



Dear Fellow Volunteers,

My name is Jeramie Heflin, I am 23 years old and I am from McAllen, Texas, but am currently serving in Ukraine as a TEFL volunteer. I am writing to you today to ask for your support in my cause to make a difference. When I signed up to join the Peace Corps I knew I wanted to do something in the world to help in some way, but I didn't know at the time what that something was. On the Peace Corps' website, under the section titled, "What Does a Volunteer Do?" it states, "The type of work a Volunteer does is ultimately determined by the needs of a host country and the potential of a Volunteer to contribute to those needs and to the Peace Corps' mission." Now, after a year of commitment to my life here in Ukraine: teaching English, being a mentor and representing our great country, I have found a need. And that need is education.

The school where I currently work at in Konotop, Ukraine is in need of English textbooks. My school has 600 students and many of them do not have an English book that they can take home with them overnight to study with or to do their homework with. In addition, several of the older grade levels do not have textbooks whatsoever. This provides challenges for the students, especially when they will be expected to take a college entrance exam in English at the end of their high school education.

To solve this problem, I have written a grant through the United States Peace Corps, which can be found here:

<https://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=donate.contribute.projDetail&projdesc=343-259>. By clicking on this link, you can make a tax-deductible donation to help my school purchase up-to-date English textbooks. Any contribution that you can make will help. A new textbook is about \$15, so if you can commit to contributing enough money for one or two books I would be so thankful.

Below are some pictures of my students, as well as a map of where we are located in Ukraine.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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"But if the life will not be easy, it will be rich and satisfying. For every young American who participates in the Peace Corps—who works in a foreign land—will know that he or she is sharing in the great common task of bringing to man that decent way of life which is the foundation of freedom and a condition of peace."

John F. Kennedy, founder of the Peace Corps in 1961

Konotop, where  
we live in Ukraine!



5<sup>th</sup> graders at Konotop School Number 3



Painting the World Map Project...and Miss Jeramie's face



Elya, age 8



10th grade boys working in class