



Teaching English

Teaching English can provide opportunities to share your faith and your life with those who don't know Jesus.

Learning English can help provide a brighter future for people in many countries by opening up employment and educational opportunities.

English is becoming vital for national progress in many places, such as in Asia, and governments are asking for people whose mother tongue is English to come and teach in their schools and universities.

Many national missionaries need to learn English to facilitate their work in world mission.



Where?

China, Peru, Bangladesh, Niger, Mongolia, Korea are just a few of the numerous countries around the SIM world where there is a great need for English teachers.

What sort of opportunities are there to teach English?

- Teaching students at colleges and universities in numerous countries throughout Africa, Asia and South America
- Teaching future missionaries in Korea
- Teaching Sudanese refugees in refugee camps in Ethiopia
- Teaching patients and children inside and outside a mission hospital
- Teaching bible school students, providing them with an adequate foundation for their studies and training leaders for the church
- Teaching children in Asia using bible stories such as Noah. They love to hear about the rainbow, the animals and the weather!
- Teaching conversational English and reaching out in friendship evangelism. Meet with people in their homes, share your life with them
- Mentoring English teachers in China
- Helping make English programs for Christian radio, to reach out to university students



These are just some of an ever-growing list of opportunities for people of all ages, whose mother-tongue is English, to make a difference in people's lives and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Missionaries often have to say no to requests to teach English so they can focus on their specific ministry. Short-term associates can step in and fill the gap.

Qualifications

- Teaching qualifications
- TESOL (Teaching English as a second language) course
- Some opportunities require only a good command of English from mother-tongue English speakers.

Missionary Training Institute (MTI)

Help prepare a new generation of Korean Christians for cross-cultural ministry by teaching English at the Missionary Training Institute in Seoul. MTI trains candidates for a number of mission organisations such as WEC, Wycliffe, OMF and SIM, and also Koreans who are in tent making ministries.

One-month courses are held in January and July each year. Three-month courses are held March-May and September-November. If there are enough students, special one-month courses can be held in between, making a continuous year. MTI prefers teachers for the three-month course to stay the whole three months although it is possible to job-share. MTI usually needs 5 - 6 teachers at a time and teachers need to commit for at least one month.

Most Koreans learn English at school but for the majority it remains a theoretical language. At MTI students develop their English language skills in personal relationships with native English speakers in the context of everyday life.

Students learn conversational English, writing skills and how to lead bible studies and preach in English. Approximately 30-40 people attend each course and from Monday to Friday only English is spoken. This is a great ministry for mature-aged people looking for a place in worldwide mission.

Costs: MTI is able to offer free board - meals and accommodation. The SIM admin fees apply.

SIM Training Course (SIMTC)

SIM Korea is running a very similar program for English classes.

Students are SIM candidates. The classes are held in the SIM office in Seoul.

In the middle of the year the EMTC (English Mission



Camp) is run. This historically was an outreach to the student age-group, attracting them to an English program with a focus on a challenge to missions.

Teachers are required to have some teacher training or TESOL qualifications.

Costs: SIM offers an apartment, but teachers need to cover living costs. The SIM admin fees apply.



Priscilla Lundstedt, a short-termer from Australia, went to Peru to assist people with English. She said,

"I got to build relationships on a deeper level because I met with them every day. I'm mainly into using English to build relationships as a bridge to help long-term missionaries in their outreach," Priscilla said. She enjoyed her days in Abancay, Peru, that were packed with one-on-one sessions and classes at churches and working with Christians and non-Christians, children and adults. In the evenings she studied the Bible in English with a young woman. She even did an English-Spanish swap with Lisette, a non-Christian of Priscilla's age, where they would alternate days speaking in each other's language and experiencing cultural differences and spending unstructured time together.

The experience in Peru showed her some of the many ways people can use English to share the love of Christ.