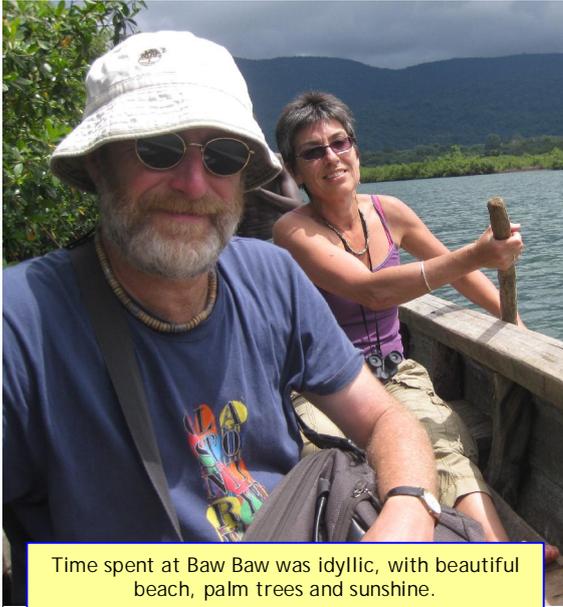


EXTRA-MILE VOLUNTEER, STEVE ATYEO'S EXPERIENCES IN GODERICH.



Time spent at Baw Baw was idyllic, with beautiful beach, palm trees and sunshine.



The apartment in Goderich was comfortable and clean and we were extremely well looked after by Haja and Hawa.



At school I was made to feel extremely welcome by the Principal who regarded my being there as 'a blessing'. All the colleagues at the school were welcoming and helpful. There was a special ceremony when I left with speeches songs and gifts! Very emotional.



I hope that I have been of some value. I know that my partner teacher took on board some of my teaching methods and had started to use them. The Principal was very grateful for me being there, for what I did and for the resources I left behind!



Goderich is poor and the people have very little in the way of personal possessions but they are very friendly and would frequently greet me with 'How are you?' as I walked down the road. The principal, staff and students at the school were extremely welcoming and helpful, but teaching in Sierra Leone is very different from the UK. There are virtually no resources, large classes and little physical separation between classes. It should also be noted that corporal punishment is frequently used, particularly by older teachers. Personally I found that volunteering in Sierra Leone was an eye-opening and rewarding experience that I will be looking forward to extending in the future.



Superb care. Couldn't have asked for more. Haja is an excellent guide who really knows her stuff and she became a good friend. Hawa was always on hand.



A very warm welcome from Haja, who helped us with the lost luggage problem and then guided us through the hassle of the airport and the ferry etc. Because of delays we arrived at apartment late in the evening to be warmly greeted by Hawa and Jackie. We were then cooked a meal!



Food was very good. A simple breakfast of bread and sometimes an omelette. Evening meal of a stew (usually containing fish) and rice.

Steve worked in the Agape Experimental High School in Goderich in October 2009.