

Beth Santos

Beth is a third-generation Portuguese-American. While studying at Wellesley College, Beth rediscovered her roots over a year in Coimbra, Portugal. When she returned, she spent time broadcasting with Voice of America's division of Portuguese to Africa, transmitting radio segments about women and youth once per week in Washington, DC. She then worked with the Embassy of Portugal as an assistant to the Social Counselor, helping plan the First Annual Meeting of American State Legislators and Mayors of Portuguese Descent. Afterward, she traveled to the former Portuguese colony of São Tomé e Príncipe and developed a laptop program at the São João Secondary School for 100 sixth-grade students. This program is still running today with the help of five local teachers and outside donations (visit <http://stepupolpc.bethsantos.com> for more information). With her newly honed expertise, Beth became the Outreach Coordinator for the Waveplace Foundation (<http://www.waveplace.org>), an organization that works with the durable, energy-efficient laptop computer created by One Laptop per Child to build education programs in developing countries. Beth is the editor of Go Girl Magazine, an online magazine for and about independent women who travel (<http://www.travelgogirl.com>). She currently lives in North Carolina.