

Homeschool Teacher Position Summary



Location: Republic of Congo
Reports to: Joyce and Henri Samoutou
Remuneration: see How to Apply
Hours and Term: Full-time position [40 hours], for 6 months
Start Date: April 2019
Website: www.newsightcongo.com

Background - About the Samoutou family, the Targett family and New Sight:

World Health Organisation (WHO) reported that 4 in 5 blind or near blind persons suffer needlessly due to lack of access to proven cost-effective health interventions to prevent or treat the causes. Of the blind, 35-50% can see again after a one-off cataract operation bringing benefits that are instant, long-lasting and life-changing for them, their families as well as the community.

New Sight Eye Care is a Hong Kong and UK registered charity dedicated to long-term empowerment and partnership with local communities in Africa to transform lives and communities by preserving and restoring sight. In 2012, we pioneered a non-profit eye surgical centre in remote Impfondo, the first and only one of its kind to date in the Republic of the Congo.

With our success and proven track record, our goal is to make the provision of high quality and comprehensive eye care accessible and sustainable in the Congo. We are extending our reach to help more patients nationally (as well as internationally to the countries with which the Congo borders) through a newer and bigger eye hospital in Ouesso, a much more accessible location in the Congo. We are currently fundraising and making preparations to make this exciting vision a reality.

Joyce and Henri Samoutou are the founding directors of New Sight. The Samoutou family has origins from Hong Kong, Gabon and Britain, and are living in the Republic of Congo. Their family motto is 'Love God, Love People, Love Life'.



The Targett family is preparing to leave the UK and move to Congo to work alongside Joyce and Henri as part of New Sight. This will be a huge and exciting change for the whole family as they seek to follow God in this new area.

Position Purpose:

The Samoutou family and the Targett family are looking for a homeschool teacher for their six children as the parents play key roles in New Sight and there are no suitable schools locally. The need for a teacher is more important than ever as New Sight is growing rapidly. This is a unique opportunity to experience life in Africa, and to work closely with two families passionate about creating a lasting impact on the community. If desired, additional opportunities such as church planting, youth and children's ministry, hospital and compassion ministry can also be arranged.

The children are fun-loving, creative and enthusiastic learners. None of them have any known special needs. The families hope to find a dynamic teacher who possesses the necessary knowledge to teach and to create a learning experience that is tailored to the children's unique learning styles and academic needs, particularly in English, Mathematics and Science, while also allowing flexibility to explore topics that particularly interest them.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide instructions for 6 children, ages ranging from 5 to 13. Curriculum and resources are available for each child's learning level
- Major language medium: English
- Responsible for lesson planning, supplementing the curriculum, and providing enrichment opportunities within the content areas
- May involve travelling with the families within and outside of Congo

Qualifications and Skills:

- Excellent proficiency in both spoken and written English
- Knowledge in French and Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese) would be a bonus but not necessary
- Experience in working with children and be able to communicate well with them
- University degree. Teaching qualification ideal but not essential
- Ability to adapt quickly, flexibility and emotional maturity to live in sometimes challenging conditions in Congo
- A self-motivated individual with a positive and encouraging personality
- Ability to teach in varied and creative ways
- Creativity and ability to make educational plans in a resource-limited setting and to ensure those plans are followed

How to Apply:

Please send a resume and thoughtful cover letter, in Microsoft Word or PDF formats, together with your expected remuneration package, to Joanne Stokes at joanne@newsightcongo.com. Please include your name and the position title, 'Homeschool teacher (Congo-based)', in the email subject line.

The Samoutou family / New Sight is an equal opportunity employer that values diversity of all kinds and encourages candidates from all backgrounds to apply for this exciting new opportunity.