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Please welcome Jane Smith
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Greetings,

I've called quite a few different places "home" in my thirty or so years and can't wait to make ____ my newest home beginning in February. I was born in ____, grew up in ____, and went to ____ College in ____ where I swam, rowed crew, and completed a B.A. in ____ with a minor in ____.

Drawn to inner-city education and the tremendous public school disparities, I worked as a high school teacher in Chicago after college. Apparently not able to stay still very long, I then headed to Rwanda (East Africa) from 2003-2007, where I continued to teach high school biology to some of the most determined young adults I've ever met. I went on to work with Partners In Health, implementing HIV treatment programs, rebuilding rural clinics, and training community health workers.

Suffice it to say, my time in Rwanda was life-changing and forced me to contemplate a rather long road to a career change. Going back to medical school after several years in the "workplace" was a jolt to the system, but the University of Washington has been a perfect match with its mission of training doctors to work with underserved communities and a commitment to global health. I've lost count of the number of phenomenal and passionate faculty and community physicians who have been a part of my education so far. I had the opportunity to do my first "away" rotation in Wyoming last fall and felt my stress barometer plummet the moment I saw the mountains up close and felt the awesome sound of their silence.

When I do remember to take a break from school, I love spending time with family and friends, cooking together, running, swimming, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, and dog-sitting. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been invited to study in ____ for the next few months. I look forward to meeting the people of this community, to all that I will learn from you, to five months of fresh air and beautiful landscape, and to hopefully finding a way to make a meaningful contribution. Please don't hesitate to stop me and ask questions or make suggestions. Thank you in advance for your hospitality!

Jane Smith, E'09 Student, 1st year site: ____



Jane Smith with a group of children in a village near Moshi, Tanzania, next to Mt. Kilimanjaro

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