



Meet our New Volunteer!

Special point of interest

Theske, our new volunteer!

On 15th of October 2019, Theske Voige from Germany joined Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN) as a Volunteer. Her purpose for being part of CRAN is to give her the opportunity to have a first hand experience of what CRAN does as an organization. At CRAN, we focus on provision of quality formal and informal education as well as sustainable development opportunities for the rural poor. Provision of quality education to deprived target communities is part of CRAN's effort in bridging the rural-urban education gap in Ghana. During Theske's internship, she will assist the Project Officer in the CRAN office and be part of any ongoing projects carried out by CRAN as well as volunteering in selected basic schools in Cape Coast so as to enrich her experience. CRAN opens its doors to individuals and groups globally who would want to volunteer or partner with it to undertake any project that improve rural lives. Thus, CRAN has over the years engaged a number of volunteers in its work and still welcomes on board many more volunteers who would like to bring their expertise to bear on our work. On this occasion, CRAN very much appreciates the efforts of both Prof. Daniel Inkoom of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), Ghana and Prof. Dr. Gudrun Frank of Exprobio, Germany for facilitating the process of Theke's internship with CRAN.



Theske being welcomed by CRAN Staff at the Kotoka International Airport, Accra

Theske's Orientation Period

Theske was warmly welcomed by the staff of CRAN and she had to undergo three weeks orientation to get acclimatized to the system and culture of CRAN and Ghana. As part of her orientation, Theske visited some of CRAN's schools and some of the pupils under the Child Education Sponsorship Scheme (CESS) programme. She also had a lot of fun, touring many places of attraction in Cape Coast including the Castles, Kakum National Park, University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast township and many more exciting places.

Theske would like as much as possible to make her time abroad worth spending. She would like to explore the Ghanaian culture, learn new things and make positive impact on society here in Ghana and back home in Germany. She wishes to make her stay in Ghana as memorable as possible.



Theske (left) with some CESS children during their visit to the project communities. With her is the CRAN Programme Officer –Allswell (far right).

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Theske on the canopy walk at Kakum National Park



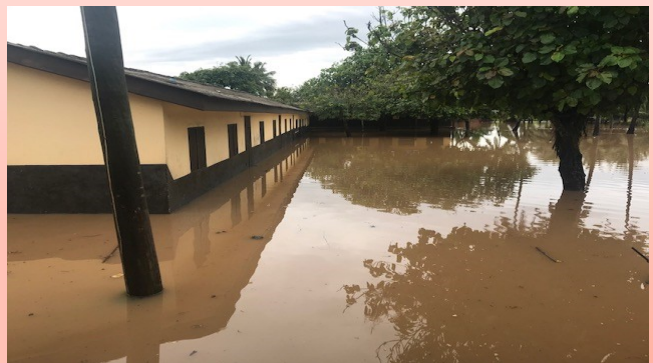
Theske with staff at the Cape Coast Castle

CRAN NEWSLETTER

Abakam CRAN Presby School submerged by floods

Due to weather changes of late, one cannot tell exactly which months are the rainy season or not. Thus in October, when it would not normally be raining so much in Cape Coast and its immediate environs, here we were with rather very heavy downpours. According to the Ghana Meteorological Agency, the country was expected to have even more heavy rains till the end of the year — indeed climate variability or climate change whichever way one sees it.

The Wednesday 30th October dawn extraordinary heavy downpour caused severe flooding in Cape Coast and its environs, leading to widespread damage to and destruction of several properties. The Abakam CRAN Presby School was not spared either. The school was one of the many structures that got inundated by the ravaging floods. Although community members rallied and managed to secure most reading and learning materials, they still feared there could be some damage done to the school building. The classrooms, playground and the entire compound had been inundated with the flood waters. As a result pupils had to stay home and away from school for at least three days until the school environment was safe for school activities. Officials from CRAN visited the school to ascertain the extent of damage to the school. The whole compound was flooded and almost all the classrooms were affected in one way or the other. Steps are being taken by CRAN to remedy the situation.



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Christian Rural Aid Network (CRAN) is a rural development, advocacy and relief organization dedicated to working with the rural poor, women, children, families and their communities.

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