

Suggestions for Finding MK School Staff “Hiding” in Your Congregation or Community

Schools serving missionary children around the world always need staff. Perhaps one serves families working in a focus area for your church. How could you help them recruit?

1. **Spread the word.** Ask a teacher to help you make a list of educators in your church. Then ask each teacher on your list to share the MK school opportunities with other Christian teachers in their building or district. Give them written specifics to distribute. An introductory video would help.
2. **Challenge teacher-education students.** Ask a college student to help you develop a list of all students in your church who are majoring in education. Initiate a dialog with them about teaching abroad. It's never too early to plant the idea in their thinking.
3. **Recruit moms to pray.** Ask “Moms in Prayer” groups or women's Bible studies to pray specifically for this need. Moms have a special place in their hearts for children and will resonate with the need for good MK education. Encourage them to identify prospects.
4. **Recruit in your kids department.** Communicate MK staffing needs personally to everyone who teaches in your church's children's department. Even those who are not professional teachers have a heart for kids and might fill roles as dorm parents, etc.
5. **Challenge retired teachers to invest a year abroad.** Many teachers retire relatively early and have experience that shouldn't be wasted.
6. **Recruit at local Christian teachers' meetings** such as ACSI. Consider partnering with an organization like [Teach Beyond](#) to recruit in such venues. There's an additional incentive for a teacher to consider the opportunity if your church will help support approved candidates and encourage them as they prepare to go.

