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A Day in the Life - William & Benjamin

Dear Friends,

Hi! It's Ida again. This month is about my brothers, William and Benjamin. William is the eldest and Benjamin is the youngest of us all.

William is fondly known amongst us by his Akan names, which are 'Paa Kweku' or 'Kuuku' because he was born on a Wednesday. William will be 29 years old this June 1st. Throughout his life, William has gone to school in both the city of Accra and our hometown of Saltpond. He started school in Accra, transferred to Saltpond for primary, junior high and some of senior high. He went back to Accra to finish high school at the Action Progressive Institute. William has just recently finished college courses in Information Technology and is working at an IT company.

Our youngest brother, Benjamin, is also known as 'Kobina' or 'Kobee', his Akan names that come from being born on a Tuesday. Benjamin will be 19 years old this June 15th. Benjamin and I have the same basic, primary and junior high school background. But when I went to girls school for senior high school, he went to Swedru Senior High, where there were both boys and girls. Swedru Senior High is also my Dad's alma mater! Now Benjamin is in his first year at the University of Ghana. He is taking his basic courses in history, geography and economics.

William and Benjamin are a bit like me in the sense that they are also shy and reserved. William has his own way of making friends in his own time. Benjamin often makes friends when he meets people for the first time or goes to a new place. Both of my brothers love movies and music, just like Isabella and I do. William and Benjamin's relationship isn't as close as mine and Isabella's but they do talk to each other on the phone from time to time. All in all, the four of us are very close and we love each other very much.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading about my family as much as I have enjoyed writing about them.