

SSAAP's Basic Infection Control Workshop

July 7, 2014: Monday

Gbomuma Primary School, Njagbahun: Host for Workshop

Hi Ginny! We missed you so much at the workshop; there were 20 participants from ten different schools in the Fakunya Chiefdom, along with the District Education, Science and Technology outreach official. The people are hoping you can come next year. We were crammed into a rather small room, but Africans are used to those kinds of conditions, unfortunately.



The following topics were presented/discussed, and myself and Musa (pictured in blue shirt above) facilitated the sessions:

1. Sanitation and Hygiene for a Clean Environment
2. Effective Hand-Washing
3. Spread of Communicable Diseases
4. Effects of Drinking Contaminated Water
5. Five Myths Taught to Us by Healthcare Workers
6. Improvisation: Where There Is No Soap or Running Water



We practiced washing hands with soap, as well as dirt (if there is no soap, then ash from fire or dirt are better alternatives than just plain water). I taught them what I learned in nursing school about hand-washing both the tops and bottoms of hands, between the finger creases and under the nails where so many of these germs hide. I taught them to sing a little song for 15 seconds while they washed.





Here are the participants for the workshop and also myself, pictured, dirty, sweaty, but happy!

Can't wait to meet you in the future Ginny!

Love, Heather