

Engineering Peace: PCVs Build Understanding through Photos
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Peace Corps Volunteers enjoy a unique opportunity to cultivate understanding across all cultures. As a result, Serve for Peace, an online photo journal that seeks to emphasize the beauty and diversity of Muslim countries in which Peace Corps volunteers serve, was founded in response to a previously published article by Caroline Brown entitled “Understanding Islam” in the 2010 Worldview winter issue. In the article, Ms. Brown challenges the Peace Corps community to do more to bridge the gap in outside understanding and perception regarding the Islamic world. PCVs have a specific ability to bring detail and awareness through photos to an area of the world that is often incorrectly portrayed.

There is power in numbers. There is power in persistence. And there is power in collaboration. Please join me in this call to promote understanding by submitting photos of your work, experiences, and people that comprise your surroundings during your service to serveforpeace.tumblr.com.

Please help spread the word by sharing and linking this project with any others whom you feel would be interested in participating. All photos submitted will remain on serveforpeace.tumblr.com. If you have further questions or concerns regarding submissions, please direct your inquiries to Amanda Zeidan at pcserveforpeace@gmail.com

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Get Involved
General

- Pictures must be from a country where Peace Corps Volunteers have served (past or present).
- No picture showing a Peace Corps Volunteer will be eligible.

Format

Digital image (must be hi-res from 5 megapixel camera or better).

Quality

- Images must be clean, in-focus and have realistic color.

Documentation

- In an e-mail please provide: First name, Last name, country, years of service and a brief caption capturing a detail of the photo.
- *Please note all submissions require a release form (see: serveforpeace.tumblr.com/submit)

- If you submit digital photos, send the photos to Amanda Zeidan at pcserveforpeace@gmail.com subject: Serve for Peace; or, simply post to: serveforpeace.tumblr.com.

For a link to the article "Understanding Islam", please see: http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/06/ADVOCACY_brown.pdf