



Peace Corps Success Story HIV/AIDS



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Morocco 2011-2013

EDUCATION: B.A. in Interpersonal/Organizational Communication from the University of Central Florida
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NOTABLE PROJECTS: For the annual Ganoua Music Festival, which attracts thousands of tourist and locals each year to Essaouira, Morocco, James facilitated an HIV/AIDS Training of Trainers for volunteers who were willing to work the festival as AIDS educators. Their main goals were to get as many participants from the festival tested for HIV and also educate them about the science and preventions regarding STIs, HIV, and AIDS. The previous year volunteers tested about 700 people, this year they managed to test 1,400 Moroccans.

CAREER/SKILLS GAINED: Through James’s experience as a Rural Health Educator in the Peace Corps, his primary work was done in the sector of HIV/AIDS. He was elected AIDS Committee Chair for Peace Corps Morocco and was able to build and maintain relationships between the Committee and local and international HIV/AIDS NGOs; including ALCS, OPALS, UNAIDS, and Grassroots Soccer. “Having such experience is vital for the future of my career in HIV/AIDS education and advocacy”.

WHY DO PEACE CORPS: Volunteers get firsthand experience of a country’s customs and culture. The experience helps volunteers realize that though they might speak a different language or are born in different countries, they share more similarities than differences.



James facilitating an HIV/AIDS training of trainers



James (middle) directing volunteers at the Ganoua Music Festival

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