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Operation Crossroads Africa, Building Bridges of Friendship with Africa in the Post-Colonial Africa

Black/African Americans have been disconnected from their African ancestry for centuries. This presentation examines how prominent an African American Minister, Dr. James H. Robinson, founded Operation Crossroads Africa, the organization President John F Kennedy modeled to start the US Peace Corps program. Operation Crossroads Africa Founded in 1958 continues to connect and build bridges between North America and Africa. Dr. Robinson's goal is to complement and help the new African nations build infrastructure and improve education. Over the years, OCA volunteers built water systems, healthcare centers, schools, orphanages and communities centers for villages throughout Africa. Our aim is to share the continuous impact of over ten thousand OCA volunteers who participated in various parts and projects in Africa since 1958, explore the benefits and the need for more students to join us as there is a much need today than ever.

Our volunteers live and work in the communities they serve for eight (8) weeks every summer. The richness of our programs is in the cross-cultural exchange, working together with African counterparts on what is important and needed in those villages and communities. At Operation Crossroads Africa, "you make a difference for others, see the difference in yourself."

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