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In 2007, GSC launched its “English for Life” program in Thailand, which has brought English language and HIV/AIDS prevention training to secondary school students and their teachers. We are now working with selected local non-profit organizations to bring these unique and successful programs to Cambodia. Placements in these programs are now available in and around the Cambodia capital city of Phnom Penh.   The English for Life Program provides direct education, and builds the skills of local teachers in HIV/AIDS Prevention and English as a Foreign Language (EFL). English is not part of the Cambodian public school curriculum. However, many residential children’s centers for orphans, private nonprofit schools, and community-based organizations offer English language instruction, recognizing its importance to the future livelihoods of the children and youth in their care. GSC volunteers have the opportunity to help close this English language instruction knowledge gap, increase teachers’ comfort levels in teaching HIV/AIDS prevention, and keep future generations safe from this disease.  Global Service Corps provides HIV/AIDS and EFL training along with a variety of project placements in orphanages, private nonprofit schools, and community-based organizations. The Cambodia in-country program manager is Susan Hagadorn, EdD, MPA. Susan has over 25 years public health and education experience and has resided in Cambodia the past four years.   |  | | --- | | [Click here for more information about GSC Programs in Cambodia!](http://globalservicecorps.org/user-uploads/basicpage-files/Cambodia%20Overview%20doc.pdf) | | |  | | |  | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | **New Volunteer Vacation Programs in Tanzania** | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | After the successful launch of the volunteer vacation program in Thailand this past summer Global Service Corps (GSC) is pleased to announce the launch of our new very affordable volunteer vacation programs to augment our popular service-learning volunteer programs in Tanzania. GSC Volunteer Vacations are designed for travelers who wish to participate in a cross-cultural learning vacation experience while also doing some volunteering in Tanzanian or Thai elementary schools or orphanages. TWO-WEEK PROGRAMS START AT Just $1170!  The newly launched Tanzania program begins with your arrival in Arusha, where you will be met by a GSC representative who will escort you to a comfortable guesthouse. Here you will stay for the first three days of orientation before moving to your homestay or alternative housing (available for an additional fee.) Following orientation activities, you will begin your volunteer service in schools and orphanages. Volunteer placements include teaching English and providing much needed services to underprivileged children.  With over fifteen years of experience operating volunteer programs abroad for students, active retirees, mid-career professionals and families, GSC has successfully leveraged best practices in international volunteerism to launch our newest volunteer offering, GSC Volunteer Vacations. GSC Volunteer Vacations are designed to be affordably priced and flexible volunteer abroad experiences in comparison to GSC’s more intensive two-week to six-month long service-learning programs.  GSC Volunteer Vacations in Tanzania and Thailand are offered year round with bi-weekly start dates and program lengths of two or more weeks.   |  | | --- | | [Click here for more information about Volunteer Vacations](http://globalservicecorps.org/site/volunteer-vacations/) | | | |  | |  | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | **Your Volunteer Experience is Within Reach: Holiday Fundraising Ideas** | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | You have dreamed about volunteering abroad for a while. GSC can help you take the first step in a journey you will remember for the rest of your life. We realize that one of the biggest challenges in participating on a GSC volunteer program is finding the funds to do so. Towards that end, we have put together a fundraising tool kit to get you started in raising the funds needed for your program.   Many GSC volunteers have had great success in fund raising part, if not all, of their program fees and associated costs. In fact, one participant was able to fundraise, with the help of her friends and community, approximately $10,000 to fund her both 6-month stay in Tanzania.   The holiday season is a perfect time for you to get started with your fundraising efforts and put your GSC volunteer experience on your holiday gift wish list. Because of the volunteer nature of your GSC trip, donations toward program expenses and in many cases your airfare are tax-deductible. And your donors will have the satisfaction in knowing that through your volunteer service abroad, they too have made a meaningful contribution to those truly in need.  Are you ready?   |  | | --- | | [Click here for GSC's Fundraising Toolkit](http://globalservicecorps.org/user-uploads/basicpage-files/Fundraising%20Toolkit%202008.pdf) | | | | |  | |  | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | Global Service Corps 300 Broadway, Suite 28  San Francisco, CA 94133  phone 415.788.3666 ext. 128  [Visit Us on the Web](http://www.globalservicecorps.org) | | | | | | | | | | | |

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GSC Volunteer Vacations and Website** | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | | **Global Service Corps Launches Volunteer Vacations and New Website** |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  |  | [**Low-Cost Volunteer Vacations NOW AVAILABLE in Thailand (and soon in Tanzania)**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maalfmKabGQUhbG7WxOe/)  Global Service Corps (GSC) is pleased to announce the launch of our new highly affordable volunteer vacation programs to augment our popular service-learning volunteer programs in Thailand. GSC Volunteer Vacations are designed for travelers who wish to participate in a cross-cultural learning vacation experience while also doing some volunteering in a Thai elementary school or orphanage. TWO-WEEK PROGRAMS START AT $975!  With over fifteen years of experience operating overseas volunteer programs for students, active retirees, mid-career professionals and families, GSC has successfully leveraged best practices in international volunteerism to launch our newest volunteer offering, GSC Volunteer Vacations. Beginning now in Thailand, with subsequent expansion to Tanzania in August, GSC Volunteer Vacations are designed to be affordably priced and flexible volunteer abroad experiences in comparison to GSC’s more intensive two-week to six-month long service-learning programs.   GSC Volunteer Vacations in Thailand are offered year round with weekly start dates and program lengths of two or more weeks. Participants begin their Thailand Volunteer Vacation experience with a two night stay in Bangkok to get acclimated to the time change and climate, tour city sites, and get their first taste of authentic Thai cuisine. This is followed by a one-week cross-cultural orientation and learning experience which explores Thai history, culture religion, language and cuisine. Volunteer vacationers then have the option of teaching English in a local school and/or working at an orphanage for one or more weeks. Both Thai schools and orphanages offer volunteers the opportunity to provide much appreciated services to poor and rural children with no special advance training required. For vacationers signed up for three weeks or longer, there is also the option of a week for more-in depth study of Thai Buddhism and culture during the third week of the program including an overnight stay and additional day visits to local wats (monastery temples).   Stay tuned for more details about The Tanzania Volunteer Vacation Programs being launched in August.  For more information about Global Service Corps Volunteer Vacations, please visit www.globalservicecorps.org. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Global Service Corps ReLaunches Website**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maalfmKabGQUYbG7WxOe/)  In support of its expanded options for overseas volunteering, GSC has relaunched the www.globalservicecorps.org website as a new portal with expanded content, features and functionality. With the help of LeapUp Marketing Solutions and Zee Creative, the new GSC website has a new look and feel bringing to life the programs and people, which have made GSC a leader in international volunteerism since 1993.   The new GSC page layout makes navigation simpler and more user-friendly with “one click” access to volunteer information for students, mid-career professionals, active retirees and families. Visitors can browse through GSC service-learning programs, internships, fellowships and new volunteer vacation options based on the duration of time they have available, by destination, or by specific program type. The new GSC site allows quicker more automated enrollment. Once enrolled, participants can access their own personalized “MyGSC” page where they can upload enrollment materials, access pre-departure preparatory information and download useful information about their specific GSC program, fellow volunteers and their local community. A new set of “Live in the Field” blogs will unite volunteers and local program communities in both Thailand and Tanzania by program and allow them to share information, news and learning before, during and after their service-learning program experience. These blogs also give prospective GSC volunteers a first hand feel for what it is like to be a GSC volunteer ‘on the ground’ in both Africa and Asia.  To visit the new GSC volunteer abroad portal to learn more about GSC’s international volunteer programs, visit www.globalservicecorps.org. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | [GSC Website](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maalfmKabGQUYbG7WxOe/) | | | | | |
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With the help of LeapUp Marketing Solutions and Zee Creative, the new GSC website will have a new look and feel bringing to life the programs and people that have made GSC a leader in international volunteerism since 1993. Set to launch in Mid-April, the website’s new layout makes navigation simpler and more user-friendly. Visitors to the site will be one click away from accessing information specific to their needs, interests or demographic. Whether you are a student, mid-career professional or active retiree, finding specific programmatic information tailored to your interests will be easier than ever. You will also now be able to browse through GSC programs based on the duration of time you have available, by destination, or by specific program type.   The new GSC website will also make enrollment in GSC programs easier and more efficient for participants. With just a few quick clicks of your mouse, you will be able to select your destination in Africa or Asia, decide when to start, and choose your program and program length. Once enrolled, participants will gain access to their own personalized MyGSC account page where you will be able to check your balance, access enrollment materials, and download useful information about your program.  The new GSC website will also enable you to get to know the people who help build GSC year after year. The newly created Thailand and Tanzania blogs will give readers a feel for what it is like to be a GSC volunteer ‘on the ground’ in both Africa and Asia. Come check us out soon!  Get your first look at our new website www.globalservicecorps.org in mid April! | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**GSC Hires New Thailand In-Country Coordinator**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maakJWFabF5PMaaaaaac/)    GSC is pleased to announce the arrival of our new In-Country Coordinator in Thailand. A fluent Thai speaker, Eric Skaar received B.A. degrees in English Literature and Peace Studies from St. John’s University (MN) and an M.S. in International Development Management from The American University in Washington, DC. Eric also has extensive experience working and traveling abroad. He lived in Thailand for several years working as an English teacher for Thai university students and a refugee educator at refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border. He then worked for PACT, a non-governmental organization that aims to strengthen local capacity worldwide. His duties included working as a consultant for World Vision’s Sri Lanka Tsunami Response and also as a Communications and Knowledge Management Officer in Ecuador. As the Assistant Leader and Thai History and Culture Teacher for GlobalQuest, Eric worked with American students studying abroad to assist in organizing and facilitating their placements, goals, and immersion into the Thai culture. In February of 2008, Eric joined Global Service Corps as the In-Country Coordinator for Thailand and now oversees all logistics and participant involvement in our service-learning programs. His vast knowledge of Thailand and its culture allows him to bring great insight to GSC and the participants. Eric’s skills and abilities will greatly improve the Thailand program as extra effort and attention has been placed on improving the orientation and training that GSC provides for volunteer participants while in-country. Additionally, Eric is focusing attention on developing and expanding the HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Program in Thailand to include a series of HIV/AIDS education day camps this summer. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Get To Know GSC Tanzania In-Country Staff**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maakJWFabF5PYaaaaaac/)  Global Service Corps would like to highlight the exceptional work that Jenaya Rockman has been doing in Tanzania. Jenaya joined the Tanzania team in April, 2007 and has played an integral role in the strengthening of the HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention Program in Tanzania. Jenaya coordinated GSC's 2007 HIV/AIDS Education and Life Skills Day Camp in Arusha and is busily preparing for this year's camp. These day camps have become a testament to the sustainable community development program that GSC has been implementing in Arusha.  Jenaya received her Bachelors Degree in Biology in 2000 and taught science at Maranatha High School in Pasadena, CA from 2000-2004. She also was the Program Administrator for Outreach Activities and lead student trips in Oaxaca, Mexico, Tecate, Mexico, Atlanta, GA, and San Francisco, CA. Jenaya received her Masters in Public Health with a concentration in International Health in 2006 from Boston University with a concentration in International Health. She has had extensive experience working with service-oriented programs abroad in locations such as Mexico, Haiti and Zambia. Jenaya joined Global Service Corps as an SOS Program Fellow and is now the Assistant Program Coordinator of GSC’s Tanzania Programs. Besides her work with the Day Camp Program, she manages and oversees the HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Programs and also assists with GSC staff, intern, and participant involvement in both the HIV/AIDS and Sustainable Agriculture Programs. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  | | | | | |

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