

Volunteering in Ghana – Little Flower School

Section One: Partner Organisation

1. Organisation Name:

LITTLE FLOWER FOUNDATION

2. Contact Details:

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| Name | Little Flower Foundation |
| Address | Little Flower, P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number | 0208375108, 0261446845 |

3. Organisation Vision/Mission and goals or objectives:

Organisation Mission: To help elevate the standard of living of deprived families.

Organisation Vision: To contribute to the building of society by improving the livelihood of poor and needy families in the community.

Organization Goals or Objectives: Provide education, shelter, medical care and other needs to deprived families.

4. Background of the Organisation:

The founders realised that there were many children running around in their community who had no hope of education and a seemingly blur future. They were moved to support these children’s education and possibly, their upkeep. This is how little flower school was conceived. The school started with eight (8) children in the founders’ residence and prepared under-privileged children in a pre-school session (which they otherwise could not afford). The children were later enrolled in the government schools after they had been qualified. The school has currently grown to a big school, including Kindergarten and Primary School level. The organisation was established in 2008 under kerygma teams; a missionary organisation but now registered on its own with registration number CG 164782105 at the Registrar General’s Department and social welfare (registration number: D.S.D. 6496).

5. Population being served by your Organisation:

The organisation serves children whose families cannot afford their education this is because we are a charity organisation and exist to bring hope to the hopeless and a brighter future for who are lacking.

6. Summary of Projects in the organisation:

- Teaching school children
- Games and sports
- Birthday celebration for children
- Donations to the families of children

Section Two: Volunteer Program

7. Person in Charge of Volunteer Program in the Project:

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| Name | Bernice Otoo |
| Address | Little Flower ,P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number | 0208375108 |

8. Other Team Members involved in Volunteer Program:

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| Name | Paul Otoo |
| Mobile number | 0261446845 |

9. Potential working fields for volunteers:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting class teachers with English, Mathematics, Environmental studies and Creative art lessons at school (KG and Primary School –Class 1 - Class 6) from 8: 00am- 2:00pm. Teaching schedules and materials will be provided. Rest period for volunteers (3:30pm-5:30pm). Helping organise the after school extra classes for weak (past Little Flower) students in public schools (3:30pm-5:00pm). – This is a free offer for the volunteers to join, but it is not a must. Assist teachers in preparing for examinations. Assist in writing reports Weekends are free days for volunteers. |
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10. Two Contact persons for volunteers in the project: 24h available

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| First contact person's name: | Bernice Otoo |
| Address: | Little Flower ,P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number: | 0208375108 |

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| Second contact person's name: | Paul Otoo |
| Address: | Little Flower ,P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number: | 0261446845 |

11. Number of volunteers:

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| How many volunteers could come at the same time? | 1-5 |
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Section Three: Details about living circumstances

12. Description of host family /apartment/accommodation:

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| <u>Classification of the accommodation:</u> Host family, at project/ apartment/ hostel,..... | Contact person's house |
| Address | HN0.D32B |
| How far away from the project | 10 -15min walk |
| How to reach the project from there? Walk, by car,...? | Walk |
| Electricity? | Yes |
| Water out of pipes? | Yes |
| Warm water? | No |
| Own bathroom or shared bathroom with others? | Shared with other volunteers |
| Bathroom indoor or outdoor? | Within the house |
| Bed sheets/blankets/pillows provided? | Pillows will be provided. Volunteers will provide their own bed sheets and blanket. |
| Need of mosquito net? | Yes |
| Kitchen available? | Yes |

13. One Contact person for volunteers at the accommodation: *should be available 24h*

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| Name: | Paul Otoo |
| Address: | Little Flower ,P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number: | 0261446845 |

14. Provision/Meals:

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| Where can the volunteers eat? | At school and home |
| Can they get food 3x a day? | Yes (breakfast, lunch, dinner) |
| Who prepares the food for the volunteers? | Host |
| Description of some local food: | Rice, noodle or pasta with sauce meat or fish Banku (fermented corn paste), rice balls, jollof rice, Fufu (plantain and cassava paste) with soups and meat or fish; |

15. Infrastructure around the project and the apartment/accommodation:

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| Markets/shops around? | Yes |
| If yes how far away from the project and accommodation? | 10 mins walk |
| Where is the next cash machine? | About 10 mins drive away |
| Is Visa/Master card and other common cards excepted? | Yes |
| What can volunteers do in their free time? What kind of activities and places are there for volunteers? | Helping cleaning the house, playing with the children, washing clothes, internet, resting, travelling, fellowship, going to church, swimming, etc. |

16. Currency:

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| Name of Country currency: | Ghana Cedis – GHS |
| Current exchange rate to Euro: | Depends on the day – for 1€ about~ 9,5 GHS (rate of August 2022) |

17. Safety:

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| Is it safe around the project and accommodation? | Yes |
| How far away is the closest hospital or clinic? | 5 mins drive from home |
| Is it safe for volunteers to travel or go out alone on weekends or at night? | Yes |
| Is it a Malaria area? | Yes |
| Rabies area? | No – but it is to advise to be carefully!! |
| Yellow fever area? | Yes |
| Other illnesses spread in this area? If yes, which? | Ordinary cough & cold, Diarrhoea, Ordinary viral fever, Typhoid, Jaundice, etc. |

18. Vaccination:

Depending on the above sickness you may enquire in your country and have the vaccination. Yellow fever vaccination is a MUST for Ghana entry. Malaria prophylaxis is also necessary.

19. Climate:

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| What's the weather like throughout the year? | It is generally dry and cold in the beginning of the year and gets warmer from march through to April. The rains set in by mid-May and reach their peak between June and July. The minor rainy season is from September to November after which the dry season begins again. * It is generally warm in Ghana for visitors from temperate regions. |
| Are there any dangerous animals and plants? | No |

20. Time difference:

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| What's the time difference between Austria and the project country? | 2 Hours – in summer time 8 am in Ghana is 10 am in Austria 1 hour – in winter time 8 am in Ghana is 9 am in Austria |
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21. Visa:

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| Does an Austrian or German volunteer need a visa? | Yes |
| If yes how do they get one? At the airport in the foreign country? In the local country of the volunteer? | For Austrian volunteers – they have to require for the visa at Ghanaian Embassy in Vienna. |

22. Travel to Project Country:

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| What's the best way to travel to your project country? (Plane, Bus, Train, Car?) | Austria to Ghana – by plane |
| Which airports, train stations or bus stations are closest to your project? | Airport, Ghana –Accra Contact persons will pick the volunteers from the airport |
| Will you be able to pick up the volunteer at the airport, bus or train station? | Yes |

23. Who will pick up the volunteer from the airport, bus or train station?

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| Name: | Contact Persons |
| Address: | Little Flower ,P.O Box Kf 1924 Koforidua, Eastern Region, Ghana |
| Mobile number: | 0261446845 |

24. Network:

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| Is there mobile connection at the project location? | Yes |
| Is there an internet connection at the project location? | Yes |
| How can volunteers use the internet? Via sim card? Via pen drive? Via WIFI? Others? | Via sim card – you will get everything in Ghana – Important: your mobile should be unlocked so that you can use all the networks |
| Can they buy a local Sim card for their mobile phone? | Yes |

25. Travel check list:

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| Do they need to bring any special items? | Personal things (no warm clothes needed) If some space in the suitcase left: school materials for the kids: pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, books, papers, colour papers, First aid materials. |
| Is there a certain dress code? Are there things that are not appropriate to wear? | Modesty in dressing according to the culture of the country – place. |

Section Four: Costs and Expectations

26. Volunteer fees:

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| <u>If yes: How much per month?</u> Food: Airport transfer: Accommodation: Project support fees: | Everything together 550 € per month |
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27. Qualifications and Conditions:

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| Do the volunteers need special qualifications? | No special qualification needed – should know English |
| Is there an age limit? | 18 to 35 (not over 50) To adjust the situation of the place & people |
| Do they have to send you their CV (Resume)? | No |
| Do you have special questions regarding the volunteer? | No |
| Do you wish E-mail contact with the volunteers before their arrival? | Yes |
| Do you have a problem if a volunteer has a different religion or if he/she is an atheist? | No |
| Do you have special expectations regarding the volunteer? Are there any extra curricular activities, he/she should take part in? (e.g. prayer times, community days, evening programs,...?) | No Yes- evening classes |

28. Minimum and Maximum duration of stay?

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| Is there a minimum or a maximum duration of stay for a volunteer? | 1 month minimum – 2 month longest |
| Is there a certain time of the year, when you cannot host volunteers? (For example: holiday season, winter?) | During vacations (whole August) |

Section Five: Possible Challenges

29. Possible Challenges and Risks:

Language barrier could challenge effective communication with school children but a little patients can easily overcome this problem.