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"There is not one thing I didn't enjoy. Just the whole package and the whole experience was amazing. I cannot put into words how much fun I have had. Good Times!" **Anna Sharman Fiji Hockey Coach May/June 2009**

"Quality! I loved getting to know the kids and will really miss most of them! It was a little stressful when left alone with kids who didn't understand much English (i.e. 5 year olds) but the teachers were really welcoming and helpful." **Carys Scholefield Fiji Teacher May/June 4 weeks 2009**

"The process felt accessible, and any advice/information given was helpful and friendly. The project was everything I wanted and more. I felt the project had a massive impact on the community and that the children benefited greatly. The trip to the village and staying with a Fijian family, to experience a true Fijian lifestyle is one I'll never forget!" **James Taylor Fiji Rugby Coach April/June 10 weeks 2009**

"Definitely meeting lots of people and just having a real good time. Obviously coaching netball was a great experience that I really enjoyed but living in a house and mixing with other venturer's is the best bit. I did have the most incredible time in the village too and would suggest that everyone should experience village life at least 1 time during their stay. The people are incredible and have very little but are just so happy." **Emily McNally Fiji Hockey Coach May/June 6 weeks 2009**

"I came to Fiji not knowing what to expect and I've had the best experience. I feel like I've experienced all aspects of Fiji and Fijian life and would definitely recommend it to anyone. I think the project in Fiji provides the right balance between coaching, experiencing Fiji life and getting to know the other venturer's. Definitely the best thing I could have done! The experience has definitely made me realise that I'm capable of doing something completely different with my life" **Helen Rowland Fiji Hockey/Swimming Coach Apr/Jun 6 weeks 2009**

"Just had the best 3 months of my life! Mainly due to the people but it has been amazing! I definitely have made the most of my experience, I have met the most amazing people and really experienced Fiji to its fullest!" **Sophie Haslam Fiji Netball Coach Mar/Jun 12 weeks 2009**

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"Loves every minute of it, best 10 weeks will definitely want to come back to Fiji. Really liked how we made local friends and got to experience the "real" Fiji – village life/grog. Loved coaching the kids – Drasa village visit was my favourite and I got to know all the kids there, loved how happy and excited they were to see us. Like the flexibility of my placement as well! **Joanna Rooney Fiji Netball Coach Feb/May 10 weeks 2009**

"Loved it all but I think it would benefit more from being more involved with villages, they gave us an experience of the real Fiji rather than just being in a city with those in the community who have the means to afford personal coaching. But really enjoyed my experience in Fiji, it has been amazing to be accepted into the culture and also to learn about it and the language. I think the people I met on the project made it what it was and the crew made it feel like a home. There wasn't a moment I thought I wanted to leave and it will be the best memory I have for a long time to come". **Emma Moralee Fiji Netball Coach/Teacher Feb-May 8 week then Fiji Island Safari adventure 3 weeks 2009**

"I can not rate the project highly enough. I have enjoyed all aspects of the coaching, getting the chance to work with children of all ages in both rugby and football. Overall I have had a great experience. In terms of coaching the project has allowed me to do something everyday which I enjoy, coaching rugby and football. Working with different group sizes and levels of skills has improved me as a coach. Getting the chance to train and coach the rugby teams in Nakavika and at Tomuka (Red Hill) were fantastic for me and I would like to get the opportunity to come back in the future. I have tried to help in all aspects of the project and get involved as much as possible. I hope that I have contributed to all the other venturer's experiences. I have tried to help some of the others with little or no coaching experience. You get out what you put in!" **Matt McCormack Fiji Rugby/Football Coach April/May 4 weeks 2009**

"Really enjoyed the project – one of the hardest and best things I've ever done – Sunshine Special School Musical Showcase was over 4 weeks. The rest of my time on the project was spent coming up with a school mission, vision and values. Making a school prospectus, designing a numeracy & literacy amendment to give the schools a guide to what levels they are at – enjoyed! Taught maths to class, really enjoyed getting to know them. Absolutely incredible – the chance to work with the kids & put on a concert with them has been amazing! Sunshine school has been great and all of the teachers extremely welcoming" **Maurice Speer Fiji Teacher Jun/July 6 weeks 2009**