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## Interview Question Answers

**1. Why did you go to Sri Lanka?**

I went to Sri Lanka because I needed a break from work. I decided to look on the Internet to see what the newest exciting hotspot was. I found a hotel on Kalutura beach in Sri Lanka that sounded perfect

**2. Do you think you were in Sri Lanka when the Tsunami hit for a reason?**

I don't know if I was in Sri Lanka for a reason, but I do know that I learned a valuable lesson. I don't take life for granted anymore. I appreciate every day that I am given and live it to the fullest.

**3. Describe what happened during the tsunami.**

During the tsunami the water from the Indian Ocean erupted and engulfed the beach where I was sunbathing without any warning. It rose as high as the hotel that we were staying at. It swept away everyone that was on the beach. There was no time to prepare. Some people were able to grab hold of a fixed object but many people were thrown into buildings and cars.

**4. Were you able to help with the relief effort?**

We were able to help a doctor who set up an impromptu hospital in our devastated hotel lobby. We tried to help make people comfortable till the doctor could attend to them. When the Red Cross moved in we helped give out fresh food and water to those who needed it. We were able to help each other by just listening.

**5. Is there something you might have done differently?**

There is nothing I would have done differently. We were put in a difficult situation and we were lucky enough to survive. I feel good about the fact that we weren't seriously hurt and that we were able to help some people that weren't as lucky as we were.

**6. What did you learn from your experience?**

I learned that I am resourceful and that I was able to think quickly under difficult circumstances. I now know what a tsunami is and that I wouldn't want to experience it again. I learned that by helping others I was able to begin healing myself. As I mentioned before, I learned to value every day that I am given.

**7. Do you think there was a reason you survived and others didn't?**

I think that I survived because it wasn't my time. I also think that it was a wake-up call for me. I might have taken things too much for granted in my life. I now have a much better appreciation for my friends and family and I am not as concerned about material things as I once was. Since I've been home I spend a lot of time thinking about the meaning of life.