



# Give & Receive

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## Zanzibar, Africa:

Located on the East coast of Africa. Zanzibar is part of Tanzania. Zanzibar is home to approximately 403,658 people. Surrounded by beautiful blue waters of the Indian Ocean.

Zanzibar is known for their spices, including cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg. Spices and tourism are two primary sources of income for the country.

Swahili is the primary language spoken. 99% of the population is Muslim.



## Project Information:

During my special study in Africa I worked on two main projects, building schools out of plastic bottles and teaching English to local children.

## Global Field Agency:

**GIVE:** Give's mission is to inspire growth, empower global citizens, and ignite sustainable change worldwide.

Volunteers through GIVE are encouraged to reflect on life in developing countries, as well as in our own lives. Volunteers are immersed in community activities including, working along side of fundies, learning Swahili from local teenagers, and teaching English to children and adults in the community.

## Career Connections:

Working with GIVE volunteers and locals in Kairo provided an incredible learning experience for me as an individual, social worker, and community organizer. This special study improved my leadership skills as well as knowledge around sustainable development which I believe will be greatly beneficial when working as a community organizer in the United States and throughout the world.

## Skills Utilized:

- Leadership with volunteers, community members and stakeholders.
- Communication with children in the classroom, fundies on the work site, and variety of volunteers
- Cultural humility around African traditions, Muslim culture, as well as Australian, Chinese, and Greek

## Connections:

- SW 648: Issues in Global Social Work Practice  
This course emphasized the importance of learning about local culture and traditions before entering a new community. Learning about the community in advance prepared me to be culturally sensitive around differences between gender, class, and religion.
- SW650: Community Development  
This course prepared me to be observant and ask questions about how GIVE as an organization was developed, their values, and how they promote sustainable outcomes.

## Lessons Learned:

- Community first: Ask, Listen, and Learn
- Together we can accomplish so much more
- Be aware of our "footprint" and "handprint"



## Outcomes:

During this trip our group of volunteers was able to nearly finish building the first school in Kairo, Kiwengwa. There will be enough room for a primary and secondary school, library, bathrooms, and office space for teachers. The school will also be handicap accessible.

## Advice:

- Travel to somewhere you have never been
- Read and learn about the new community
- Enter with an open mind and willingness to make mistakes
- Keep a journal to look back and reflect on the experience

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