

Crossroads program had students in 16 countries

If you're tired of putting in the same old summer vacation year after year; or if, in fact, you would like to get into a complete change of scenery for an even longer period (up to two years!), then this article might be of interest to you.

These are some of the international (as well as a couple of excellent national) programs available to the students at UNB. All of the following are viable organizations which have proven their worth in the past.

I hope that this consolidation of

information making it more easily accessible to you will result in a good number of applicants for each of the programs. Read on and see what most of you have been missing.

Any further information on ANY of the programs can be had by calling Pat Flanagan at 455-8424 or by dropping into the SRC Business offices, Room 126 SUB. I'd like to thank Dan Gleason (CUSO), Dan Fenety (Frontier College) and Maria Wawer (WUSC) for their respective articles.

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In 1973, Crossroads had a program of 53 Anglophone and 25 Francophone Crossroaders who participated in projects in 16 third world countries - Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Niger, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Dahomey, Nigeria, Upper Volta, Togo, Zambia, Ethiopia, Lesotho, India and the Philippines.

I spent my summer in Ethiopia, more specifically in Addis Ababa and at a YMCA camp teaching swimming and helping with recreation programs. I plan to show my slides and to speak about my impressions of Ethiopia and its peoples sometime in the second week of November at the SUB.

This year Crossroads expects to select 50 Anglophone Crossroaders up to three from UNB. In spite of "women's lib," we still get more projects where men are needed than women, although women candidates outnumber the men. Both are encouraged to apply.

Application forms can be obtained from myself, Pat Flanagan, in the SRC Business office, Room 126, SUB from Monday, October 29. Applications will close Nov. 15.

Canadian Crossroads International, a private voluntary organization, fosters international co-operation and intercultural understanding by offering Canadians and Third World people the opportunity to participate in development projects overseas and in Canada for 3 to 10 months.

Work assignments in the host country respond to needs of the local community but serve a more important function as the focus for a cross-cultural learning experience for the Crossroads volunteer.

Participants must be 19 years and over. Candidates applying for overseas placements must have Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status. Volunteers are chosen on the basis of their emotional maturity, social awareness, adaptability, range of interests and past experiences, motivation and understanding of the aims and philosophy of Cross

roads. In addition to completing application forms, obtaining references and having a personal interview by a local Crossroads selection committee, potential Crossroaders must have a medical examination and attend a regional selection weekend.

Local selection for the 1974 programme takes place in the fall and is completed by December, 1973. Final selection occurs in January.

Participants are expected to raise a portion of the total cost. This is set at \$500. Crossroaders are also responsible for other costs including the medical examination, the required inoculations, passport, and travel to and from the point of departure in Canada. Expenses from the time of arrival at orientation are the responsibility of Crossroads. This includes transportation to the project and back to the point of departure by the most direct route, lodging, meals and a limited amount of travel within the host country. No salary is provided. All personal expenses are the responsibility of the participant.

Crossroads is made possible by contributions from "Miles for Millions" walkers, private donors, churches, service clubs, Canadian

International Development Agency, and Crossroaders' fees. In addition, board and committee members, regional selection chairmen, alumni and friends from community universities and colleges across Canada, and overseas project contracts devote countless

hours to Crossroads' unique person-to-person program.

The Crossroads programs attempt: - to enable Canadians to gain an understanding of development in historical and social contexts; - to involve Canadians in activities that relate Canada to the Third World; - to stimulate greater mobilization of public support for international development within the Western World through public education at the community level; - to encourage a reallocation of the world resources to the greater benefit of the developing countries.

Crossroaders are chosen through a national selection process for placement in projects at the community level with people of the Third World. The planning and implementation stages of CCI programs are followed by an extensive evaluation process which evaluates and monitors projects and participants' perfor-

mance so as to increase program effectiveness and adapt future projects to meet the changing needs in Canada and the Third World.

Upon their return from a Crossroads project, Crossroaders commit 200 hours of their time over a two year period in support of CCI and related development activities in their communities. They are asked to organize themselves in community groups: - to promote links between Canada and Third World countries; - to develop a greater sensitivity on the part of Canadians to development issues; - to involve more people from the community in development activities in Canada; - to develop active support and involvement at the community level in CCI operations; - to identify and utilize other human resources in their community that will contribute to, and gain from an involvement in group and community activities.

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