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# Nursing student explores global healthcare



"Keep an open mind, open heart and be prepared to help in ways you haven't previously considered," advises Jeffrey Hammond (34) after completing a one month medical volunteer placement in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Jeff, who worked in law enforcement for ten years and most recently as a student nurse, is planning to

pursue an advanced nursing degree as a DNP (Doctor of Nurse Practice). He felt that volunteering abroad would allow him to broaden his perspective in global healthcare. He arrived in Tanzanian in mid-July where he lived with a local host family and was placed at a teaching hospital. "Projects Abroad brings motivated and bright professionals to an environment that is in need of assistance. This particular placement is in far better condition (in my opinion) because of the Projects Abroad volunteers." Click here to read the full story...

# IWorry - International March for Elephants

Friday, October 4th supporters in 40 cities all over the world participated in the International March for Elephants. This global conservation event has a mission to end the poaching of elephants, which will soon be on the verge of extinction. Tanzania is home to the largest remaining population of elephants, but last



year approximately 10,000 were killed for their ivory tusks.

The tusks are then sold abroad (mainly Thailand and China) to people who use it to make decorations or medicine. It is believed that the money from selling ivory supports the illegal activities of many terrorists groups. Right now in Tanzania, a person found guilty of poaching is only fined \$19. The Minister of Tourism is advocating for a much stricter punishment to deter poachers.

According to conservationists, one elephant is killed every 15 minutes... Click here to see photos from the event.

#### **ALUMNI CORNER!**

We invite all volunteers to participate in part-time paid work as an Alumni Representative after leaving our destination. Alumni Representatives attend promotional events and fairs in their home country and share their experience living and volunteering with Projects Abroad. If you are interested in becoming and Alumni Representative, email alumni@projects-abroad.co.uk

#### Support Your Project

We often get requests from previous volunteers who would like to financially support their former project. If you would like to make a general donation to support our international work or if you want to donate to your previous placement please visit the Reconstruction Project website and earmark your donation for a specific charitable purpose. It will always reach your intended target! http://www.justgiving.com/ reconstructionproject. You may also send a cheque to The Reconstruction

Project, c/o Projects Abroad,

Aldsworth Parade, Goring,

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BN124TX

## Management student gains practical experience

The right volunteer project can provide emerging business professionals with the experience they need to select an industry and



career to focus on. Just ask 25 year old Hans Edlert. Hans has a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Uppsala University and is currently in his first year of a master's studies in management at the School of Business, Economic and Law at the

University of Gothenburg. He signed up for a two month volunteer placement. "I felt that the micro-finance project would give me an opportunity to test the skills that I have acquired during my years at the university. At the same time I hoped that it will be rewarding to help people to create a better life for themselves. I chose Tanzania because I have always wanted to go to Africa and I felt that this was a really good opportunity to do so. Click here to read the full story...

## Business major shares skills with microfinance

Life changing, eye opening, challenging and rewarding... Those are just a few keywords to sum up the journey of a young business student who decides to volunteer abroad. This is exactly the type of experience that Ludvig Ovtun van der Hagen (24) was hoping for when he arrived in Arusha, Tanzania for a two month volunteer placement. "As a student of business development, I constantly read and hear about the challenges of African countries in the media. I wanted to test myself and see if I could make a difference to the challenged women of Arusha." Click here to read the full story...

### Volunteer donates sports equipment to local schools

Kayla Wieczorek (USA) volunteered with the Sports Project in Arusha for 3 months in 2012. She returned in June 2013 to visit the students from the sports project and make a large donation of sports equipment to several placements. The donations were distributed to 1) Usa Primary 2) Leganga Primary 3) Naserian School & Orphanage 4) Maasai School. Click here to see donation photos...

#### Business Project in Dar Es Salaam focuses on technology

Business Volunteer, Katarzyna Rupinska from Poland was featured in a promotional video about DTBi, our project partner which is an independent autonomous entity that promotes the growth of Technology-based companies that contribute to job creation and economic health of Tanzania. Click here to watch the video...