

Discover the excitement of Teaching English in Guatemala

Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans is looking for a dedicated person who wants to make a difference in the lives of children living in poverty - a positive, enthusiastic, qualified English as a second language teacher who will instruct and supervise Guatemalan primary and high school students while motivating them to think critically, develop healthy intellects and exercise their imaginations. English classes are held in our after-school program in San Antonio Aguas Calientes, a typical Mayan village half an hour from Antigua, Guatemala.

Why Volunteer with Us

You will have the opportunity to use and develop your teaching skills and to challenge yourself in more ways than you ever thought possible. Our teaching position will provide you with hands-on experience in a non-profit organization while engaging with children of a different culture.

About Us

Creating Opportunities for Guatemalans is a Canadian Registered Charity whose **mission** is to advance education by providing educational support through sponsorships and after-school programs to children living in poverty.

Our **vision** is to empower Guatemalans to break the cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency through education.

By volunteering in our center, you will be giving impoverished youths the chance to improve their education and enjoy a brighter future. By sharing your culture, you will open up their world by improving their international understanding and global awareness.

English classes are held Monday to Friday in our Educational Center. Class sizes are generally eight to 15 students, but some teaching time will be spent one-on-one. We require 35 hours a week of teaching time, which includes class time and preparation.

About Guatemala

Beyond the breathtaking landscape and vibrant Mayan culture exists one of the poorest countries in the world. More than three-quarters of the indigenous Mayan population lives below the poverty line, and 60 percent of that population is illiterate. Only six in ten children entering primary school graduate from Grade 6. And only ten percent of those who start high school

graduate from Grade 12. With an unemployment rate of close to 40 percent, disadvantaged children need to gain viable skills to secure a future job. Learning to read, write and speak English is one of the best ways to ensure a place in the workforce.

Responsibilities

- Teach English to beginner and intermediate level students through dynamic, fun and participatory activities
- Following our curriculum, design creative activities and comprehensive lesson plans
- Use a wide range of teaching methods (stories, media, indoor or outdoor games, drawing, English story books, etc.) to enhance the children's learning experience
- Augment our supply of teaching material and expand our current curriculum
- Share your culture by organizing different activities to present your culture (food, lifestyle, movies, drinks, etc.).
- Evaluate children's performance by organizing vocabulary and progress tests
- Track attendance
- Supervise short-term volunteers by assigning them lesson tasks to carry out with students who need one-on-one or small-group teaching sessions
- Remain in constant communication with the Program Director about any particular needs and update him on student progress
- Adhere to teaching standards and safety regulations as established by official sources

Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree (recent graduates accepted) and a TEFL certificate
- English as a first language
- Proven experience with children
- Patience, flexibility and love for children
- Strong communication and time management skills
- Sensitivity to cultural differences
- Ability to make the most of limited resources
- Organized, punctual, creative, ability to work well with others
- Background check, the cost of which to be reimbursed upon completion of your stipulated contracted term
- \$500 U.S. deposit to be returned upon completion of your stipulated contracted term

Benefits

- Acquisition of practical skills in cross-cultural education
- Reference letter and volunteer certificate upon completion of your contracted term

- Reimbursement of the cost of your background check upon completion of your contracted term
- Free wifi in our center
- Assistance with information about Tourist Visa
- Assistance with information regarding accommodations
- Arrangement for safe and comfortable home stay near our center for \$150 U.S. a week, which includes three meals a day
- Airport pickup on arrival date
- Support from Program Director
- Monthly stipend for a 3 month contract, with a monthly increase for commitments beyond 6 months
- Personal days, statutory holidays and sick time

Other

Resume, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and a college/university transcript after the first interview

Does not include

Travel costs

Health and Travel insurance

Housing and Meals (the cost of living in Guatemala is comparably low)

Personal expenses

**Please send your resume and inquiries to:
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