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## DESCRIPTION OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

**Peace Corps Volunteer: Kyle C. Morgan**

**Country of Service: Ukraine**

**Dates of Service: June 2000 – January 2001**

**Environmental Program Group XVIII**

After a competitive application process stressing applicant's skills, adaptability, and cross-cultural understanding, Kyle C. Morgan was invited into Peace Corps service as a member of the Environmental program in the 18<sup>th</sup> group of Peace Corps Volunteers to serve Ukraine.

Mr. Morgan entered training on June 12, 2000 participating in an intensive twelve-week training program in Cherkassy, Ukraine. Language training included 200 hours of Russian, spoken and written; and 150 hours of technical training including sessions on strategic planning, grant writing, environmental education, networking, information exchange, and sustainable development. This technical training was supplemented by a two-week internship at Kaniv National Reserve, where he participated in a trail design and maintenance project. The training program also consisted of cross-cultural courses pertaining to Ukrainian history, economy, and political background. The cross-cultural program was further enhanced by placing Mr. Morgan with a Ukrainian host family for the duration of training to further enrich his knowledge and understanding through first-hand experience.

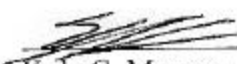
Mr. Morgan completed training and was sworn in as an official Peace Corps Volunteer on August 21, 2000. He accepted the assignment as a Protected Areas Manager at the Askania-Nova Biosphere Reserve, in the Kherson Oblast. The Reserve consists of a unique Zoological Park with a large area of semi-free animal enclosures, a man-made wetland for migratory birds, a botanical park, an area of preserved steppe, and various scientific facilities.

At the Reserve Mr. Morgan was assigned to the Department of Environmental Propaganda. During this time, he assisted in identification of local environmental problems, available local resources, and problem areas related to the operations of the Zoo and Reserved Areas. He also submitted plans for improvement of tourism activities including, organization, implementation, execution, and expansion. In addition, plans for self-sustaining income generating projects based upon local resources were also put forth. Other duties included; raising local awareness to environmental problems, organization of community events, participation in regional events, and teaching of English to other Reserve employees.

Secondary projects included the establishment of an English club at the local high school, involvement with the local Afghanistan veterans, and establishing access to the Internet for the reserve.

In addition, please note:

Pursuant to Section 5 (f) of the Peace Corps Act 22 U.S.C. 2504 (f), as amended, any former Volunteer employed by the United States Government following his/her Peace Corps service is entitled to have any period of satisfactory Peace Corps Volunteer service credited for purposes of retirement, seniority, reduction in force, leave or other privileges based on length of government service. Peace Corps service shall not be credited toward completion of a probationary or trial period or completion of any service requirement for career appointment.

  
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Kyle C. Morgan  
Peace Corps Volunteer

Jan 22, 2001  
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for Karl Beck  
Country Director

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