

FIELD ASSIGNMENT # 3

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My field assignment this week was a great interview with a local tire business owner named Mike Nana. My family and I have bought tires from him over that past few years and formed somewhat of a friendship with him. He is a very nice, open minded, and family oriented name from Accra Ghana. Mike came to the United States in 2014 after living in the United Kingdom for 3 years. I decided to interview him because he shares a lot about his country and culture in many of our conversations while he services my vehicles. One interesting thing about Mike is that he is a devout Muslim. Whenever it is time to pray he will close his business, spread his blanket, and kneel to pray. He has a small business, so he closes to pray because he has no one that can continue to operate the business. Mike is married with three children but in his traditional upbringing his father had multiple wives. I thought it was interesting to see him take on the typical western ways over his heritage to be a man of only one wife. I asked Mike does his family ever eat takeout because whenever I am there they are always eating food that looks prepared at home. He told me they do eat take out, but it is normally at a place that serves authentic west African foods. Also unlike many small business owners in American his wife does not work at all. Her primary responsibility is to take care of the home and family. I have only met her once when she came by when I was getting my tires rotated. She was adorned in the traditional African clothing. I noticed from our conversation and from observing his family they try to maintain as much of their culture as possible in their lives. He did admit it is quite difficult once you experience the western world and how it operates.