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In this issue we hear from returned volunteer Douglas Hancock who reflects on the hidden benefits of volunteering. We feature some exciting new tourism-based VSA assignments in Bougainville and Vanuatu. And don't forget to check out our ever popular features: *Through the lens* and *Moving and shaking*.

Through the lens



Check out the story behind this photo sent in by Marianne Schumacher who volunteered with the Cambodian Disabled People's Organisation in Cambodia. [Click to reveal the full image ▶▶](#)

The hidden benefits of volunteering



Douglas Hancock was a VSA volunteer in Tanzania, who took a year out from his job with the Ministry of Justice in Wellington to work as a Legal and Rights Adviser in Moshi. Now back in his old job he reflects on how his assignment has affected both his professional and personal development. [Read the full article ▶](#)

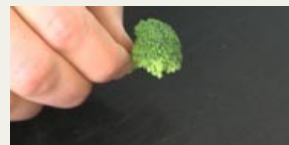
Speed interview



Nicholas Latty studied Law and Geography for five years at Otago University and then went on a UniVol assignment to Tanzania. Now he is one of the newest members of VSA's Communications and Fundraising team. [Read the interview ▶](#)

What's new on our website

Get the word out for VSA and live on \$2.25 a day for five days



With just under two weeks left, find out how you can live below the line and support VSA. [Read more ▶](#)

Moving and shaking



Check out who has returned to New Zealand over the past three months and the latest group of volunteers heading out on assignment.

[New volunteers ▶](#)

[Returned volunteers ▶](#)

Share your photos with the New Zealand public



We're looking for photographs from returned volunteers to put together an exhibition to celebrate VSA's 50th anniversary in 2012. It's a chance to share your photos with the New Zealand public with exhibitions planned in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. [Read more ▶](#)

Support Project Friendship



1 BLOGS FOR PROJECT FRIENDSHIP:

Three of VSA's UniVols are now blogging about their assignments in the run up to Project Friendship.

Mattie Geary Nichol is working in Vanuatu as a Youth Worker with Wan Smolbag.

Tom Murray is working in the Solomon Islands as an Environmental Management Assistant.

Catherine van Gessel is working Tanzania at the TEC Kindergarten as a Pre-school Programme Adviser.

2 NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

[Read the latest news](#) ▶

VSA is recruiting for tourism volunteers



We are currently recruiting for two exciting tourism assignments in Vanuatu and Bougainville.
[Find out more here](#) ▶

Buy your Project Friendship bracelets at participating Body Shop or Four Square stores during 15-21 August for just \$3.

Social media and VSA



VSA's social media presence is building momentum with 129 followers on Twitter and 203 likes on Facebook.
[Join our growing community](#) ▶

Supporters get behind sustainable tourism



Find out how your support continues to help send VSA volunteers on assignment.
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