

## Recent Graduates on BMS Action Teams

“For me, Action Teams was a great way to transition between the 'student bubble' and the world of work. It provided time out with God to focus on what I was doing and where I was going in life - indeed God used it to change my course entirely. Action Teams broadened my horizons in a way reading books at uni simply couldn't. It taught me interpersonal skills and how to relate to other cultures, which I then brought back with me into the workplace. All my employers have actually seen it as an asset rather than a 'gap'.

Action Teams gave me the opportunity to learn how to do things such as manage my own workload and deadlines in a non-threatening environment, it taught me to delegate and plan - but more than that, Action Teams taught me to trust God. Action Teams was the beginning of a journey which carried on well into my working life. It gave me a grounding and experience which meant I was no longer seen as 'just another graduate' when I entered the workplace - I had my own story to tell. It was eye-opening. I'm glad I took the time out before entering all the tangles of the world of work to go and see some of the world and experience all that I did.”

*Danielle, Italy*

“BMS Action Teams was a huge learning curve for me which helped me realise how fortunate I actually am. After leading a rather selfish lifestyle at uni it was great for me to take some proper time out with God and try to put things in perspective again, whilst giving something back to the world and Him. Not only was this good for me on a personal and spiritual level, but also on an employable one. The huge amount of skills learnt and sacrifices made helped me to stand out in interviews for jobs afterwards. My current employers were extremely interested in the work I did with BMS, especially the tour afterwards; I have no doubt that having this experience is what made them offer me a presenting job in schools.”

*Zack, Europe*

“I didn't know what I wanted to do when I finished university, but taking a year out just to focus on God helped me get my priorities right and gave me real direction for the future.”

*Amy, Peru*

