Ghana
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Kumasi, Ghana
Ashanti Region of Ghana
Population: 1.7 M
Languages: English and Twi
Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital

1000 bed Tertiary Care Center

Some patients travel more than 12 hours for care at KATH
• We lived with Anesthesiology resident Dr. Aidoo and his family.

• Dr. Aidoo is a huge advocate of international medical exchange opportunities

• Every-day life in Ghana is relaxed in regards to schedules and highly relational.
The family medicine department is starting to offer hospice consultations. Barriers to hospice care in Ghana are lack of providers and cost to patients and families.
KATH Family Medicine is piloting the electronic medical record for the hospital. Documentation is so important to our job as physicians!
Ghana has many buildings that are abandoned before construction is completed. This is a huge maternity ward at KATH that has been unfinished for decades.
These physicians and pharmacist volunteer to be available for medical consultation under this tent after church and follow up with a phone call or visit later in the week.
This is the Cape Coast castle which was the holding dungeon and point of no return for many Africans during the slave trade. Evil happened here.
Although Africa is far away from Kansas, we still did normal things like reading knee x-rays.