



Leaders Needed

Smile is Crosslinks' short-term mission programme for 18-30 year olds. It combines travel and the experience of a totally different culture with serving God and having a taste of overseas mission work.

We send out groups, pairs and individuals to serve the Lord, by serving local churches and people around the world. We offer a variety of different placements in a variety of different countries. We believe there are three key areas to mission, and therefore, to every Smile placement.

SERVICE

Our placements are never short of opportunities to serve local churches and people, often in very practical ways. These might include teaching, prison visiting, running children's work etc.

EVANGELISM

Romans 10:17 explains that faith in God can only come through hearing the Word of Christ. This means that our trips must have an element of proclaiming the good news about Jesus, whether that be through leading Christian assemblies in school or organising a beach mission (or anything else!).

DISCIPLESHIP

This is two sided. First of all, there are opportunities to disciple believers through leading Christian Unions, helping at church Sunday schools and one to one bible reading. But also, we believe it is important for Smilers to be disciplined during their time away, hence the importance of team leaders.

In 2011 we hope to send out 3 four-month Gap teams, made up of school leavers to The Gambia (West Africa), Uganda (East Africa) and Thailand. For this to be possible we have an urgent need of leaders to head up these teams. Each team requires a male and a female leader. Do you think you might be keen and free to serve in this way?

An ideal Smile leader:

- Is a committed Christian
- Has a love for other Christians and a desire to disciple younger brothers and sisters in the Lord
- Has a love for the lost, and a desire to make Christ known
- Has experience of teaching the Bible one to one and / or in a group context.
- Is available from January to May in 2011
- Is a graduate, of similar age, or older
- Has experience of team work
- Can agree with the Crosslinks Statement of Faith (see http://www.crosslinks.org/about/aims/stmt_of_faith.html)

In previous years leaders have been second year Ministry Associates, recent graduates, Youth Workers (on Sabbatical), Teachers, people on a career break from working in the City, those investigating the possibility of long term mission work overseas etc.

For further information and news of our current teams please see our website: <http://www.crosslinks.org/smile/index.html>

If you are interested in leading a team, or know of young adults who might want to join one of our teams please contact me on smile@crosslinks.org or 020 8691 6111.

I would be delighted to send you further information and application packs.

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