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The School of Education at Charleston Southern University, Charleston, South Carolina is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Minor, daughter of Glenna Minor, Columbia, SC**, will be traveling to Ghana, West Africa, this summer as a member of the University's *Teaching & Learning in Ghana 2005 Team*. The TLG program is designed to provide undergraduate and graduate Teacher Education students with the opportunity to spend three weeks in Ghana during the summer engaged in teaching K-8th grade students in village schools near the city of Cape Coast. Participants will work with Ghanaian teachers to develop and teach lessons within the schools' established curriculum, present demonstration lessons using a variety of instructional styles, and immerse themselves in Ghanaian village life.

The Republic of Ghana, located on the Atlantic Ocean in West Africa, is approximately the size of the state of Oregon. Oregon has a population of 3 million people; Ghana boasts a population of almost 20 million and of that number, 41 per cent are under the age of fifteen. The national literacy rate hovers around 40%. Compulsory education through elementary school is the law, but large numbers of children in rural villages do not attend school. For those children fortunate enough to be able to go to school, government regulations require them to purchase their own textbooks, school materials and uniforms.

The *Teaching & Learning in Ghana* program is designed to provide bi-annual trips to Ghana. Group membership is open to Charleston Southern University School of Education students and to selected South Carolina classroom teachers.

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