

Global PeaceMakers

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Build a Model Community School in Blanfla for addressing illiteracy

What is Global PeaceMakers

- Service For Peace involves college students in voluntary service programs designed to increase international cooperation and to break the cycle of poverty in nations.
- We form strategic alliances with colleges, government ministries, NGOs and businesses to provide experiential learning and training in leadership development, citizenship, social responsibility and information technology.

Objectives of the project

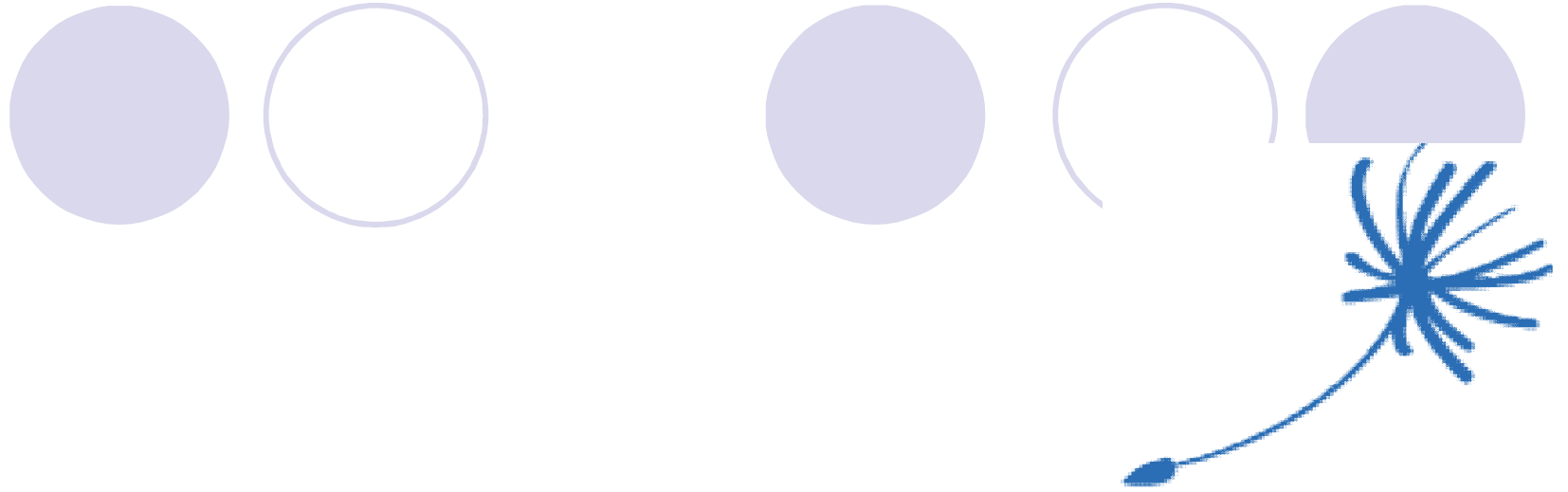


- 1. Build school facilities for children in
B l a n f l a**
- 2. Build a culture of Service amongst youth**
- 3. Create a Peaceful community**

Outcomes of the project



- 700 children attend school in good conditions
- Local youth and international participants from around the world committed to continuously serve their communities and to promote volunteerism
- Blanfla is established as a Community of Peace



Participants Testimonies

Diarra Seydou, Pdt Campus Corps – 18, Bouafle,
Cote d'Ivoire



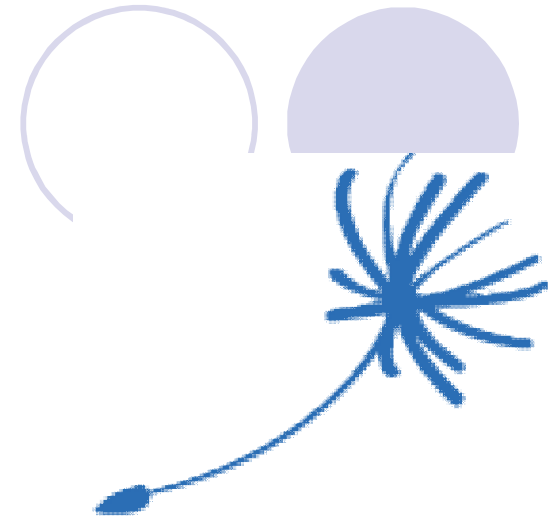
Before coming to the project I was afraid because I'm too shy and will not be able to talk. But during the project, I saw people expressed themselves working, singing, dancing, playing, writing. I tried too and I could be able to do same. Service is our common language.

Catherine Houlihan – Miami, USA



I know about the power of service but I greatly enjoyed serving alongside with community members. I learnt that trying something new, treating people with respect, and the power of smile, positive attitude, enthusiasm, and proactive actions go a long way.

Nadja Boncoeur – NY, USA



- From this project, I gained many things. I've gained friendships that I can only imagine even more, but apart from that, I gained a new outlook on life. I gained a respect for the young people who now dedicated their lives for service work, and this has only served as a means of encouragement for myself. I will never forget Blanfla and all it has taught me.

Adams Abdallah, Pdt Campus Corps – 20, Cape Coast, Ghana



- It was a nice experience for me to give part of my holiday time to serve the community of Blanfla. Now I understand more the meaning and power of service and how doing single thing can move the world forward to a peaceful one. I'm going with the commitment to make the campus corps of my university more efficiency.

Michael Youmans, 20, Scotland

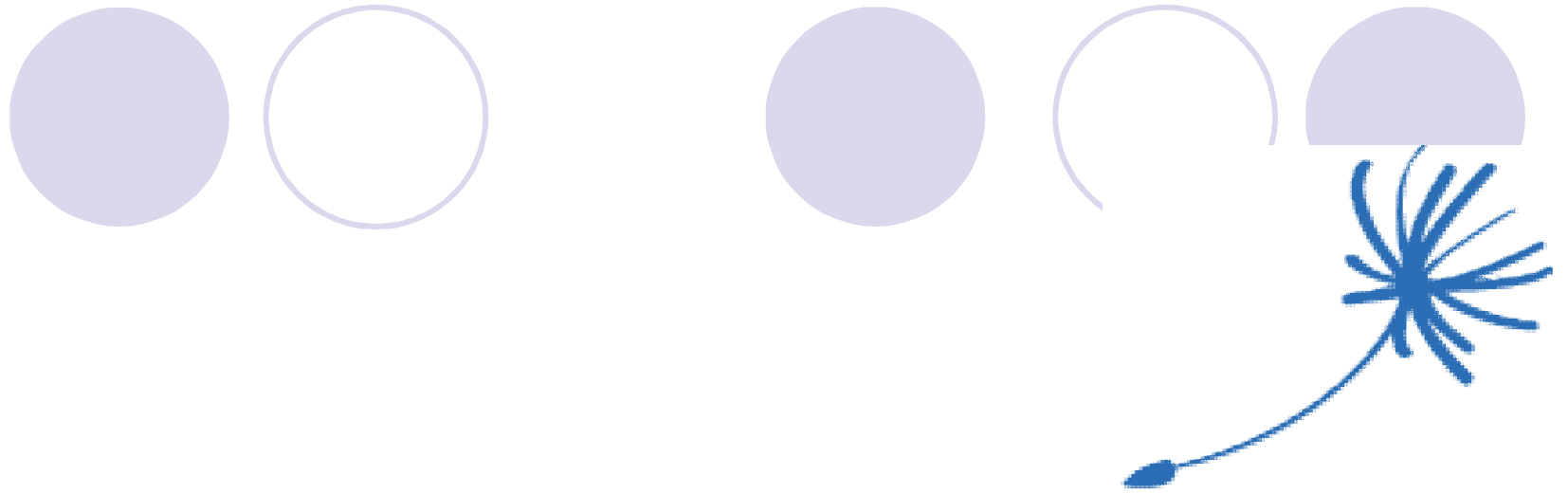


I realized how African I have become. Having do homestay for 6 days, learn and practice community culture was a wonderful experience for me. Everyone knows my name and that make me to feel as part of the community.

Calendar to achieve the project



- September 8, 2009: International Day of Alphabetization
- September 21, 2009: International Day of Peace
- October 24, 2009: International Day UN
- December 5, 2009: International Volunteers Day
- January 23, 2010: Martin Luther King Day
- February 27, 2010: CoP
- April 21-23, 2010: Global Youth Service Day
- June 21 – July 10: Global PeaceMakers Program



Gallery Photos

The actual state of the school facilities



● View of a classroom



● The actual toilet

Volunteers in Action



Work done so far,



- Blocks raised up for a canteen to contain 200 kids at the same time



- The hole dug for 3 toilets

Education, Leadership training, Reflection

- Leadership training



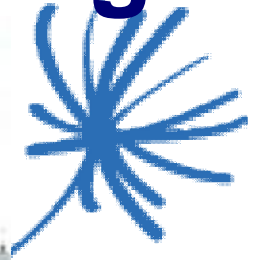
- Education



- Reflection

Cultural Exchange, Sightseeing

- Cultural night



- Visit Basilica



- Football game



- Sightseeing on Blanfla mount

Conference

- View of the audience




- Volunteers receiving their certificate

- Speakers at the conference



Thank you very much for all the support you provided to start the community of Peace in the locality of Blanfla. Your contribution was appreciated and very useful and helpful for the work. The community of Blanfla specially the kids are so grateful to you for addressing their needs

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Your support is still needed to make a difference in people's life

- You can donate to buy materials
- Collect and ship school supplies to the kids of the school
- Recruit volunteers for the next GPM
- Buy tools
- Promote the project
- Get sponsors



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