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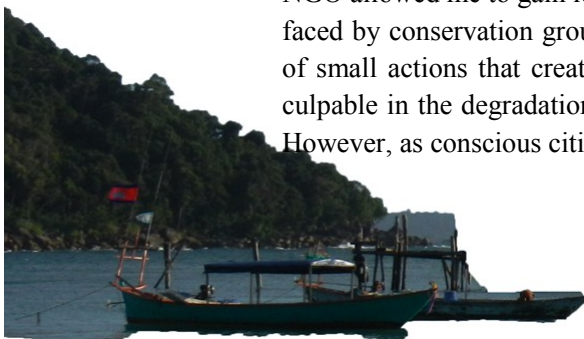
KOH RONG SAMLEOM ISLAND, CAMBODIA



Protecting the World's Oceans

By Eri Tamura

The ocean stretching out to the horizon seems endless. To many, it may seem like an endless supply of resources up for grabs. But as powerful as the ocean is, even it can't resist constant human impact. One of the human-induced problems, over-fishing, is becoming an increasingly serious threat to delicate underwater ecosystems. I spent two months this summer interning with a marine conservation NGO on the island of Koh Rong Samleom in Cambodia, assisting efforts to establish the second marine protected area in the country. This opportunity to work with an NGO allowed me to gain leadership skills and understand obstacles faced by conservation groups. I also came to appreciate the power of small actions that create big effects. As consumers, we are all culpable in the degradation of the world we depend on to survive. However, as conscious citizens, we can all create change.



BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL

Filming in Brazil

By Scott Bower



For two months, I stayed in Belo Horizonte, Brazil for an internship with an NGO called ChildFund Brazil. This internship exposed me to the complexity of the NGO's multi-layered partner relationships, the organizational models used to coordinate their many social projects, the dynamics involved with the sponsor-child relations department, and the basics of project management development.

At the beginning of my internship I was asked by my supervisor to participate in field work with a team of ChildFund staff because a U.S. Christian benefit group by the name of

