



# Ghana 2024

Teachers College, Columbia University





**Safaris in Mole National Park**





**Larabanga Mosque built in (1421) ➤ Mystic**



**Getting to know the Larabanga Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community and Teachers**

**16th Annual Professional  
development retreat** Three-DAY  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
RETREAT ON AUGMENTATIVE AND  
ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION FOR  
TEACHERS FROM UNITS FOR LEARNERS  
WITH INTELLECTUAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN  
GHANA AT  
SASAKAWA GUEST HOUSE, UNIVERSITY  
OF CAPE COAST, CAPE COAST FROM 5<sup>TH</sup>  
TO 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024.

**Catherine Rodriguez with  
Unit Teachers Mary Osei  
and Frank**



**Professional Development**

# Jayde Hong, Gaby Kirzhner, Daiana Chang with Belinda Bukari, Head of ID and DD for Ghana's Ministry of Education









Matthew Portney showing how to make AAC communication passports.  
Jayde Hong presenting on Community Request Cards





**TC Team walked across the Kakum Canopy  
Rope Bridge (130 ft above the forest)**



The 2024 Ghana TC Team at Coconut Grove resort, Cape Coast, Ghana: Jessica Gonzalez, Dr. Cate Crowley, Jayde Hong, Catherine Rodriguez, Diana Acevedo, Kemi Richardson, Kayla Strayhorn, Matthew Portney, Ashley Hart, Daiana Chang, and Gaby Krizhner



**Visiting the slave forts of Elmina Castle and Cape Coast Castle and laying a wreath at the “Door of No Return”**

TC welcomed by  
students and teachers  
at the Aboom School  
for Special Needs in  
Cape Coast





TC Team with the Aboom School Team!



**TC Team was invited into the operating room to watch a cleft lip surgery by our colleague, plastic surgeon Dr. Charles Asiedu**





Jessica Gonzalez and  
Kayla Strayhorn providing  
therapy



# Four days of Cleft Palate Speech Therapy