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After graduating, I knew I wanted to go abroad. I researched programs in South America, Africa, and Asia and talked with volunteers from a variety of programs. In the end what set WorldTeach apart was the in-country support. I was worried about the isolation and health concerns associated with going abroad. But all the WorldTeach volunteers I spoke with felt safe and supported throughout their stay.

Volunteering abroad is hard. You're surrounded by strangers, eating unfamiliar food, and trying to be as useful as possible all without the comforts and amenities of home. In the midst of all this change, it is so critical to have a strong support system. WorldTeach was that support system for me. Before I left, they sent me country guides, packing lists, and testimonials. They answered to all of my questions quickly and thoroughly. And they even responded to all my mother's frantic phone calls and emails. While in country, I had constant communication with my field director, and I feel confident that if there had been an emergency, I would have been well taken care of.

One of the best parts of my WorldTeach program was the freedom to travel around the area. During my breaks, I visited Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Bali. Best of all I was able to travel with the other volunteers on my program. We've formed lasting friendships that have extended long beyond our time in Bangladesh.