **Wednesday,23. - Thursday, 24. March 2022**

We moved into our guesthouse, which is inside the hospital located and right on the Volta River lay. Faustina and Akos are our two cooks, which us greeted warmly.



View of the Volta river from the guest house





Male lizard



View of the bridge over the Volta

There we spent two days to do some work on the electrical facilities. We installed plexiglass in the powerhouse so no one could come into contact with the current. The situation there was a bit difficult because the head of the hospital was not cooperative, the facilities were not maintained. Faustina and Akos cooked for us and spoiled us with homemade dishes Pineapple and passion fruit ice cream.

## DZODZE:

**Friday, 25. March 2022**

Early in the morning, continue to Dzodze. Brief stop at the hotel with a quick cool off in the pool and Lunch. After that we went to the hospital. For an upcoming project better and extended power supply we had to take measurements make the cable lengths too determine.



Hospital entrance Dzodze



Hotel complex in Dzodze



## AGOGO:

**Saturday, 26. March - Wednesday, 6. APRIL 2022**

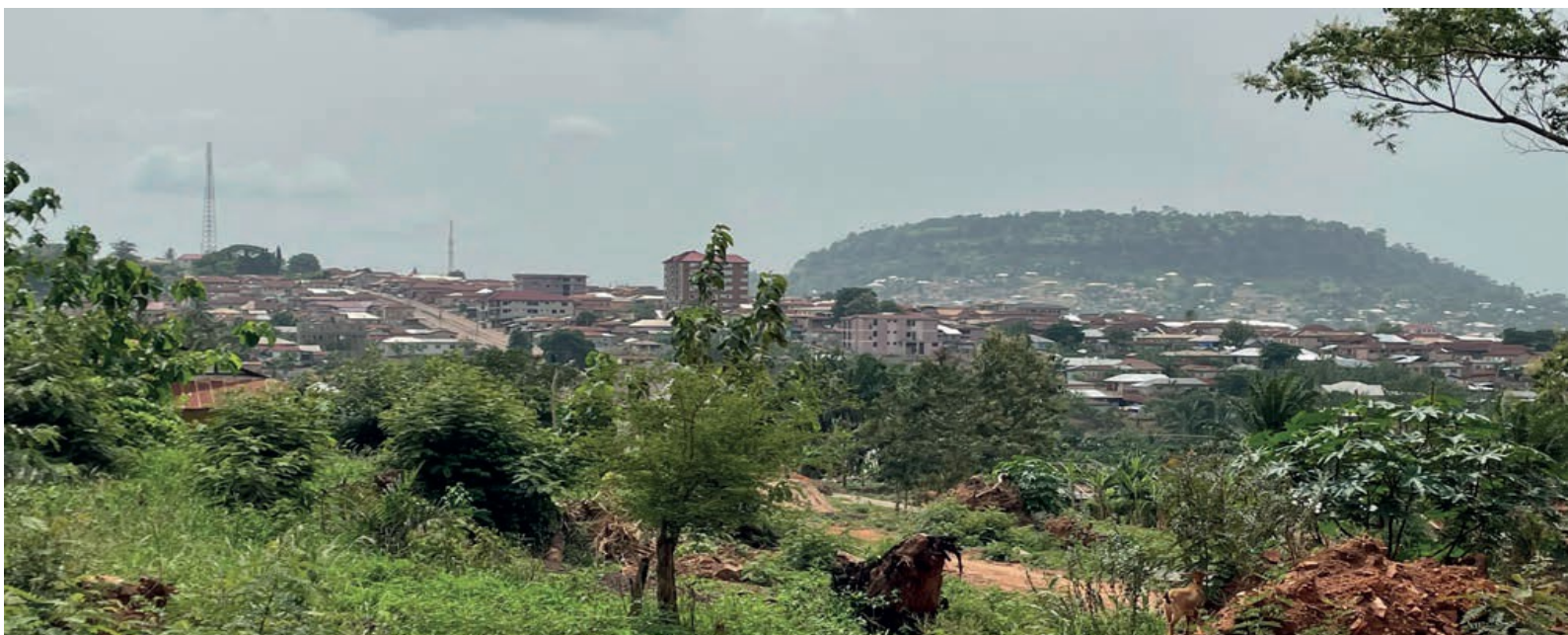
We continued to Agogo. We looked at each other on the ride to the largest artificial Dam (500 km long) at the volta Lake. Unfortunately we had then a car breakdown (defective clutch). This was repaired, however not with original parts. We drove back to Accra, the clutch held. Overnight at Nogahil. It should finally be early in the morning go further to Agogo. Unfortunately that was with the clutch history again. Our Transport from Accra had to be reorganized and we waited two hours in the hotel until then finally set off with a VIP bus. Midday arrival in Agogo.



Volta Dam



Agogo hospital



Agogo city



The electro crew (Ruedi, Aminu, Kwaku, Hak, Daniel, Amuso, Tamakloe) installed a new Transformer, because the Current fluctuations are too great and there several power failures gives a day. Then each also has the whole city no electricity.



The new transformer



Modern vehicles in physio...?



In the beginning there is great chaos in the store



Amuso puts bars on the new iron gates





On Thursday, Ueli Iseli and I went to Abetefi to pick up a high-current cable, at the training center. Ueli Iseli and I had in Agogo the task the inventory lists from the store create, sort electrical material, count and label.

On Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ueli celebrated his 74th birthday and that had to be be celebrated a little more. We went into town, had a beer and ate delicious skewers.



Otherwise we will from Susane fed. Be on time with she didn't really have it at the beginning, but she reformed and boiled very fine and you could often wisht what you want. On Sunday April 3rd we had one Audience with the Nana (King) by agogo. He is 84 years old. On Monday Ruedi and Aminu had another appointment with him and Ruedi became "Chief Papaye". appointed, what a surprise for him , and of course a great honor.



Ruedi is appointed Chief "Papaye". On the left the 84-year-old king of Agogo



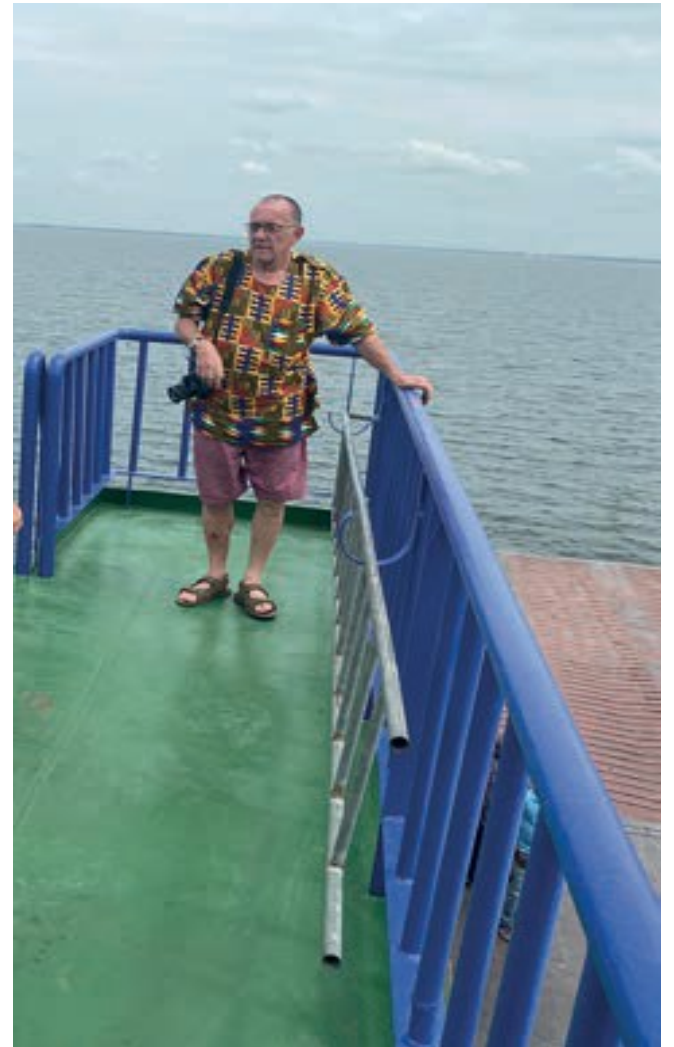
This is how bread is baked in Africa...



## DONKORKROM:

### Wednesday, 6. - Friday, 8. APRIL 2022

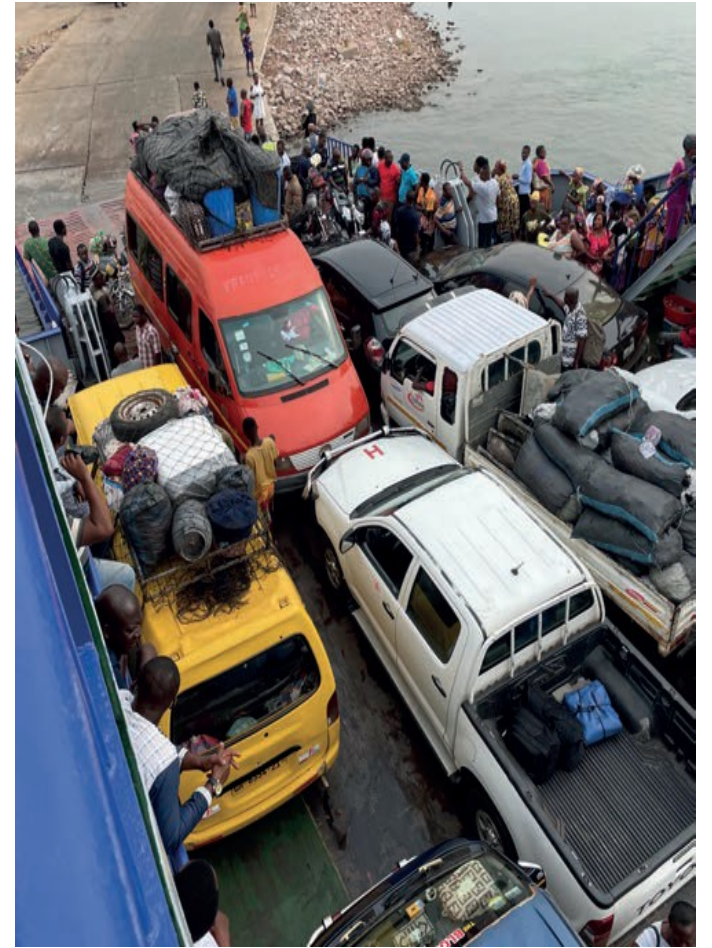
On Wednesday April 6th we depart from Agogo to Donkorkrom, with the Car ferry across the Volta river. We made one more stop in Kwasi Fante, where the GSHT has a Solar system installed. Actually, the cables should be in the ground be laid and the batteries be packed in a box. The installed cables were unfortunately already broken. Nothing was done and Ruedi was pretty angry and so were we drove straight on.







Goat transport on the car roof on the ferry



Cars are loaded on to the ferry



Hospital in Donkorkrom

We had the task there Schulthess washing machine in operation gain weight. This is already there a few months there ready, however it doesn't work yet. Done - that's Africa. Provisionally a hose was installed and Ruedi phoned a few connection difficulties with a Schulthess employee who gave instructions. actually were there are only some basic settings, which had to be done and the machine worked after 1 hour. However, we produced a little too much foam since we clearly used too much detergent. On Friday morning, April 8th at 5.00 am o'clock we drove back to agogo.





Aminu connects the sewage pipe



The new Schulthess washing machine



The old washing machine on the left. She has been upgraded and next to the Schulthess washing machine in the new one Laundry provided.



**AGOGO:**

**Friday, 8. - Sunday, 10. APRIL 2022**

The plan was to continue traveling on Saturday to Assin Praso. The work wasn't complete yet completed and they were able only on Sunday morning put the transformer into operation. Ueli and I spent a few more hours in the store sorting out screws. At 16 o'clock then everything was ready to continue.



Ueli and Brigitte are busy making inventory



Termite hill



View from our Guesthouse



Amuso and Brigitte in the tidy warehouse



**Assin Praso:**

**Sunday, 10. April - Monday 11. April 2022**



In Assin Praso we got our Guesthouse a bit outside of the hospital. It is surrounded by greenery and is very calm. After breakfast then it went with the driver to the Hospital. They wanted some things do, but was not every Material available and then it fell into the water so to speak. I was allowed to visit the whole hospital view. The surgical area was not long built. After lunch, was fine again, continue to Busua Beach.





**Busua Beach:**

**Monday, 11. - Friday, 15. April 2022**



Sunrise right in front of our bungalow





We spent our first days off at beautiful Busua Beach. It was fabulous. The sea was very restless, waves rolled over directly in front of our bungalows.





Ruedi and I went on Wednesday at the Castle in Dixcove. Slavery was practiced there. 25 men in a room of approx. 2 x 3 meters, including hole at Floor which served as a toilet. The food/water was from above lowered. Was very interesting, but also very cruel like them people were kept there. I really enjoyed the days by the sea. collecting shells, walking on the beach, Swim and just enter chill a little. On Friday after breakfast we drove further west to Eikwe.





**EIKWE:**

**Friday, 15. - Sunday, 17. APRIL 2022**

Aminu and Hak have been since Monday there and have worked. They had to ground around the power house. The hospital and our guesthouse are in a very nice place. Very quiet. In the guest house were also two German pediatric nurses accommodated. They are here since February, for three months.



digging for grounding



Beautiful fan palm in front of the hospital



Is this light switch installed correctly...?





Hospital in Eikwe

After lunch we visited Pile-dwelling village of Nzulezo. We went with the boat through the jungle out on the lake. Because of dry season, the boat had to be partially pushed because the water level was too deep. There live 512 people in the village, which is located in the very water. Even a school there is in the village. The drinking water comes from the lake.



Smoothie break



Aminu learns German at school





The pile dwelling village of Nzulezo



View from the village over the lake



Children in the village and of course those with cell phones...!



Hospital in Eikwe



## ACCRA:

### JOURNEY HOME Sunday, 17. - Tuesday, 19. APRIL 2022

At 7.00 a.m. we started our last trip. Back from Eikwe to Accra. We had a Meeting on Monday with Christina. She builds in Accra a new house. Aminu and Kwaku will do the power installation. Ruedi looked at the whole thing and said how and where the sockets and switches must be placed. We were still there on Tuesday afternoon at Christine's for lunch, there was "Chäschnöpfli", then it was off to Airport.



Christine's Cafe in the Swissclub in Accra



Christine's house in Accra



A crying, a laughing eye, farewell in Accra



Big deal on the streets of Accra





Sunrise in Brussels



Waiting for the connecting flight to Zurich

SAD MESSAGE...

Unfortunately, there is also a bad News. Shortly after our return from Africa, we were told that Kwaku is no longer with us resides. We were all shocked by this sad news and he will us be fondly remembered by all. Kwaku, we will miss you!



Kwaku Bassinge







Kwaku in his element as we all knew him



Many thanks for the wonderful time  
Grabserberg, 2.march 2022  
Brigitte Vetsch