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*1. Where did you go?*

I visited **Kenya**, specifically Nairobi and West Pokot, which is home to a tribal group along the Ugandan border.

*2. What organisation did you go with?*

The organisation that supported me on my journey was Trinity Baptist Church.

<http://trinitybaptistkenya.org/>

*3. What did you do?*

**I taught PE, Geography and held assemblies** for a school known as Kasei Boys High School, in Pokot. I did this for just over a week.

*4. What was the highlight of your trip?*

The highlight of the trip was **an outing through the Pokot jungle**, scrambling up a river ravine with some of the student teaching students as we travelled.

*5. What did you learn/gain from working/studying/volunteering overseas?*

I learnt a lot about the situations that many find themselves in abroad and gained **a real understanding of the Kenyan culture**. Particularly eye opening was the way that tribal groups and their societies contrast so evidently with Western perspectives.

*6. Has anything you learnt while away helped you in your subsequent studies?*

Yes the opening of myself to Kenyan views of colonialism definitely **changed my attitude towards post colonialism**.

*7. In what ways (if any) do you think your experience has boosted your employability?*

It gave me **valuable teaching experience** that has helped me in my PGCE applications.

*8. Are there any downsides to working/studying/volunteering overseas?*

**It can be scary** heading out to places where things don't quite happen as you expect.