|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| |  | | --- | | **Global Service Corps Fall News:  Volunteers tell All!  Updates from the Field and more...**  ===================================================================== **Newsletter                                         Fall 2004                            Issue 6** =====================================================================  **In This Issue:**   * **Sign up Now for 2005 Programs at 2004 Prices** * **Internships - An Intern's Heart-Warming Story** * **International AIDS/HIV Conference** * **Thailand Update from the Field** * **New Sustainable Agriculture Update from Tanzania** * **Adventures in Travel Expo Coming! (Oct 9-10)**   **Sign up Now for 2005 Programs at 2004 Prices**  For a limited time, we are offering 2005 programs at 2004 prices. Sign up now before new prices go into effect. Application and deposit must be received by 11/1/04. Visit our [website](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/) for more information, the schedule and prices.  [Sign Up Now](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/applicationform.html) before prices go up Nov. 1!  **Internships - An Intern's Heart-Warming Story**  With the start of a new school year, why not incorporate your study abroad plans with our great internships in Tanzania and Thailand?  Our 9-week long internships may work nicely for you whether you are on a quarter or semester system.  Plan an Internship Now! Internships may be arranged throughout the year starting with any of the scheduled program dates. Visit [Internships](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/international%20internship_program_credit.html)  Recent Intern's Heart-Warming Experience. [Her Story with Tips!](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/hivaids_mwilliams.htm)  **International AIDS/HIV Conference**  Rick Lathrop, Executive Director of Global Service Corps, presented material on the GSC Fellowship Program at the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok. Through this program, GSC will support people living with HIV/AIDS with training in sustainable agriculture and nutrition, while enhancing the food security of communities affected by HIV/AIDS. The pilot program will be launched in October.  While there for the AIDS conference, Rick visited our Kanchanburi program site and met with the in-country local staff. He was also able to visit schools and hospitals.  GSC: What is most memorable about the 2004 International AIDS Conference in Thailand?  RL: Meeting AIDS activists, particularly those from China was very memorable. The problem in Asia is growing faster than anywhere else.  Read [Rick's full interview on Conference...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/XV%20intl%20aids%20conf.htm)  **Thailand Update from the Field**  by Debbie Cowan, GSC Volunteer  Debbie Cowan has been a volunteer at GSC since this past spring after a long corporate career at The Gap. She has been instrumental in the daily operations of GSC and developing its programs. This summer Debbie decided to experience Thailand first hand after helping so many volunteers have fulfilling experiences.  The California Coast is a world away from hot and humid Thailand, but Debbie, her sister in law Cathy Cowan and niece Noe Lefio didn’t hesitate to board a plane to Kanchanaburi, Thailand, where GSC runs programs at the Nong Sam Pran Buddhist temple and monastery.  [More on Debbie's Adventures!](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/th_hivbudd_dcowan.htm)  **New Sustainable Agriculture Update from Tanzania**  by Cooper Funk, Tanzania Programs Coordinator  Hamjambo warafiki!  I’ve just returned from 5 months working with our Africa programs in Arusha, Tanzania. I’m over the jet-lag, but still getting back into our fast-paced, hi-tech society. Things are sure different over there!  In addition to overseeing our 3rd year of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Lifeskills Day Camps much of my work involved expanding our Sustainable Agriculture Program. What was good before has been taken to the next level. This is one of our most unique and exciting programs and the potential for it is truly enormous.  [More from Cooper about Tanzania](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/sa_reptcooper.htm)  **Adventures in Travel Expo Coming! (Oct 9-10)**  Experience the World! Join us at the most exciting travel show in the United States – Adventures in Travel Expo! Over 350 worldwide exhibitors will present the best in adventure, cultural, and active travel at the San Mateo County Expo Center, when it is open to the public on October 9 -10, 2004. You won’t want to miss it! The San Mateo County Expo Center is just a few miles south of the San Francisco International Airport.   We'll be located in the Africa hall, booth 113 --we'd love to meet you and answer any questions you may have  [Come see us at Expo!](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/adventures%20in%20travel%20expo.htm)  ==================================================================== | |

NEWS FLASH: SUPPORT HIV/AIDS PREVENTION SUMMER DAY CAMPS IN TANZANIA

VOLUNTEER FINAL DEADLINE SIGN-UP: April 15, 2004

With summer around the corner, we want to let you know about the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Life Skills Education Day Camps being provided by GSC in Tanzania this June and how you can support this effort. These three-week camps are only offered once a year to educate local secondary school students about HIV/AIDS, with 2004 being the third summer for this GSC-initiated program. The summer camps are part of the Tanzania HIV/AIDS and International Health Internship Programs. GSC volunteers train students and teachers in HIV/AIDS awareness, prevention, and testing in three Arusha area schools. Not only are the camps a lot of fun with visits from local rap groups, artists and others, but they also make a difference. Past camps have made big inroads in changing students' perceptions and actions.

Some significant findings from an evaluation of the day camps include:

\* Among program schools, there is overwhelming support for the day camp and peer educator programs: over 92% found the programs useful and over 80% felt they were influencing safe sex behaviors.

\* The ability to communicate more openly on sensitive subjects is cited as the most predominant change in behavior.

How to Support the Camps:

PARTICIPATE AS A VOLUNTEER

Due to the high demand for this program, GSC has added extra sessions for HIV/AIDS and International Health volunteers starting June 14. These volunteers will be able to participate in two weeks of the camps and then provide HIV/AIDS awareness seminars to other Arusha community groups. CALL NOW (415-788-3666, x128) or email gsctanzania@earthisland.org for further information. The Volunteer registration form to sign up for either of these programs is at <http://www.globalservicecorps.org/APPLICATIONFORM8-11-03.doc> All materials and fees must be in our office by Thursday April 15, 2004. Late registrants will be considered after this deadline.

SPONSOR A STUDENT, PEER EDUCATOR OR TEACHER CAMP PARTICIPANT

$25 donation-sponsors a student or peer educator during the three-week camp

$50 donation-sponsors a teacher staff person during the camp

$100 donation-sponsors a student, peer educator and teacher team

$250 donation-helps provide camp educational supplies and sports equipment

Your contribution not only assists the day camp effort but also supports ongoing HIV/AIDS prevention education throughout the year. Day Camp students are trained as peer educators and form health clubs in their respective schools to share their knowledge of HIV with other students and teachers. Send your tax-deductible donation to: Global Service Corps, 300 Broadway, Ste. 28, San Francisco, CA 94133. Day Camp contributors will receive a thank you letter from each student or peer educator as well as a report of the camp.

The goal of these day camps is to provide a framework for students to learn about relationships, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS in a fun, creative, and, ultimately, sustainable manner. GSC volunteers work collaboratively with teachers, translators, and peer educators to plan and lead the HIV/AIDS Life Skills day camp activities. Lessons are formulated from the Peace Corps Life Skills Manual, which is the curriculum basis for the camps. Lessons are designed to engage a student's full participation and are highly interactive. The camps are designed and carried out with the integrated assistance of student peer educators selected in the previous year's camps and in previous community trainings.

2004 promises to build upon the successful summer day camp program. Cooper Funk, formerly our Operations Director and Tanzania Coordinator in the San Francisco home office, has just moved to Tanzania as our new Tanzania Program Coordinator. He will be assisted by Wendy Hannan, who has international volunteer experience, speaks basic Kiswahili, and ran Outward Bound programs. We welcome your support in this important program to protect high-risk African youth from the AIDS pandemic.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Newsletter**             May 27, 2004 | | | |
| |  | | --- | |  | | **Reminder: Get your Stories and Photos Published Now!**  For all you writers and Hemingway wannabes, a reminder of ways to get your name in print with your "insightful" stories and/or photos of volunteering abroad.  Recently, GSC volunteers have received some great national coverage ...inspiring others to realize their dreams and make a difference in our global community.  Below are **upcoming opportunities** with *Transitions Abroad* and *Abroad View* magazines. Both have large readerships. Send us a copy of what you submit - we will try our best to double your chances of fame and fortune by publishing your story in a newsletter, on our website, or in the general media. Please contact the magazines wiith questions. You may also contact Amy at GSC.  For those of you in the U.S of A, enjoy the 3-day weekend- and don't overdo it on the hotdogs! Stay in touch.   1. **“Stepping Stones To International Careers”** The “A Closer Look” will focus on “Stepping Stones To International Careers.” The deadline for this section is June 4.   The upcoming edition's "A Closer Look" section (which explores a thematic topic in-depth) will focus on “Stepping Stones To International Careers,” including students' experiences interning and working abroad. Since this is such a broad topic, we have narrowed it down to international work or internship experiences that have an impact on the student's or recent graduate's future career path. The following are suggested categories: 1. Environment/Fieldwork 2. Teaching Abroad 3. Social Justice/ Non-Governmental Organization 4. International Business, Law or Journalism 5. International Relations (e.g. State Department Internship) 6. Fine and Performing Arts/ Architecture 7. Work involving a foreign language 8. International Health 9. Engineering/ Technical 10. How to find funding for an internship (comprehensive, practical article) 11. Post-graduate study abroad (e.g. Fulbright, Watson, and Rotary Scholars)  Articles should be 800-1400 words and offer personal perspectives on the work abroad experience from the topics listed above or other areas. If not incorporated into the article, please write a brief sidebar on how you found your particular job, the application process, how to find funding for an internship, tips on getting the most out of an internship, and any other helpful practical information. In addition to full-length articles, we also encourage the submission of brief testimonials and quotations from students who have worked or interned abroad.  Graduate students and graduates who are either working abroad or in career positions with an international focus may submit articles. This information will be extremely valuable to students looking to make work a part of their intercultural education.  All submissions are due by June 4, 2004. Earlier submissions are appreciated as articles are reviewed on a rolling basis. Email articles to [editors@abroadviewmagazine.com](mailto:editors@abroadviewmagazine.com).  Bill Nolting, Director of International Opportunities at the University of Michigan International Center, and Alia Santini, a graduate student at the School for International Training, are coordinating this section. For more information feel free to contact Alia at either alia.santini@mail.sit.edu or at 802-258-3387. You can also contact the editor of Abroad View, Sherry Schwarz, at [sherry@abroadviewmagazine.com](mailto:sherry@abroadviewmagazine.com).  2. **General Submissions:**  In addition to submissions for standard sections such as Personal Journeys, Eye on the Earth, Viewpoint, Alliteration, Reentry, Alumni Afield, Features, and Beyond Study Abroad, *Transitions Abroad* and *Abroad View* seek short articles and nominations for “Spotlight.” Spotlight is a section that features unique international education initiatives and exemplary study abroad and international students. If you would like to recommend a student (self-nominations also accepted), please [email Transitions Abroad](mailto:editor@TransitionsAbroad.com) and provide relevant contact information.  3. **Photo Contest:**  The deadline for next year¹s Meta Photo Contest will be Dec.1. ABROAD VIEW will also host its first Student Writers Contest in 2005. The deadline for submissions is Nov. 1, 2004. Rolling submissions are accepted for both contests. For more details visit [www.abroadviewmagazine.com](http://www.abroadviewmagazine.com).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| |  | | --- | | **Newsletter**             Summer 2004 | |
| |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In this issue**   * [Soul Food](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#summer) * [Save Money Now!](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#discounts) * [GSC Presents at Int'l Conferences](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#hivaids) * [Work with Thai Orphans](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#children) * [HIV/AIDS at Wat](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#wat) * [Masaai Train Villagers](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#masaai) * [Adventures in Travel Expo](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_summer2004_5.htm#adventures) | | As Mark Twain said, *"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore. Dream. Discover."*  *See the world ...serve and learn!*  *Our volunteers are doing just that.*  **Hello there from Global Service Corps...**  This summer has been very busy for us. More people than ever before are joining our volunteer programs. In fact, we have had to add more sessions! Lucky for us, we have had the fortune of speaking and working with many of you.  Today find out more ways you can feed your soul and save money too on a volunteer vacation, long-term program, or internship. Learn more about two unique opportunities - working with Thai children in an orphanage and HIV/AIDS patients at a wat (monastery). Also, hear about our founder's presentations at leading International Conferences this summer and the upcoming Adventures in Travel Expo. Lastly, hear from the local Masaai people!  For more information on all our programs, please visit our [website.](http://www.globalservicecorps.org) | | | |  | | | **Soul Food** | | | With the summer "soul..stice" still lingering, consider a service-learning trip where you can feed your soul and spirit. Help others change their lives - and change your life too in ways you can not imagine!  More people - young and old alike - are volunteering in Thailand and Tanzania. So, catch the wave... Experience the joy in helping others, learning, making new global friends, and immersing yourself in a whole new way of life. |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Upcoming Fall Programs**  Tanzania Sept 6-   Sustainable Agriculture Sept 27- Health/HIV/AIDS Oct 18-   Sustainable Agriculture Nov 8-    Health/HIV/AIDS | Thailand Sept 3 - All projects and Internships Oct 8 - All projects and Internships Nov 6 - All projects and Internships |   Whether you have two weeks, two months or more time, come join us. Our Tanzania and Thailand programs include health, education, sustainable agriculture, environment, Buddhist Immersion and HIV/AIDS projects.  If you want to sign up for any of the upcoming programs, contact us ASAP.  [Tanzania Schedule](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/scheduleandfees.html)  [Thailand Schedule](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/scheduleandfees.html) | | |  | | | **Save Money Now!** | | | **New Group Discounts for 2 or More**  Now you can save money when you bring family and friends. Travel with one or more people and enjoy 10% discounts off the trip fee. One person pays full price and everybody else gets 10% off the price of the program.  And, **all fees for programs are tax-deductible** whether you go with a group or solo!  For more information about our fees and schedules, please visit:  [Tanzania Schedule](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/scheduleandfees.html)  [Thailand Schedule](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/scheduleandfees.html)  Your discount will help you to save hundreds of dollars on your next trip! | | |  | | | **GSC Presents at International Conferences** | | | GSC founder, Rick Lathrop, is presenting GSC's effective efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa - through education, prevention and immune enhancing nutrition - at two leading international health conferences this summer.  At the Global Health Conference in Washington DC last month, he spoke about GSC's HIV/AIDS volunteer, internship, and GSC Fellowship (GSC Fellowship) Fellowship programs. Interest in GSC's success with its volunteer and summer HIV/AIDS day camp and community education programs, and the use of GSC Fellows to teach about organic foods boosting immunity was strong: he spoke to a packed room. Read press release...  [Tanzania Programs](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/tanzania_main.html) [GSC Fellowship](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/fellowship.htm)  Next month Rick will travel to Thailand to the International HIV/AIDS Conference where he will again share information about the GSC ground-breaking GSC Fellowship Program.  [Thailand Programs](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_main.html) [GSC Fellowship](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/fellowship.htm) | | |  | | | **Work with Thai Orphans** | | | *"Feeling that my actions were making a difference in the lives of children was an extraordinary experience... ...Returning home was probably the most difficult part of the journey."*  **Do you love children?** As a volunteer you may work at the Suksasongkhraw Orphanage in Thailand. GSC volunteers assist teachers and students in teaching English. Given the nature of the school and students, Suksasongkhraw is unique - a truly rewarding and satisfying experience for those who have served.  Teaching the children provides countless opportunities for personal learning and growth. [Read more...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_education.html#orphanage) |  | | Orphans in Thailand | |  | |  | | | **HIV/AIDS at Wat** | | | Volunteers interested in HIV/AIDS may now work at a Thai Wat (monastery). The wat is well known for its unique and extremely successful approach to fighting the disease.  The Wat's Abbott has created a proprietary approach which combines a naturalistic and spiritual treatment with great success.  Come help patients combat the disease in a true Buddhist environment. Work with monks and enjoy a Buddhist immersion experience.  [Read more...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_hiv.htm) |  | | A patient at the Wat | |  | |  | | | **Masaai Train Villagers** | | | Two Masaai men report on their successes and challenges in educating Masaai villages about HIV/AIDS. These men went through a three week GSC HIV/AIDS training in the spring. They were sponsored by a past GSC volunteer with whom they bonded and kept in touch. Now they are spreading the word by reaching out to Masaai villages.  Hear the challenges they face, like walking 30-60 kilometres a day between villages and teaching men and women separately. And hear about their successes... [Masaai first-hand Report](file:///\\Newsletter\Back%20Issues-Newsletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\masaai_report_0604.htm) (unedited).  Recently volunteers were excited to be invited by local Masaai to [visit a Masaai village.](file:///\\Newsletter\Back%20Issues-Newsletter\Summer%202004%20Newsletter\masaai_invite04.htm) |  | | Masaai Men Dance | |  | |  | | | **Adventures in Travel Expo** | | | Adventures in Travel Expo is the most exciting, widely attended, highly rated travel and adventure show in the world. GSC is proud to announce that we will be staffing a booth at the San Francisco Bay Area Show which will be held at the San Mateo County Expo Center October 8-10, 2004. Shows will also be held in Chicago, New York City and Washington, D.C.  Watch for more details in coming newsletters, including the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets. | | |  | | | **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](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  To subscribe to the GSC HIV/AIDS Newsletter, send us an [email](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC HIV/AIDS Newsletter" in subject.  To contact us:    Global Service Corps    [gsc@earthisland.org](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org)    300 Broadway    Suite 28    San Francisco    CA 94133-3312    (p) 415-788-3666 x128  Visit our website at [www.globalservicecorps.org](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/) for more information on all our programs, the schedule and application. | | |
| © 2004 Global Service Corps |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| |  | | --- | | **GSC Newsletter**             February 2004        Issue 5 | |

|  |
| --- |
| New HIV/AIDS Programs in Thailand and Tanzania |

==============================================

Global Service Corps (GSC) is offering new HIV/AIDS opportunities for volunteers in both Thailand and Tanzania.

We are launching a unique HIV program at a monastery (wat) in Thailand starting in May. And due to high demand, we are adding another HIV program to our Tanzania schedule for June.

|  |
| --- |
| Thailand HIV/AIDS Project at Wat |

================================

The Buddhist monastery, Wat Nongsampram, is an extraordinary place located in a beautiful area of Kanchanaburi Province. The Wat provides invaluable services to the local community and runs a primary school. The Wat prepare novice monks (many of whom are homeless boys) to enter monk hood, educate primary school children, and care for individuals with HIV/AIDS. Over 700 individuals seek medical, spiritual, and educational assistance from the Wat. Wat Nongsampram does not receive government assistance and relies solely on contributions.

Using nature as a provider, and Buddha as inspiration, the Wat has developed an alternative yet successful approach in caring for individuals infected with HIV/AIDS. Personalized care programs are combined with spiritual and alternative care.

Volunteers will teach English to the novice monks, primary school children and staff at the Wat. They will also have the opportunity to shadow staff in their care for HIV/AIDS patients, provide hospice-type assistance, and befriend the patients living in the Wat. Participants will gain insight to Buddhist practice, beliefs, and sentiments towards HIV/AIDS.

Volunteers will reside at a resort in Kanchanaburi. Participants will volunteer Mon-Fri and have weekends free to explore and learn about the area, people and culture. This project's duration ranges from 2 weeks to 6 months. This project is open to volunteers who have compassion and understanding of HIV/AIDS, and want to be of service.

See [www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand\_hiv.htm](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_hiv.htm)

|  |
| --- |
| HIV/AIDS education program in Tanzania-June |

===========================================

Due to high demand for the HIV/AIDS education program in Tanzania, we have added another program to our 2004 summer schedule. The additional program will begin on June 14. The end dates will be as follows:

-Two-week program: June 14 to June 27

-Short-term program: June 14 to July 11

-Internship: June 14 to August 22

See www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/health

Participants raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and educate community members in schools, churches and village forums. GSC participants also collaborate with local health care workers and officials to provide further education and counseling, and to build a sustainable teaching and learning curriculum that delves into the heart of each community. All volunteers live with local families. See www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/health

We look forward to having you join us this summer!

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| |  | | --- | | **GSC Newsletter**             January 2004        Issue 4 | |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **In this issue**   * [Do I need Botox?](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Winter%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_winter2004_4_vic.htm#thai) * [Alarms to Roosters](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Winter%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_winter2004_4_vic.htm#roosters) * [Participant Tells All](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Winter%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_winter2004_4_vic.htm#tanz) * [Two Weeks to Nirvana](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Winter%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_winter2004_4_vic.htm#2weeks) * [Staff - Changes and New Faces](file:///C:\Users\Rick\Global%20Service%20Corps\GSC%20Shared%20Site%20-%20SHARED%202\SHARED\GSC\Storage%202\Advertising%20&%20Marketing\Newsletter%20&%20Announcements\Newsletters%20plus%20Announcements\2004%20Newletter\Winter%202004%20Newsletter\gscnews_winter2004_4_vic.htm#new%20faces) | | *"A Senegalese poet said, 'In the end we will conserve only what we love. We love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught.' We must learn about other cultures in order to understand, in order to love and in order to conserve our common world heritage." Yo-Yo Ma, Cellist*  **Happy 2004 from Global Service Corps...** Today *hear what recent participants* have to say- one who was in a mid-life crisis, others who were looking for an international adventure where they could help and learn. Find out:Why they went? What they get out of it? The highlights and the pitfalls....  Also, read about our new Two-week Thai programs now offered year-round in health care, education and Buddhism. And meet GSC's talented staff and new faces in our San Francisco headquarters and abroad.  Please visit our [website](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/) for more information, schedules and prices. You may also email us at gsc@earthisland.org or call 415/788-3666 x128. | | |  | | **Do I Need Botox?** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Children leaving home, parents getting sick, husband a grouch, and fiftieth birthday looming...  I am in the *grips of a mid-life crisis* and not sure what to do with the negative energy it is generating. I can see a cosmetic surgeon, do something crazy or self-destructive, or go on an adventure. I opt for the latter, which is how I came to spend the month of May teaching English in Kanchanaburi, Thailand. [Read on...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/th_buddhiststory_vsheehan_0603.htm) | Volunteer with Monks | | |  | | **From Alarms to Rooster Awakenings** | | *Feeling that my actions were making a difference in the lives of people was an extraordinary experience... ...Returning home was probably the most difficult part of the journey.*  Walking off the plane in Arusha, Tanzania, I was greeted with everything I didn’t expect: a mass of welcoming faces, a fragrant almost intoxicating air, and absolutely no bugs!  For the first week in Arusha, the two other Global Service Corps volunteers and I stayed in a hostel. Every morning I would wake up to a rooster announcing the day. I’d go outside for a morning run and hear the nuns sing Swahili gospel hymns while they did chores and prepared breakfast. [Read more...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/hivaids_kwalker_03.htm) | |  | | **Participant Tells All** | | Here's a truthful project report from one participant about her experience on the Tanzania program (HIV/AIDS) this past summer. Hear her view of the high points, and low points.  *A high point:* "...the best part of my stay in Tanzania was starting immediately to learn the language and becoming immediately involved with cultural natives, including the translators, Frida..., the participants, and my host family. When visiting a new place, I really prefer to learn from the perspective of someone who lives there and knows the true culture firsthand. I hate feeling like a tourist...  I have really become comfortable in Arusha and the surrounding area while here, and with the exception of the frequent calls of “Mzungu!,” I feel like I belong here and have “lived” here for a while rather than just visiting." [Read More...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/tanzania/hivaids_projreport_0603.htm) | |  | | **Two Weeks to Nirvana** | | Due to popular demand, Global Service Corps is pleased to announce that the *Thailand two week program* is now offered year-round. Programs begin on the same start-dates as our 23-day Thailand short-term program. See our [schedules and fees](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/scheduleandfees.html) for current start-dates.  Thanks to the wonderful support of our friends in Thailand's Ministry of Public Health, Global Service Corps Thailand is also pleased to announce that the Health Care program is now offered as a two-week program. As with the Buddhist Immersion and Education programs, this is offered year-round. More on all [Thailand programs](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/thailand/thailand_main.html) | |  | | **New Faces** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | Changing of the Guard | Several new faces have joined GSC. And with them, they bring an abundance of talent. Our staff now includes numerous Masters degrees...many languages...25 years of executive experience at The Gap...extensive international expertise...Ivy League universities...and the list goes on.  Most important, our staff has a whole lot of spirit, chutzpah and dedication.  And there's been alittle staff shuffling too.  [Visit our Staff Page...](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/staff.html)   Photo at left: Staff members: Susanna Beck, new operations manager, and Cooper Funk, new Tanzania programs coordinator | | |  | | **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](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Newsletter" in subject.  To subscribe to the GSC Consulting Newsletter, send us an [email](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org) with "Subscribe to GSC Consulting Newsletter" in subject.  To contact us:    Global Service Corps    [gsc@earthisland.org](mailto:gsc@earthisland.org)    300 Broadway    Suite 28    San Francisco    CA 94133-3312    (p) 415-788-3666 x128  Visit our website at [www.globalservicecorps.org](http://www.globalservicecorps.org/) for more information on all our programs, the schedule and application. | |
| © 2004 Global Service Corps |