

# IVS NEWS

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met in the Rayburn Room, IVS/Washington on June 6, 1973. Attending were: James Grant, Richard Holbrooke, Lewis Hoskins, John Mellor and William Snyder as well as Richard Peters and nine IVS staff members.

Dr. Mellor, Chairman of the Program Committee, said that the most important issue at hand was that of increasing the technical competence of IVS volunteers. Lew Hoskins, although concurring that IVS must send more skilled volunteers overseas, said that this also could effectively eliminate from IVS inexperienced college people with a sincere desire to serve abroad. Dr. Mellor suggested that we (IVS) could recruit good people who do not have extensive technical competence in an area and then train them.

It was pointed out that IVS is already recruiting volunteers with technical skills and that more and more host governments and institutions were carefully scrutinizing degrees and experience of candidate volunteers. They want well qualified people in specific areas—volunteers with an ability to put their skills to use; they tend not to be satisfied with a 3-week training program. However, Dorothy Young stated that the majority of IVS volunteers are teachers, and that most of them do not need more than a B.A. or B.S.

As far as determining the level at which the volunteer would work, Dr. Mellor said that by putting volunteers in middle level positions, risks an unconscionable arrogance by not having that volunteer placed at a lower level of operation in that country to gain experience. Dorothy Young pointed out that many countries do not want foreign technicians to work at low-level positions, if it means working in the villages. An example of this is Tanzania, which does not want expatriates working in ujamaa villages.

The same could also be said of Algeria. The reason is not necessarily that they have adequate local personnel at the local level; it is the fact that they don't want expatriates at what is called the "grass-roots" level.

Next, regarding programs in new countries, Dr. Mellor felt that it would be advantageous in going to a new country in order to be able to say that IVS has experience in certain skill areas. The country may not be interested in the program areas where we have been working, however, IVS should express a desire to move toward areas of specialization without being too narrowly restricted. Dorothy Young stated that, in talking with government officials, it is apparent that their governing interest is in volunteers with skills in areas in which we have little or no experience, such as accounting, small business management, water engineers and health. It was agreed that IVS should try to concentrate on countries where there is an opportunity to work with the particularly low income segments of the population and in countries where this segment of the population is able to participate in the socio-economic-political processes. Further, IVS prefers that volunteers be engaged in programs which, either directly or indirectly, encourage the increased participation of the lower income segments of the population in these processes.

IVS recognizes that these countries are likely to be difficult for us to work in. However, we should make an effort to overcome this obstacle and not content ourselves with programs in countries which are much more receptive to IVS.

More time needs to be spent in discussion of IVS program objectives. Only a couple of people have written their thoughts about this from the field. We hope that volunteers and staff will share their ideas and comments with us in order to help enrich the discussion.

## PROGRAM EXPLORATION IN...

### ASIA

Although there are a substantial number of volunteers already in Nepal, there remain a number of undone tasks where volunteers with better-than-the generalist backgrounds can make a contribution. One thing to be cautious of, however, is that projects which involve large material input and movement are very frustrating because of the difficult terrain and scheduling problems.

While findings indicate that IVS should examine carefully any potential projects, IVS has been advised and even urged to include Nepal on any Asian Program exploration trip by most people contacted.

Nepal would be the starting point of such an excursion. Following are some of the suggested potential projects.

- 1) Education-- Literacy in Nepal is 10%. Bank sources indicate that a TEFL program would be valuable.
- 2) Health-- There are only 300 doctors in the Kathmandu Valley. Any effort in the para medical field would be useful. The Government is not enthusiastic about family planning, but there are local population problems.
- 3) Transportation-- There is a UN and WFP road and jeep track improvement project which has major logistics problems. The Bank and Swiss and German bilateral programs are paying attention to pedestrian-type suspension bridges which permit communities to be less isolated during the monsoon season.
- 4) Tourism-- Tourism is a major foreign exchange earner. Volunteers would work directly with the Department of Tourism on promotional material and graphics.
- 5) Rural Development-- Because of Nepal's situation of being divided up into three lateral zones (high Himalayas, the hills and the Tarai) the Government is interested in a Growth Corridor program in 4 areas (East, West, Pokara and Kathmandu) which would connect these 3 lateral zones by a

north-south running system of roads and trails

---Agricultural credit and Cooperatives---  
The previous credit system was not satisfactory. A new plan, based on a 1972 study by the Nepal Central Bank proposes that the Agricultural Development Bank assume some managerial and supervisory role over credit administered through reorganized village credit cooperative organizations. Bank group officials are willing to raise the question of IVS' cooperation in this field. Potential IVS roles would be bookkeeping, records systems and extension work associated with production credit.



OUT OF OUR PAST -- Then Executive Director Dr. Russell Stevensen observed IVS Laos' Chief-of-Party Bob Zigler tighten a coupling in a well-drilling project in north Laos, approximately 1961. (Reader's contributions of present and historic IVS photos will be appreciated.)

## ON-GOING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT IN...

### LAOS

Nine volunteers will be leaving for Laos this summer, hopefully before July 15.

Prior to departure, the volunteers will spend a week to ten days in orientation here in Washington.

In-country orientation is based primarily on language study. According to Jim Linn IVS/Laos, surveys are being conducted of villages nearby Vientiane to determine the feasibility of sending the new people out to live in villages and undergo a "total immersion" language course. This plan would provide a social and cultural orientation as well as language instruction. If these details are arranged, this approach would be offered as an option to the new volunteers--no one would be forced to spend 6-8 weeks living in a village. Even as an option, Linn expects that the new people will choose to stay in the village at least during the week, returning to Vientiane on the weekend for a movie and some familiar faces.

For those not choosing the village experience, the usual language course will be conducted in Vientiane, about six hours a day using the team's own materials and an excellent teacher, Khamnyou. In addition to language study, the first two months in-country will include opportunities for field visits with volunteers doing similar work, visits to local ministries and institutions, an orientation to the Royal Laos Government (RLG) presented by the Ministry of Plan, as well as other activities.

### BANGLADESH

IVS/Washington was host to eight new volunteers last week (June 24) who will be leaving for New Delhi and Dacca June 30. The orientation here included meetings with Ted Owens and John Brudick (AID), Ferris Owen (Cooperative League of the USA), Mr. Farruk (World Bank), Dr. David Franch (Social Worker), and the

IVS staff.

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Mr. Marvin Bordelon, IVS Board member, and his wife left on June 30 for a trip around the world, stopping for 3 days in Bangladesh for a visit with IVS personnel.

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Mr. Jim Gingerich, formerly with IVS/W as a Recruitment and Program Officer for Bangladesh, will join the IVS/Bangladesh staff as an assistant, sometime in mid-July.

Right now, Jim is on vacation at his father's farm.

### ALGERIA

An experiment is now being conducted with four new volunteers who will join the TEFL team in Algeria next month.

Tunis, Algeria, will be the site of a basic intensive course in the Arabic language. The four volunteers, Mike Hood, Robert Carvutto, Charlie Routt and Larry Setren, will participate in this six week course (July 12-August 6); hopefully, the results will be: a proficiency in Arabic, a smoother in-country orientation for the volunteers, and better results in TEFL teaching.

If this course is successful, then it will be instituted as a formal part of the TEFL orientation program on a yearly basis.

## VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT REQUESTS IN...

### LATIN AMERICA

#### Colombia

##### Accion Cultural Popular-- ACPO (A Catholic Campesino Leadership and Radiophonics Organization)

An agreement to recruit a married couple to train leaders in the men's and women's campesino institutes in Sutatenza, has been signed with ACPO. The couple will also be responsible for the administration and maintenance of ACPO buildings there and will be expected to organize and lead recreational, social and cultural activities for the Community. Counterpart support includes salary (\$100.00 per person per month), housing in Sutatenza and local transportation.

Volunteers: 2  
Placement: Immediately  
Cost: \$3,750 per annum per volunteer  
(p/v) (\$7,500)

##### El Minuto de Dios (A private religious-oriented social development Corporation on the outskirts of Bogata)

One rural sociologist/agronomist is needed to help facilitate and promote the recent spontaneous colonization of Catatumbo. Work will include agriculture extension assistance, community promotion, improvement of lodgings, roads, schools, etc. All in-country expenses will be paid by El Minuto including a local salary (\$150.00 per month), and inexpensive room and board accommodations while living in El Minuto.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: Immediately  
Cost: \$3,750.00

##### Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar-- ICBF (Colombian Family Welfare Institute)

ICBF has expressed an interest in four community development volunteers from Third World Countries to work in maternal/child programs scattered throughout the country. Counterpart funds have already been set aside for

these volunteers, pending approval from the Board of Directors.

Volunteers: 4  
Placement: End of 1973  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$15,000)

#### Ecuador

##### Municipalidad de Quito

Requested are two health technicians (a married couple is preferred) to work as a mobile medical team in the environs of Quito. The municipality will pay all in-country job support expenses.

Volunteers: 2  
Placement: Within six months to one year--  
(dependent on Mayor's final financial approval)  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$7,500)

##### Instituto Ecuatoriano de Credito Educativo-- IECE (Ecuadorian Educational Credit Institute)

One educational credit expert knowledgeable of international scholarship/fellowship funding to advise and supervise the implementation of educational grant monies and to train nationals in these areas.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: Immediately  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$7,500)

##### University of Cuenca

They are in urgent need and have requested two professors for the new faculty of Social Work. They will pay all in-country expenses including a counterpart salary of \$380.00 per month.

Volunteers: 2  
Placement: Immediately  
Cost: \$3,750.00 p/v/ (\$7,500)

Constructores, Ingenieros, Arquitectos  
Cooperados—CIAEO  
(Construction, Engineering and Architectural  
Cooperative of Cuenca)

This cooperative furniture factory (all employees are part owners) is requesting one industrial engineer to streamline production.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: End of year  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$3,750)

Centro de Ejecutivos de Guayaquil  
(Guayaquil School of Executive Training)

They have expressed an interest in one volunteer to: 1) give seminars in industrial organization and administration 2) organize training programs for high-level executives, and 3) advise local industries.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: Within six months  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$3,750)

Honduras

Federacion Hondurano de Cooperativas de Ahorro y Credito—FACACH  
(Honduran Federation of Savings and Loan Cooperatives)

- A volunteer has been requested to undertake:
- A.) A study to determine the following:
- Financial necessities for the Coop movement in Honduras
  - Capacity to generate capital for the Coop movement
  - Economic alternatives for the Coop movement
- B.) To prepare a budget for the entire Coop movement in Honduras.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: Within six months  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$3,750)

SANAA  
(National Water Works of Honduras)

One water engineer to revamp and assist in the maintenance of Tegucigalpa's water

supply and distribution systems. They will pay all in-country costs, including a salary of \$500.00 per month.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: As soon as possible (the request is all the more urgent because of the severe drought conditions that prevail throughout Honduras.)  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$3,750)

School of Social Work

The School of Social Work has been allocated money by the University of Honduras (under whose jurisdiction the School now falls) for the employment of foreign teachers. Using these monies, which will be available after July, 1973, they have requested one teacher/trainer of Social Workers.

Volunteers: 1  
Placement: End of 1973  
Cost: \$3,750 p/v (\$3,750)

NEW VOLUNTEERS IN...

MADAGASCAR

Roger Page—Roger will work as a volunteer technician on a rural supply project in the Malagasy Republic under the joint direction of CRS/CWS. His departure for Madagascar is scheduled for the first week in July.

A native of Washington, D.C., Roger majored in Civil Engineering at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania. He also has a good background in water resources, hydrology and French.

LAOS

Nancy Solomon—Nancy will be working in Laos for two years as a TEFL instructor on the Laos Education Team. She has an extensive background in teaching English, including working as a volunteer English tutor at the English center at Kathmandu, Nepal.

Roger Nottingham—Roger will also join the Education Team as a TEFL instructor. He has had 3 months training in the Korean

language in cross-cultural studies, as well as having traveled to several countries, including Thailand, Korea and Malaysia.

Oliver Freehauf--Oliver is to join the Education Team as a Pedagogy teacher. His educational background was focused on education, History and Social Studies.

Jean Eng--A Nutritionist, Jean is to fill a position that has not been filled before in Laos. She has been a dietetic practitioner at the University Hospitals of Wisconsin and an intern in Scientific Research for the Environmental Defense Fund.

Diane Castleberry--Diane will leave for Laos in October of this year. She will also join the team as an English teacher, for a period of two years. A major in Journalism, she received training in TEFL at the University of Hawaii and has had previous TEFL experience in South Korea.

Christopher Atkinson--Chris will be joining the TEFL team in Laos. From Bath, England, he has already served for two years as a volunteer in Laos with V.S.O. He is joining the IVS/Laos team to continue his stay and teaching.

Paul and Janis Eyre--Paul will be working as a TEFL teacher with IVS, and his wife, Janis, will be joining him also, as a teacher who will probably conduct private English lessons. Paul's teaching background includes: conversation, reading and writing taught to foreign students, and developing his own curriculum for an English teaching class he taught to Japanese students.

#### IVS/WASHINGTON

IVS/W will be going to Harpers Ferry July 5-11. The purpose of the trip will be for an orientation session for our 7 volunteers who will be leaving for Laos next month.

Aside from the IVS/W staff, the speakers at the Laos orientation will be:  
Jerry Nell--Ex-IVS/Laos volunteer who is now with USAID in Laos.

Chris Jenkins--Ex-IVS/Vietnam volunteer now with the Indo-China Resource Center. He will

speak on the Political situation in Laos and Southeast Asia in general.

Dr. & Mrs. Ingersoll: Experts on Southeast Asia--He is a professor at Catholic University. They will speak mainly about the culture of Laos--there will be volunteer participation along with ex-volunteers from Laos in a role playing session.

The Laos Embassy is arranging to have someone come out and speak about Laos, the country and the people and possibly show a film.

Three IVS alumni (Jim Malia, Linda Durnbaugh and Jim Yoder) will be on hand during the week to answer questions that the volunteers will have. They will also speak about the education system in Laos.

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#### ATTN: ALUMNI

The IVS News will be sent to all alumni beginning with this issue in an attempt to keep you more informed on the continuing kinds of changes that occur in the Washington office and in the field. It seems that besides the Reporter, there is very little correspondence with you that isn't a direct request for assistance of one sort or another. We would appreciate hearing from you about this.

The Reporter: many things about the Reporter dissatisfy the alumni, including the infrequency of the issues. We would like to see the Reporter reflect the interests of the alumni and others associated with IVS. It seems best that it not only reflect the views and interpretations of IVS/W staff, but also those of the alumni, volunteers, and all the many others connected with IVS.

In order to get back on a regular schedule, we are skipping the Summer issue and are now requesting input from you on what you would like to see in the Fall Reporter. I would greatly appreciate articles on subjects within the field of interests of IVS'ers. We would also like to make the Reporter (at the suggestion of Bob Lovan, Billie Lee Langley and many others) an instrument to allow communication between the Alumni.

If there are regional gatherings being planned the Reporter should be the ideal place to publicize them. Also, more use should be made of the Reporter as a vehicle to let people know about job opportunities; so many of you are in a position to be aware of these openings, it would be a great help if you could make us aware of them, too.

These are ideas taken from the comments made by alumni and staff and from the previous issues of the Reporter. If these seem unworkable to you or incomplete--please share your ideas. Because of the length of time involved with printers and in securing rights to articles, the sooner you are able to respond.....the better!!

Mickie Bachschmid  
Office of Alumni Support

I come to England poor and broke.  
Go on dole, see Labor bloke.  
Fill in forms. Have lots of Chatters.  
Kind man give me lots of akkers.  
I thank him much and then he say....  
"Come next week and get more pay.  
You come here we make you wealthy.  
Doctor too make you healthy."  
All get settled down, fine  
big house in busy town.  
Fourteen families living up.  
Fourteen families living down.  
All are paying nice big rent.  
Cash rolls in. Not much spent.  
Soon I send for Wife and kids--  
They won't have to live in digs.  
We think England damn good place  
too damn good for white man's race.  
If he not like the colored man  
Plenty of room in Pakistan.

Submitted by Winburn Thomas IVS/Bangladesh

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Keep on the lookout for "Young's Kitchen" in future News issues. Young Chang Lai, IVS/W Bangladesh Program Officer has agreed to submit one recepe every month for your enjoyment. The ingredients will be easy-to-find and easy-to-cook, for the benefit of our volunteers overseas. Enjoy!!!

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a reminder: so far, ivs has received two contributions for the publication of this newsletter. hopefully, this is the beginning of an overwhelming response!!! remember: OVERSEAS: \$5.50 per copy peryear  
UNDERSEAS: \$3.75 per copy per year

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a july thought--

EXPERIENCE  
is not  
what happens to a man;  
it is  
what a man does  
with what happens to him

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