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My day begins when I wake at 6:30 AM. I head outside to greet my family and collect water for my bucket shower, which I take just beside the kitchen house. There is no better feeling than showering outside and hearing the sounds of the villages as it wakes and prepares for the day.

After breakfast, I get my things ready for school and leave the house around 7:45. In order to get to my work placement, I have to walk from my village of Agbenyagakope to the neighbouring village of Caesarkope.



I have come to love this walk as it's something that I never do alone, but am often accompanied by my students from both the Primary and Junior High Schools, and Bryce, the other Intercordian who also stays in Agbenyagakope. School itself starts at roughly 8:00AM and I begin my day by greeting the different teachers and students before preparing for my English classes. Breaks at school are often spent interacting with the teachers and students and the school day comes to a close by 2:30 in the afternoon.



Because I live in a farming community, many of my family members spend their entire day at the farm and I don't see them until dark. But one of my sisters is always at the house, so I have come to enjoy spending my afternoons with them, helping to prepare the evening meal by stirring and packing *banku* or pounding the peppers and onions using a pestle and mortar. Afternoons are never lonely or boring. Not only does my Mama sell a variety of different things, but my house is in the center of the village and there are always a number of children that will come and go throughout the afternoon, keeping me well entertained and very busy!



As the sun sets around 6:30PM, I take my second bucket shower of the day just after 6:00 and prepare for supper. I eat outside. Evenings are probably my favourite part of the day as my family has returned from the farm and we all sit outside together, enjoying each other's company. They often talk in Dangme, but I have come to find comfort in this. I head to bed no later than 9.00PM, content and at peace as I refresh my mind and body to wake with energy for a day much like this one.

