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Dear Virginia Burke, My experience of the impact of serving in the Peace Corps from 1961 until 1963 in Ghana, West Africa was extremely positive. In serving my country in PC as a mathematics teacher at a high school, I felt that I helped develop the public secondary school education for Ghana. When Great Britain controlled the country, there are about 7 private secondary schools. When we came in 1961, the new President, who helped remove Britain in 1957, had started about 20 new GET (Government Educational Trust) secondary schools in 1960. These schools needed teachers. It seems true that Peace Corps by supplying teachers helped to establish the public secondary school system that was located in cities as well as extremely remote areas of Ghana. This was an invaluable contribution to Ghana.

Personally I learned about an African country and its people and feel like I became a citizen of the world. On returning home, I taught mathematics in high school. Then I continued my education to include a M.A. and Ph.D. Then I taught at American colleges and universities for decades where my Peace Corps experiences enhanced my teaching. Authoring two books, I retired from teaching at 74, but continue to write. In addition, I have been an progressive activist before I joined the PC until today.

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