



Homeschool Teacher / Assistant Position Summary

Location:	Republic of Congo
Reports to:	Joyce and Henri Samoutou
Remuneration:	See How to Apply Accommodation with guards, internet and utilities available and included
Hours and Term:	Full-time position [40 hours], for 6 months
Start Date:	Jan 2021
Website:	www.newsightcongo.com

Background - About the Samoutou family and New Sight:

Four in five blind people in this world are needlessly blind. They are needlessly blind because we can do something to either prevent or treat their blindness. When sight is restored, lives are transformed – for patients, families, and even the whole community. New Sight (NS) is a charity registered in the UK and in HK. Following the successful establishment of our first non-profit eye centre in Impfondo in the Republic of Congo, at the invitation and with the support of local authorities, we are extending our services through the construction and fitting out of a new comprehensive teaching eye hospital in Ouessou on a 6-hectare land acquired in November 2016. This strategic location will enable us to reach out to the whole of Congo and neighbouring countries. In 2019, NS opened a second eye centre and training program in Ouessou.

Joyce and Henri Samoutou are the founding directors of New Sight. The Samoutou family has origins from Hong Kong, Gabon and Britain, and have been serving in the Republic of Congo since 2012. Their family motto is 'Love God, Love People, Love Life'.



Position Purpose:

The Samoutou family is looking for a homeschool teacher or assistant as they play key roles in New Sight and there are no suitable schools locally. This position is mainly to care for their youngest daughter Karis (age 10) as her older siblings are attending a boarding school in the UK on scholarships and are only in Congo during school holidays. 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 a family who is passionate about creating a lasting impact on the community. If desired, additional opportunities such as church planting, youth and children's ministry, medical and compassion ministry can also be arranged.

The family hopes to find a dynamic teacher for Karis who is a fun-loving, creative and enthusiastic learner. If a teacher cannot be found, Dr Joyce will teach Karis and hopes to do so with the support of a teaching / childcare assistant.

Upon the completion of the 6-month teaching assignment, there will be an opportunity to discuss staying on to serve New Sight in other areas if desired.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide instructions and care for Karis. Curriculum and resources are available in a well set-up classroom
- Major language medium: English
- Responsible for / Assists in lesson planning, supplementing the curriculum, and providing enrichment opportunities within the content areas

Qualifications and Skills:

- Excellent proficiency in both spoken and written English
- Knowledge in French would be a bonus but not necessary
- Experience in working with children and be able to communicate well with them
- 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.