



Our August Zoom reunion featured five classmates, all ex- Peace Corps Volunteers who spoke of their service in assorted countries.



**Beryl Kende** was assigned to a small town in the interior of Brazil. The program was called School Lunch/Community Organization.



**Karen Rothmyer** taught at a secondary school in Kenya, where she started a school newspaper. That led to a career that ranged from reporting at the *Wall Street Journal* to serving as managing editor of *The Nation* magazine.



**Margaret Fearey** served in Turkey. She was in Izmir (TB lab work), Ankara and Erzurum (teaching Chaucer and ESL). *Read More* about her adventures and reflections



**Cathy Hammond** served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia.



**Jane Adair** taught English as a Second Language (ESL) as a member of the Peace Corps in Iran 1965-1967. She spent her first year in Tehran at a newly formed Women's College, the second year in several small towns.

Each served just after graduation. In commenting on their motivation for signing up for the Peace Corps, they noted the idealism of young people at the time.

They were in agreement that the U.S. training prior to going to their assignments in another country was very rigorous and resulted in washing out a number of other candidates.

In some cases, their assignments had to be modified after starting in the country where they were serving. But their resourcefulness allowed them to adjust and have a successful time of overseas service.

Each agreed that the experience had a lasting and positive effect on their lives after serving.

Jane said, "it was an extraordinary experience which changed my life, gaining perspective on education, poverty, women rights, happiness."