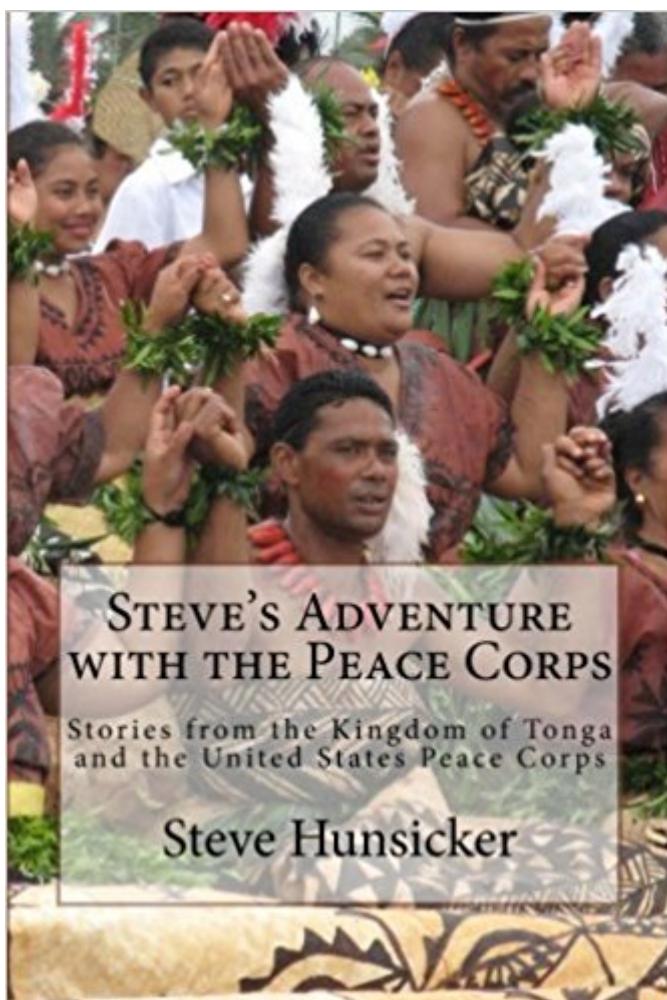


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# Steve's Adventure With The Peace Corps: Stories From The Kingdom Of Tonga And The United States Peace Corps



## **Synopsis**

After a 23 year career in TV News, Steve Hunsicker left the comforts of his Florida home, moved to the South Pacific and served for more than two years as Peace Corps Volunteer. As a volunteer, Steve helped more than 500 small business owners start or expand businesses in one on on settings and workshops. He created websites for four Tongan businesses; he tutored students on business topics at the University of the South Pacific and produced several videos including one for Peace Corps to explain Tonga to incoming volunteers. Steve is also the co-author of a travel book about Tonga published by Other Places Publishing. This chronological account of his adventures begins from the day he first decided to apply to Peace Corps until the day he finished his service. Through his stories the reader will gain a great insight into not only the Peace Corps but life in the South Pacific. Steve's story is a great read for anyone who has wanted to leave the world of corporate America for a simliar experience. The beginning of the book deals a lot with the process of applying to Peace Corps, but once Steve arrives in Tonga, the stories and numerous photos bring to life the people and the culture of the island Kingdom. This edition of the book was updated in December, 2012.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Steve Hunsicker is the South Florida recruiter for Peace Corps. Before being hired by Peace Corps, Steve was a business development volunteer in the Kingdom of Tonga. Before volunteering with the Peace Corps, Steve spent 23 years in Television News, including 15 years with Freedom Communications the company that owns WPEC CBS 12, in West Palm Beach. At WPEC, Steve

was the Executive News Director, responsible for eight hours of local news every day on WPEC and WFLX Fox 29. Prior to joining WPEC, he was the News Director at Freedomâ™s WTVCâ™s NewsChannel 9, the top rated station in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Steve began his TV career in Tallahassee, Florida and has also run TV News Departments in Gainesville, Florida, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and Honolulu, Hawaii. Steve enjoys volunteering with the United Way, SCUBA diving and talking with other people interested in Peace Corps service. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and lives in West Palm Beach.

I really enjoyed this well written book about a Peace Corps volunteer's experiences. I knew absolutely nothing about the Kingdom of Tonga or the Peace Corps prior to reading this book, came away with a good understanding of both and a desire to learn more. Steve kept me interested throughout the book, wanting to know what he would reveal next. This book would be great for anyone with a sense of adventure and desire to help. I bet you will be contacting a Peace Corps recruiter!

"Steve's Adventure with the Peace Corps" is the story of a man who left behind a lucrative, 23-year television career on a quest to "find something that would help people in a positive way." That quest led the author, Steve Hunsicker, to the Kingdom of Tonga, where he spent two years assisting the islanders with business development. The book provides both an entertaining, behind-the-scenes look at all aspects of Tongan culture, as well as a reality check for anyone contemplating a stint in the Peace Corps. As Hunsicker quickly finds out, "no matter how prepared you think you may be, it is unlikely that your Peace Corps service will be anything like you expect." Hunsicker's book is a poignant reminder that it's never too late to change one's path in life and achieve one's dreams.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I have been looking for books about the Peace Corps experience from volunteers who are a non traditional age. I enjoyed reading about Steve's experiences in Tonga as he moved through his days of service. Tonga looks like a beautiful country with an interesting culture.

Excellent read! I read this while in Tonga and I really enjoyed reading about similar experiences. Thank you for sharing your adventure with me.

Grest book. Very well done. Easy to read. Very humble and nice author. Written in an honest

fashion. Very interesting topic. Author wrote another book about Tonga that is also very well done.

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