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Retired? | | |  |  |  |  | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | New Family Package - Kids go Free! | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Inspirational GSC Volunteer Brings Teachers/Family to U.S. | | |  |  |  |  | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Summer Internships in Tanzania and Thailand - Sign Up Now! | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | • | Contact Us | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Support Thailand after Tsunami** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | According to officials, one of the best ways to help Thailand and other countries affected by the Tsunami get back on their feet is to travel to the countries' non-affected areas. (GSC Thailand’s programs are located in Kanchanaburi and Nonthanaburi, which are both located at least 500 miles from the disaster areas. Neither area was affected by the Tsunami.) Travel and tourism will support the economy and touch the hearts of the people. Volunteering will contribute even more.  Aid organizations are rejecting Tsunami volunteers in the affected areas. They are overstaffed. (see Wall Street Journal 1/19/05). The foreign countries are starting their own efforts.  "We need to get the economy back in shape, and the best way you can help us do that is to come to Thailand on holiday," said Peter de Jong, president of the Pacific Asia Travel Association. "Giving to charities is important, and we appreciate your generosity very much. But people can't live on charity forever, and they don't want to."  For GSC's response to the Tsunami and your many phone calls, please visit www.globalservicecorps.org.   |  | | --- | | [Help Thai People with GSC](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maac09gabdKaDaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **New Family Package - Kids go Free!** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Big News – GSC Thailand is now welcoming families. Kids under the age of 15 may accompany their parent(s) participating on the Education or Buddhist Immersion program, and the kids will not be charged a program fee. Families have the option of staying with a Thai host family or in the Little Creek resort in Kanchanaburi. Now a volunteer vacation can be a service experience for the entire family to share...   |  | | --- | | [Find out More about Family Programs!](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maac09gabdCpBaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Summer Internships in Tanzania and Thailand - Sign Up Now!** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Whether you are a student or an adult, you might want to consider an exhilarating internship or volunteer program in Tanzania or Thailand this summer.  You will live with generous LOCAL FAMILIES. And you will see the world from a whole new perspective when you fully immerse yourself with the people and work on our service-learning projects! These cultural immersion experiences combine meaningful service, skills building, and plenty of fun! Programs in health, environment and/or education run from two weeks to six months. Internships are nine weeks and are offered with credit if you need it.   You may work in a local hospital or clinic, help farmers create sustainable plots, provide AIDS education and prevention to local groups and summer day camp youth, or teach English to students, monks, orphans, deaf children, or community groups.  Now is the time to save your space for summer!   |  | | --- | | [More on Internships and Signing Up](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maac09gabdEnSaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Transitioning out of the Workplace? Retired?** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Studies show that for the recently retired, one of the best ways to stay engaged and vital is to travel abroad and offer skills and experience to communities in need around the globe. Global Service Corps offers a wide variety of individually tailored programs for those in their 50's, 60's and 70's, and even the young at heart in their 80's.  We feel you have extraordinary experiences and life lessons to offer. Plus you will learn more about different cultures than you ever would as a tourist. Working side by side with the local people, you will see the country from a truly insider's perspective.   |  | | --- | | [Find out more about our Programs](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maac09gabcQNwaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Inspirational GSC Volunteer Brings Teachers/Family to U.S.** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | Recent GSC volunteer, Molly Last, will bring her Thai homestay parents to the US this spring. Her "parents" have been a longtime GSC homestay family. They are also teacher and principle at the school Molly taught at while she was on the Thailand Education-Buddhist Immersion program. Molly split her time on the program teaching at both a local school and a monastery.  Molly will pay for her "mother" to come and Bruce Houser, our Thailand Director, will foot the bill for her "Dad". A teacher herself, Molly hopes to show them the US education system and create more of a bridge between our countries.  A bit of a celeb now, Molly has just been interviewed by the New York Times for an upcoming story on volunteering and her enlightening experience in Thailand. She is planning to return to Thailand with GSC this summer.   |  | | --- | | [News Story on another Remarkable Volunteer who Brought Teacher to US](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maac09gabdLzcaaaaaac/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Contact Us** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  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Projects are located throughout the Chainat, Singburi, and Lopburi areas which consist of small city centers, villages and towns, surrounded by corn and rice fields. During the first week of the program, GSC volunteers receive an introduction to the Thai culture which includes Thai language lessons, visits to local Wats and museums in Central Thailand, and an overnight stay at a local Wat (Buddhist temple) to get a first-hand experience of Buddhism with monks and nuns. (cont)   |  | | --- | | [MORE NEWS](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_news.htm) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **News from Tanzania** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | **News from Tanzania** *By Susanna Beck, 2005 Day Camp coordinator*  I just returned from 4 months in Arusha, Tanzania where I a wonderful experience coordinating the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Life Skills Day Camps! The goal of this very special program is to train Tanzanian high-school students in topics such as HIV transmission, prevention, and behavior change so that they can then educate their peers on these subjects through the creation of health clubs at their schools. (cont)   |  | | --- | | [MORE NEWS](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/hivaids_daycamps_update.htm) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Older GSC volunteers take on Katrina, AIDS, and hunger** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | *By Amy Warren, Communication Director*  GSC trips aren't just for the young and vigorous. Many of our 50-85 year-old volunteers are making huge impacts around the world – and enjoying themselves too.  Elizabeth Garcia-Gray, a psychiatrist in her 50’s, just returned from the Hurricane Katrina area where she led a team of doctors for relief effort. According to Elizabeth, it was her experience with GSC Thailand in 2005 that first prepared her to aid traumatized tsunami victims, and now Katrina victims.   An 80 year-old anthropologist, Gianna Hochstein, went to Tanzania to combat HIV/AIDS. While there, she started the campaign “Getting AIDS is easier than getting rid of it”. Now, she'd like to go back and do more AIDS work—not that the trips are strictly "work," says Hochstein. “Being helpful while enjoying oneself is a lot more rewarding than simply having a good time.”  Peter Knowles, a spirited 77-year-old former banker, went on GSC’s sustainable agriculture and hunger program in Tanzania. From there he went on to found Hearts Helping Hands Inc., a non-profit that is now working with GSC to provide farming supplies and equipment for agricultural programs in Tanzania.   |  | | --- | | [MORE ON GSC AND HOW YOU CAN HELP](http://www.globalservicecorps.org) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP for 2006 Trips at 2005 Prices!** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN 2006  **TANZANIA:** Jan 30 .................. Feb 20 ................... Mar 13 Apr 3 .................... Apr 24 ................... May 15 June 5\* ................ June 19\*\* .............. Jul 3\* Jul 24 ................... Aug 14 .................. Sep 4 Oct 23 .................. Nov 13  \*HIV/AIDS only \*\*Sustainable Agriculture only   **THAILAND:** Dec 2 and Dec 30 (2005) Feb 3 ..................... Mar 3 .................. Mar 31 Apr 28 ................... Jun 2 ................... Jun 30 Aug 4 .................... Sep 1 .................. Sep 29 Nov 3 .................... Dec 1   SIGN UP BEFORE OCTOBER 7 to SECURE 2005 FEES! Sign up no later than 60 days in advance. (Late fees apply to registrations after the 60 day deadline.) Remember all program fees including airfare are tax deductible! (100% in US. Varies in other countries).   |  | | --- | | [SCHEDULES & DATES FOR BOTH COUNTRIES](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Adventures in Travel Expo Nov. 12-13 - Come Join Us** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | The world's leading Travel and Adventure Show is coming up. We hope you'll come join us and the fun:  Saturday, November 12 - 10am - 6pm Sunday, November 13 - 11am - 5pm Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco  Global Service Corps will be presenting a **workshop on Service-learning adventure travel** for travel professionals.  Other exciting attractions include:  Scuba pool – learn to scuba dive right on the show floor  Kayak pool – see demonstration and the latest gear  Global Beats Stage – a showcase of cultural performances Rock climbing wall  Virtual Sports Activities  Kids activities and games  Door Prizes and Show-Only Discounts   |  | | --- | | [MORE ON EXPO](http://www.adventureexpo.com) | |  |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Contact Us** |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  To subscribe to this Newsletter, send us an email at [gsc@earthisland.org](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  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| **Change your Life. And Others' Lives too!**  **See a country like you never will as a tourist. Live with welcoming families, work side-by-side with locals, and enjoy excursions into the countryside.**  **Choose from projects in HIV/AIDS, sustainable agriculture, teaching English and international health. Immerse yourself in a whole new culture. And make new worldwide friends.**  **And have the experience of a lifetime!**  **Sign up for Summer Programs NOW!** | **"I went hoping for an enriching experience. What I found exceeded my wildest expectations."** |
| **Summer Dates:  TANZANIA  HIV/AIDS: June 6, Jul 11, Aug 15** **Sustainable Agriculture: May 9, Jun 20, Aug 15**  **THAILAND May 6, May 20, Jun 3, Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15, Aug 5**  [**Tanzania schedules**](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/scheduleandfees.html) [**Thailand schedules**](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/scheduleandfees.html)  [**Application**](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/applicationform.html) | Apply     Now |
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#### Soulful Summer Trips

Summer Sign-ups Now   
Openings still available for July and August.  
Sign up no later than 60 days in advance. (Late fees apply to  
registrations after the 60 day deadline.)  
Remember all programs including airfare are tax deductible! (100% in  
US. Varies in other countries).

OPEN TANZANIA SUMMER DATES:  
HIV/AIDS: Jul 11, Aug 15  
Sustainable Agriculture: Aug 15

OPEN THAILAND SUMMER DATES:  
Jul 15, Aug 5

[SCHEDULES & FEES AND APPLICATION ON WEBSITE](file:///\\index.htm)

#### Volunteers in Major Media...Get your Stories Published Too!

### [GSC VOLUNTEERS FEATURED IN NEW YORK TIMES AND NEWSWEEK](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/news.html)

* GET YOUR STORIES PUBLISHED TOO!   
  Several magazines are requesting articles on your volunteer  
  experiences. Stories should be 850-1500 words. You will get paid if  
  published! Deadlines June 15.  
    
  Send us your stories (and photos). And we will send them to the most  
  appropriate publication. Articles should be content-based - not just  
  travelogues.  
    
  If you need help with articles, follow link below for some  
  quidelines.  
    
  [VOLUNTEER NEWS and GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS](file:///\\news.html)

#### Helping Local Tanzanian Farmers Benefits All

GSC's Sustainable Agriculture program offers an opportunity to learn  
about organic farming - and help feed the hungry, poor, and sick.  
Participants first learn and then educate Tanzanian community  
members about sustainable small-scale farming. And volunteers and  
locals work together to create organic farming plots.

Volunteers also work with HIV/AIDS volunteers to educate AIDS  
victims, their families and orphans about organic small-scale  
farming - which boosts immune systems and can generate income.  
  
All you need is a willingness to work outdoors and have dirty knees!

With our two-year training program for select farmers groups, we  
make strong ties with them and offer a great deal of support and  
follow-up. We really get to know and respond to the people we are  
assisting. For our volunteers, strong, ongoing friendships develop.

We encourage you to contact us to further discuss this exciting  
project. It really is a one-of-a-kind opportunity!

[MORE ON SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES](file:///\\tanzania\agriculture.html)

#### Past Volunteer to help Thailand post-Tsunami. Homestay family visits US

"The Thai family I lived with while volunteering was so grateful for  
America’s support and love coming from half a world away," said  
Molly Last. " I decided I would help in my own way by returning  
again this summer.”

According to officials, one of the best ways to help Thailand and  
other countries affected by the Tsunami get back on their feet is to  
travel to the countries’ non-affected areas. Travel and tourism  
support the economies and help them rebuild. Volunteer travel helps  
even more by touching the hearts of the people. (GSC's Thai programs  
are in Kanchanaburi, 500 miles from the Tsunumi area.)

Molly, a teacher in San Francisco, who volunteered with GSC this  
past summer teaching English to Thai high school students and monks,  
has decided to return again.

Photo: Molly with her visiting Thai homestay parents, Air and Tumnu.  
They are at the bottom of San Francisco's "crookedest street in the  
world".  
The beloved Thai host family have hosted 21 GSC volunteers!

[MOLLY'S VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE, THAI FAMILY AND PHOTOS](file:///\\Newsletter\Announcements\0505_volthaiedu.htm)

#### Support Tanzania's Summer Day Camps!

Help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS amongst youth by supporting our  
Summer Day Camp program.

GSC and volunteers work with Tanzanian secondary students and teach  
them about HIV/AIDS, prevention, relationships and sexuality in a  
fun, creative, and ultimately sustainable manner.

$25 will provide lunch each week for 10 students  
$50 will provide lunch each week for 20 students  
$75 will support a teacher for the three-week camp  
$100 will provide art supplies and sports equipment  
$500 will support an HIV/AIDS prevention club at each school.

[HELP THE CAMPS](file:///\\donate_camps.htm)

Volunteering! Looking for ways to help in Southeast Asia?

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Article about GSC Volunteer Molly and her Thai homestay parents, Air and Tumnu, Air and Tumnu have now hosted 21 GSC volunteers!

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Molly Last, a teacher at Longfellow Elementary School in San Francisco, who volunteered with Global Service Corps (GSC) this past summer teaching English to Thai high school students and monks, has decided to return again this summer. She had plans to go to Poland. Due to the tsunami, though, she felt compelled to return to Thailand. She knew that her visit would help the Thai people more. "I couldn't believe the incredible outpouring of support for the countries affected by the Tsunami. I was very proud of my own country. The Thai family I lived with while volunteering was so grateful for America's support and love coming from half a world away. I decided that I would help in my own way by returning again this summer." Her upcoming work will be with elementary school children. She found that her past Thai teaching exchange enhanced her ability to understand Asian cultures and her own Asian students better.

Looking back, Molly was profoundly moved by her experience as an international volunteer. Even though the large size classes in Thailand compared to the U.S struck her at first, she was pleasantly surprised by the effective teaching practices, respect shown for teachers, and enthusiasm of the students. At the monastery (wat), she soon adjusted to "removing my shoes at the door and teaching in my bare feet." She also had to learn certain taboos in working with the young monks. For instance, because "I was a female, the 45 student monks were not allowed to take any object directly from my hands." She, therefore, had to be very careful constructing her lesson plans to insure no direct contact with the monks. Nevertheless, Molly thoroughly enjoyed working at the wat as well as the school, and found all the students eager to learn English and grateful for instruction from a native speaker.

Molly lived with a family (home stays are a part of the GSC experience) whose Mom and Dad both worked in high schools in Kanchanaburi, Thailand. "I had a wonderful experience living with the family. That was the key piece that brought me from the outside looking in to being a real insider." In addition to eating breakfast and dinner together, her family took her to the floating market and to visit Cambodian ruins in the countryside.

Molly got along so well with her Thai family that she hosted a whirlwind North American tour for them this past month with the help of our Thai director, Bruce Houser. This beloved family has hosted 21 GSC volunteers -many of whom flew to see them or welcomed them to their homes - during their month-long visit.

*Founded in 1993, Global Service Corps (GSC) is a nonprofit international volunteer organization that provides opportunities for people worldwide to live and work abroad in developing countries. Volunteers work side-by-side with the local people and live with generous and welcoming families. These cultural immersion programs provide needed service and skills building in the areas of health, environment, and education. Programs run year-round - from two weeks to six months. International Internships are offered in all areas including International Healthcare.*