

REPORT ON SCRIPTURE UNION STUDY CAMP IN CAPE COAST FOR BASIC AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SHS) CHILDREN

INTRODUCTION

The Scripture Union (SU) Camps which was held in Cape Coast were held for two groups of young people namely children in the Senior High School (SHS) and those in the basic level (Primary and Junior High School – JHS) on different dates and venues. The first to be held was the camp for the SHS students which took place at the Cape Coast School for the Deaf from the 31st of July to 7th of August and the Junior Camp took place at the Ghana National College from the 7th to the 21st of August 2017. The theme for both camps was the same and it was “New Life, New Lifestyle. Countless number of children came from several schools in and around Cape Coast. CRAN however for the SHS category of camp was able to send only four out of the total number of eight SHS students at the time. The rest had either travelled or were in school for preparation towards the final external examination. With the junior camp however, CRAN was able to send fifty children, though not all were CESS children. We decided to give some of the non-CESS children the opportunity to experience what the CESS children would experience their testimonies showed that they all enjoyed themselves.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY CAMP

The purpose for the camp was to give the children an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ and His Father, God. It was also to give the children the opportunity to spend their holidays in a more useful way by giving them tutorials in both the academic work and issue on general lifestyle. Focusing on the theme for the camp, the organizers were keen on getting the message of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ across to the children and to make sure that they went home well pumped with the right teaching to enable them live right. It was a very useful and good programme that met the very need of the children.

ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDY CAMP

There were several activities that took place as part of the study camp. These activities were both on academic and non-academic which include the following regular activities for SU camps:

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Integrated Science/ Natural Science
- Information and Communication Technology

- Social Studies and
- Citizenship Education

NON- ADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Bible Lessons
- Talents nurturing programme-Drama, Choreography, singing, etc.
- Career Guidance and Person Centered Counseling
- Family life Education
- Sports and Games
- Entertainment & Creative Varieties
- Life Skills Education

SOME LESSONS THE CHILDREN LEARNT AT THE END OF THE CAMP

When the children were asked by the CRAN team to say some of the lessons they learnt during the study camp, these were some of the lessons they said they learnt;

- That Jesus died for the sins of the world and anyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. When they were asked whether they were born again all of them said yes and they were able to explain what it means to be born again.
- They learnt that it is important to study the Bible and pray every day.
- They learnt that they need to pray before they embark on any activity.
- They also learnt that it is important to respect people both older and young because that pleases God.
- They have been taught to obey their parents in all things because that honors God.
- They have been taught to take the study of their books seriously because that is where their future lies.
- They have learnt that it is important to do some little exercise every day because it make the body strong. These among other things they were taught in the camp and that has boosted their confidence a lot.

CONCLUSION

This year's SU camp has been CRAN Cape Coast major SU camp for not only our CESS children but also some many more non-CESS children. In total, fifty-four of the children were present at the camps. On both occasions, the children expressed a lot of joy and satisfaction for the entire programme. In fact they said that the one week programme was too short and that, the period should be at least two weeks. They also suggested that there should be some excursion for them next time. They enjoyed every aspect of the camp and learnt great lessons that will possibly stay with them for rest for their lives. We really thank our partners in Germany for supporting the sponsoring of the children to the camp.



Children at the dining hall during the camp meeting.



This is a training session during one of the exercises time.



Some of the children having fun during the camp meeting.





A scene during one of the games



A band providing music during the game.