

# PEACE CORPS CELEBRATION



## COLIN LARGE UKRAINE, NEMYRIV

I was a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Volunteer. I taught students from 5th to 11th grade and did teacher training for English teachers in the towns and villages near my town. There were many firsts in my Peace Corps experience: first time teaching and teacher training, first time living in another country, first time truly learning another language, and others. Even though it has been over a decade since I left, not a day goes by where I don't think about my time there and the people that I met.

As a result of the skills that I learned as a Peace Corps Volunteer, job applications for teaching positions have risen to the top of a stack - they made me more competitive. I got my first job out of graduate school and my first full-time teaching position due to Peace Corps skills. Even though I am no longer in the classroom, I still work with ESL faculty on a daily basis.



Colin in 2005 - Nemyriv Bazaar



Colin in 2015 - TESOL Convention