

Are you a teacher with a sense of adventure? Have you ever wished you could use your teaching skills in ministry? Maybe you don't have teaching experience or even a degree, but you enjoy coming alongside children and helping them learn?

We need you!!!

Title

Loja Mission Academy Teacher

Positions

We would love to have at least 2 people share this position. Our priority is the older students as they need to be prepared to re-enter their home countries as adults either looking for work or to attend university. Therefore, students are accepted primarily based on their grade level. If no teachers are available for our elementary aged MKs, their parents either home school them or put them in a local school.

Note: These are volunteer missionary positions. Those filling them will need to obtain funds to support themselves. The amount needed for this depends on if the person is single, part of a couple, or has a family coming with him/her. Costs needed will cover food, accommodation, utilities, etc.

Required: minimum commitment of 1 school year (September – May).

Ministry Background

SIM has been active in the city of Loja, Ecuador and surrounding areas since the 1990's. Our vision is to be a team of Christ's ambassadors, to proclaim and live out His message of reconciliation; we focus on partnering with the church and desire to make disciples of Jesus in communities where he is least known.

The Loja Study Center since 2007 has been functioning to provide English education to Missionary Kids from SIM and also other missionary agencies (OMS, World Venture) across a range of cultural backgrounds and ages.

Ministry Need

SIM Ecuador puts high value on its numerous missionary kids (MKs) as well as the MKs of other agencies working in Ecuador, particularly in Loja City where the majority of our missionary families are based. Thus, having someone (or a team of people) focus on ministering to our kids is of utmost importance. Our MK study center is not your traditional school setting. However, it does play a vital role in meeting the educational needs of the MKs here in Loja.

This is a strategic role for deeply influencing MKs by investing in their lives and mentoring them in becoming men and women of great faith and love for the Lord while giving them the education they'll need to successfully live for Him

when they graduate. It is also strategic in that the well-being of missionary kids greatly affects their parents' decision to continue serving on the field. While providing a quality education for our MKs, you are enabling their parents to fulfill the calling they have to serve God here. This means that you are a partner in their ministry!

Role

The teachers would be working with, as well as being responsible to, the Parent Council to ensure the educational needs of the students are met. All instruction is in English as all the students come from English speaking homes.

A number of resources are available for student instruction, however, teachers should be prepared to supplement the curriculum with other resources. Teachers are encouraged to use their training and experience to enhance the learning for the students. While experience is not necessary, skills in planning and organization are an asset in order to meet the needs of the students in a multi-grade classroom (like a one-room school house).

The enrollment for the 2016 school year is anticipated to be 9 students from grade 6 to 11 (North American equivalents). The teacher(s) would be expected to plan the learning activities and environment to accommodate the students in a multi-grade classroom. The school day runs from 8:00am to 12:30pm, leaving plenty of time to prepare and even enjoy the local culture or be involved in another ministry or team activities should one choose to do so.

Responsibilities

- Ensure that the students' educational needs are met.
- Coordinate with the Loja Mission Academy Parent Council to ensure good communication with the students' parents.
- Ongoing discipleship of the students as part of the school day.

Are you interested? Feel up to the challenge? Want the experience of a lifetime while impacting others for eternity? Anxious to see how God can use you and the passion He's given you?

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It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.