

PC Why?

It's been many years since those idealistic days of the late 60's. I joined the Peace Corps because I didn't know what I wanted to do as a newly graduated Civil Engineer and the Peace Corps Ghana wanted me.

I've had 35+ years since my return to reflect on how those times in a new and foreign culture affected me. Basically, I've had a career in construction management with the only management training being the experience of dealing with those times overseas.

I have vivid memories of travel, neighbors, fellow PCVs, associates and the overall lasting impression of the simple, poor and most gracious people throughout the country we served in. Sure, we were just poor "hippies", working for next to nothing by our standards, but they were truly poor, many living on less than a \$1 a day. We were warmly welcomed wherever we went and shared many good times with the Ghanaians.

I'm most thankful for those times, which have had a permanent influence on my life.