

On a rainy early morning in 1960, then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged students at the University of Michigan to serve their country by living and working abroad. Since then, countless lives have been touched and changed by the tens of thousands of Volunteers who have answered that call and served in the Peace Corps.



Peace Corps service, however, continues long after Volunteers leave their posts. President Kennedy stated that the third goal of the Peace Corps is to “strengthen Americans’ understanding about the world and its peoples.” By sharing their Peace Corps experience and host country culture, returned Volunteers can fulfill their third goal commitment during Peace Corps Week’s global celebration.



Nkyimkyim  
“Twisting of life”  
Initiative, dynamism, versatility



Gyne Nyame  
“I fear none, except God”  
Omnipotence of God



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# Peace Corps Ghana

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*A volunteer's experience*



**G**hana has the distinction of being the first country in the world to welcome the Peace Corps. The first group of 52 Volunteers arrived in Ghana on August 30, 1961. Ghana's stable government, commitment to democracy, and extensive efforts to reform its economy are the key factors that contribute to the Peace Corps' impact. Ghana's government promotes a number of education reforms and community development initiatives that the Peace Corps supports through programs in education, small enterprise development, environment, and health.



**V**olunteers teach secondary school-level science, mathematics, information and computer technologies, and visual arts to more than 7,600 students and work closely with Ghanaian counterparts in the development of subject resource manuals. Many Volunteers are involved in secondary projects that include re-

habilitating school libraries and establishing science and computer labs and classes. Some also help strengthen parent-school and school-community relationships of support.



**S**ince its inception in 1989 by then Peace Corps Director Paul D. Coverdell, World Wise Schools has helped more than 3 million U.S. students communicate directly with Peace Corps Volunteers all over the world. Initially set up as a correspondence match program between Volunteers and U.S. classes, World Wise Schools expanded its scope over almost two decades by providing a broad range of resources for educators.

**E**ducators use these materials to teach subjects as varied as language arts, social studies, geography, environmental education, and international economics. Many teachers find that by increasing awareness of cultural diversity

through World Wise Schools resources, students come to better value the rich heritage and broad representation of peoples within their own **communities**.



*"An amazing experience!"*



Sankofa  
"Return and get it"  
Learn from the past



Duafe  
Wooden comb  
Patience, fondness, care



Duanimen  
Ram's horns  
Strength and humility