

## GLOBAL CITIZENS JOURNEY: FACT SHEET

*"The best way to predict the future is to create it." --Peter Drucker*

### **What is Global Citizens Journey?**

Global Citizens Journey (GCJ) is a 501(c)3 non-profit profit that offers U.S. delegates an opportunity to share, work and communicate with our global neighbors. In partnership with local hosts across the globe, GCJ develops journeys designed to foster cultural understanding and lifelong bonds of peace and friendship. The experience is designed to create grassroots connections – among individuals, communities and organizations – that will continue after the journey and become sustainable networks of global neighborhoods. Whether you are a delegate, a volunteer or a financial contributor, you can be a part of the communities we build.

### **Where do GCJ delegates travel to?**

**Oporoza, Niger Delta (2005)** – The first group of delegates journeyed to Oporoza, Nigeria, a small Niger Delta village, to build the first library in the region in partnership with Niger Delta Professionals for Development (NIDPRODEV), an NGO that has helped bring peace to this challenged, oil-rich area. Collectively, the delegates built the first library in the region and participated in workshops promoting cross-cultural understanding, compassionate listening, conflict resolution and leadership skills.

**Axim, Ghana (2006)**– A second group of delegates journeyed to the town of Axim, Ghana to build and orphanage and community center, in partnership with Western Heritage Home. Delegates were able to share technical skills and professional expertise, along with participating in workshops promoting cross-cultural understanding, compassionate listening, conflict resolution, gender dialogue and HIV/AIDs understanding.

**Bujumbura, Burundi (Upcoming Journey in 2009)** -- GCJ will partner with host organization Youth in Construction in a World of Destruction (JRMD/YRWD) to bring clean water to the residents of the Carama district of Bujumbura, as well as promoting cross-cultural understanding, healing, and conflict resolution.

### **How can I get involved?**

- **Become a Delegate.** Delegates take the life-changing journey to our global neighbors.
- **Become a Volunteer.** Volunteers provide the logistical assistance here in the U.S. to make the journeys abroad possible.
- **Become a Sponsor.** Sponsor a delegate or a project to help underwrite major costs and provide organizational support.
- **Become a Friend.** Friends support GCJ by donating, reading our newsletter and spreading the word to the community.

### **How can I get more information?**

Please visit [globalcitizenjourney.org](http://globalcitizenjourney.org) for additional information about Global Citizens Journey.  
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