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The story of Eddie Bergman's exciting project in East Africa and details about the video, will follow on this page. It is an inspiration to young people from around the world who have an appreciation for Africa and the African people. Here is a brief biography of Mr. Bergman, who is a recent member of ATA.

Eddie Bergman is a junior at New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Travel Administration, whereas a NYU Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar he is pursuing his life long dream of studying hospitality and tourism management.

Eddie first became involved with community service at Northport High School through the Students for 60,000 (a high school community service club which provides direct aid to the needy both locally and internationally) where his passion for helping those less fortunate was kindled. Since Eddie's first trip to Nicaragua with the club he has developed and assisted with numerous community programs in Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, South Africa, Tanzania and the United States. As Co-Founder and Executive Director of Miracle Corners of the World Inc. a grassroots, not-for profit community development and revitalization organization, Eddie has spent considerable time both raising funds for MCW and related causes as well as making presentations to encourage others to participate in these efforts. In this connection he has organized numerous community development trips to Africa.

At age twelve Eddie founded DJ Spin Entertainment Corporation, a mobile Disc Jockey entertainment company growing the business to provide entertainment at over 200 events a year. Eddie has also interned in the field of hospitality and tourism in the United States, Mexico and South Africa and currently serves as President of the Pineapple Society (the NYU hospitality student association).

As a member of the Africa Travel Association and the International Institute for Peace Through Tourism, Eddie is pursuing his goal to combine his two interests; business in the hospitality and tourism industry and community development, through which he hopes he will be able to have a long-lasting positive impact on those in need throughout the world. He has received numerous awards for his commitment to community service and development and most recently received the Campus Compact Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award which was presented at the opening session of the Points of Light Foundation's National Conference on Community Service.

With the Africa Travel Association's 30th Jubilee Congress in 2005, the excitement is mounting as our magazine's editors and New York office staff are going through the archives in our effort to present a landmark souvenir capsule of ATA's progress up to the present time. The above profile is one important step in that direction, as the association's great strength is the caliber of people in its chapters and on its Board of Directors.