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Andy Munn graduated from Linfield College in 2009 with a BA in Music and a minor in French. He spent the fall semester of 2007 studying French and French history and culture in Angers, France, where he made friends from all over the world, learned a lot about culture and how it influences everyday life, and became a much more independent and outgoing person. His semester abroad made him more and more interested in languages and cultures, and led him to serve with the Peace Corps in Mali from 2011 to 2012 as a Health Education Volunteer. He lived in a small village of about 1,300 people called Goundaka where he studied a language called Ffulfulde. It was the most intense, challenging and rewarding experience of his life. His work was mostly made up of designing a study with a non-governmental organization of whether or not women's empowerment encourages more women in rural areas to seek pre-natal and post-natal care at health clinics, and working with local women to start up a savings group. After the coup in Mali, the Peace Corps pulled out of the country. Andy re-applied and is going to Thailand in January to serve as a Youth In Development Volunteer for two years.