

Teaching of English Opportunities for Foreigners, Evangelical Free Church, Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Mission of Our Ministry:

We exist to glorify God (worship) by sharing the Good News of the Savior in our city (evangelism), making people His disciples (discipleship) by their involvement in the local fellowship of believers (fellowship) and meeting the needs of others (ministry) and planting new churches both in the city and until the farthestmost parts of the country.

Our Vision:

Hence, our vision is to use each and every possible tool to fulfill the mission. Therefore among others our goal is to establish a language school which would give people practical language skills in English to equip them for their personal, educational and business development and which would be a tool of sharing God's love and message with the people involved in the schooling process in a non-threatening way.

Initial Strategy:

We are looking for foreigners who would join us in this task for short or long term mission. As these are the very beginnings of implementing the whole idea and project into practice we expect openness to experience and discuss the project. We have no experience in this area, however, we believe in our mission and God's given vision. There are also two members of our congregation who are professional English teachers and who are very interested in putting this project into practice. The target group is high school and college students.

The opportunities:

An interested person can come to Bydgoszcz and for a few initial weeks or months teach English in the afternoons:

- there could be gathered a bunch of interested young people from the church;
- it could be a good outreach opportunity to reach some other youth;
- that person could spend some more time teaching English some of our youth workers who really need this skill for their ministry purposes;
- LTB (Let's Talk Bible) program – small group conversations in English with students on various Bible & life topics;
- possibly there would be ways to cooperate with an Evangelical Bible Seminary run by our church;
- there are also opportunities of getting involved in our summer language youth camps;
- by the way, there are possibilities of finding a paid job in one of our secular schools as well...

The specifics:

Vacancies of getting involved in this new ministry open up annually all the year round. Applications are normally accepted all the year round as well. We look for native speakers of English who fulfill the requirements listed below:

Qualifications:

- A higher education qualification is required.
- We expect all teachers to have successfully completed the R. S. A. Certificate in TEFL or the Trinity College London Certificate in TESOL or their equivalents. These are intensive one-month courses. (It is possible to apply without this certificate and complete the course in Poland before starting the job. It is also useful for teachers to have had some TEFL/TESOL teaching experience subsequent to the course.)
- Good communication skills are essential.

Spiritual Commitment:

We need committed Christians with a missionary spirit, living close to God and with a desire to share Christ. They must have love and concern for people and experience in people-oriented ministry. They will need to be able to adapt to a new culture and cooperate in an international team.

Church Background

An Evangelical membership is not required. The teacher should be committed to the local church.

Length of Contract:

Teachers should be willing to commit themselves to a minimum of three months of service.

Male? Female? Single? Couples?

All applications will be carefully considered but we particularly need young, single people. Parents of young children need to carefully consider the added difficulty of looking after a family in Poland (health care, etc.).

Facility in the Polish Language:

There is no requirement for teachers to speak Polish for teaching purposes. We strongly recommend that teachers study some Polish to aid with daily living. We will help in finding a suitable Polish language teacher.

Informal private tuition can usually be arranged for those who would like it. For teachers planning to stay more than two years, it would be advisable to take an intensive Polish language course before starting work.

Practical information:

- Work permits are possible and will be obtained by the school.
- Your first visa must be obtained in your home country.
- The school will find housing for teachers, usually within close distance of the school. In 2003 a flat for a single person or couple costs a minimum of \$ 150 per month. Things are changing fast, so future costs are difficult to estimate.
- Living expenses (food, local transport etc). These may run at about \$ 200 per month. Teachers also gave other expenses such as telephone bills, clothing, supplementary rent, pension contribution in your country etc. Teachers have medical insurance here but a good medical service is obtainable at private doctors for about \$15 per visit. Bringing a car over is helpful but naturally involves more expenditure and the bureaucracy involved can be complicated.
- We strongly encourage teachers to explore the possibility of partial or full sponsorship from churches, mission organizations or individuals. Full sponsorship would be a minimum of \$500-700 per month, excluding international fares and holidays.
- Living in a different culture (climate, air, water and diet) and the nature of the work here means that good health and a reasonable level of fitness are essential. Some of our extra-curricular activities may involve weekends away.

Sounds interesting? We are open to answer your questions and learn from your insights and suggestions! We may discuss things like job spec and particular activities you could be involved in. We are looking forward to hear back from you...

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