

Chalkboard

A missional education Newsletter



God is at work through education around the globe.
Get involved – teach beyond!



Our Story

TeachBeyond is an initiative of Janz Team Ministries, a North American faith mission working internationally in evangelism and Christian education. Janz Team Ministries began on the prairies of Western Canada in 1954, when God called Leo Janz to share the gospel of hope in post-war, German-speaking Europe. Together with his brothers, he built an evangelistic ministry, active today in nine countries.

In 1956 the Janz brothers founded Black Forest Academy. Today, BFA is a highly respected boarding school that has served hundreds of missionary families and other internationals working in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. It is our largest ministry, and by far the majority of our missionaries today are educators, or involved in educational ministry.

It is clear that God has given us particular resources in this area, and we believe it's time to more intentionally share them with others. BFA remains a central ministry, but we are convinced that we can do much more with what God has entrusted to us.

In countries where opportunities for traditional service do not exist, there is openness to international schools. Everybody understands schools, and around the world education is widely viewed as providing the answers to the questions facing humanity.

Against this backdrop, we introduce TeachBeyond.



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Our Logo

The TeachBeyond logo reflects several ideas that are central to what we believe. Essentially the logo is a stylized open book - symbolic not only of education, but more importantly, of the role of God's Word in missional Christian education - placed in a circle, representing the world. The lines evoke a sense of motion outward and beyond - denoting the sharing of education around the world. The fact that the pages of the book are depicted by three lines, represents biblical integration, cross-cultural adaptation, and spiritual transformation - the three elements we believe are key in the life of an educator in order for missional Christian education to be effective. Coincidental was the hint of a gothic window that emerged at the intersection of the lines, recalling the central role that education has played in the history of Christianity.

About TeachBeyond

Our Mission

TeachBeyond is about missional Christian education - our intentional involvement in what God is doing through education to draw people to Himself.

Our mission is mobilizing, equipping, and sending teachers, and partnering with others in missional Christian education initiatives.

Our World

Around the world, education is increasingly viewed by all levels of society as the key to solving global problems. We believe only a biblical, integrated, Christian education, that relates all of life and learning to God and His word, is sufficient to provide the answers.

In countries where doors are closing to traditional types of missionary work, doors are opening for educational initiatives. In many places that reject Western religion, politics, and ways of life, there is nonetheless a great desire for Western education, which has its roots in a biblical worldview. Schools can introduce living examples of Jesus' love and Christian thinking almost anywhere.

Our Challenge

If you are a Christian educator, we challenge you to 'think beyond' where you are right now. We want to introduce you to missional Christian education, challenge you to get involved, and help you go where God is taking you in your growth as a Christian educator - whether you stay right where you are geographically, or sense God calling you to an international setting.

TeachBeyond is about equipping teachers in three key areas to become missional Christian educators:

- biblical integration
- cross-cultural adaptation
- spiritual transformation

Our Roots

TeachBeyond is an initiative of Janz Team Ministries, a North American faith mission working internationally in creative evangelism and Christian education. It is commonly known as 'the Janz Team,' has over one hundred workers, and is a member of CrossGlobal Link, an association of mission agencies intent on global outreach and promoting standards of integrity and trust.

Janz Team Ministries began on the prairies of Western Canada in 1954, when God called Leo Janz to share the gospel of hope in post-war, German-speaking Europe. In addition to evangelistic ministry, the Janz family founded Black Forest Academy in 1956. Today, BFA is a highly respected boarding school serving hundreds of missionary families and other internationals working in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. TeachBeyond reflects Janz Team Ministries' growing commitment to promote and develop education-based ministry.

TeachBeyond Opportunities



TeachBeyond has developed partnerships and affiliations with numerous schools located in Germany, Austria, Spain, Hungary, Romania, Albania, Russia, North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia. We work with a variety of schools - some of which focus primarily on Missionary Kids, others which focus on Internationals/Expatriate Children, and some that focus primarily on the Nationals of the country where the school is located. In order for us to send you a detailed list of the various opportunities that would fit your gifts and training, please contact Mike at mkoerber@janzteam.org.