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Your audience may be interested to know that Global Volunteers has been sending teams of volunteers to two sites in China since April 1996. Volunteers teach conversational English to Chinese students, elementary to adult, in the communities of Xi'an (the starting point of the silk road) and Baoji. Both communities are located southwest of Beijing. The Sino-American Society in Xi'an and their president An Wei, have invited Global Volunteers to help local people provide the best education possible for their children and to create a solid foundation for mutual understanding between North Americans and the Chinese People. Service programs last between two and three weeks.

According to a recent volunteer, Kathy Skinner, from Nevada, Iowa, the "teachers" often learn more than their students. "I learned that the Chinese are very industrious and their quest for education is evident in everything from exams to TV sitcoms and billboards," she explained.

Volunteers pay a tax-deductible service program fee of \$1,995 that covers food, lodging, an experienced on-site team leader, project materials and travel within the communities. During free-time, volunteers can choose to visit many cultural and historical sites in the region, including one of the world's greatest archaeological treasures, the Army of Terra-Cotta Warriors.

Global Volunteers is an international private, nonprofit, nonsectarian development organization based in St. Paul, Minn. Each year Global Volunteers coordinates more than 125 teams of volunteers who work on development projects in 17 countries. Projects range from construction and health care assistance to the teaching of English and free-enterprise principles. No special experience is required.

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[REDACTED] former Minnesota state
legislator and practicing lawyer, co-founded [REDACTED] in 1984. Please call me at
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FACT SHEET

Global Volunteers is a nonprofit, nonsectarian international development organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Founded in 1984 by [REDACTED] Global Volunteers strives to wage peace throughout the world by helping to establish mutual understanding between people of diverse cultures.

Each year Global Volunteers coordinates more than 125 teams of North Americans who participate on short-term human and economic development projects. From all backgrounds, and of all ages, our volunteers become "servant-learners," working with and learning from people in 17 countries. Service-learning programs are led by Global Volunteers team leaders to China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Tanzania, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Jamaica, Poland, Ukraine, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and the southern United States. New programs in Ireland begin in March 1998. Another new program in Northern Ireland, United Kingdom, will begin in July 1998.

The work projects, which are determined by the host communities and directed by local leaders, include teaching conversational English, assisting with health care, building community facilities such as schools and community centers, painting and repairing homes, and assisting on natural resource projects.

Volunteers generously contribute their time and skills to these projects, paying all program-related costs. In return, they often discover that they receive much more than they give:

"Everyone I have met has become like a neighbor to me, only a few thousand miles down the road. And, like working with neighbors close by, we receive much more than we give: friendships, understanding, stories, rich memories and most important of all, a real growth in our own humanity."

-Ron Reimann, retired vice president of Burlington Northern Railroad

Global Volunteers offers unique travel destinations, such as rural Vietnam, the cloud forests of Costa Rica, and mountain villages in Poland. Team members gain several benefits:

- Immersion in the local community: language, culture and traditions
- First-hand experience of local living conditions and daily activities
- Insight of local hosts, consultants, community leaders and citizens
- Fully tax-deductible trip-related costs: air fare, food and lodging

Global Volunteers has been featured on CNN, the NBC Today Show, the NBC Nightly News, the ABC Home Show and the Travel Channel. Global Volunteers is listed in Arthur Frommer's New World of Travel, Volunteer Vacations, Smart Vacations, Time Out, Educational Travel Planner, Work/Study Abroad, and numerous other travel books. Feature stories and mentions of Global Volunteers have appeared in *Travel & Leisure*, *Travel Holiday*, *Caribbean Travel & Life*, *Destination Vietnam*, *Woman's Day*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Newsday*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Boston Sunday Globe*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Modern Maturity* magazine, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Noted travel expert Arthur Frommer hailed Global Volunteers as "one of the most exciting alternative travel options in America today." NBC Travel Editor and syndicated travel columnist Peter Greenberg calls Global Volunteers "one of my favorites."

<http://www.globalvolunteers.org>

