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TO: Professional Staff and Teacher Placement Agencies at Christian Colleges and Universities;
and Christian Schools International

FROM: Philip C. Holtrop

DATE: March, 2008

RE: **Need for English Teachers in China**

Knowledge Tree, Inc. (KT), a field chapter of Worldwide Christian Schools (wwcs.org), has openings for 15-20 Christian English teachers, at various grade levels, 1-12, for the 2008-09 school year, at the Guanhua-Knowledge Tree Schools, Binhai, Jiangsu Province. Salary for team members is Y3000 / mo.—better than most Chinese national teachers and more than adequate on the local economy. Present enrollment at the new private, bilingual, joint-venture schools (begun last year) is 1064 on two campuses—346 in the elementary school (1-6) and 718 in the middle school (7-12). Next year’s enrollment will likely be higher. New, spacious two-bedroom apartments for teachers are on the middle school campus, with western-style appliances and conveniences.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A love for children and an adventuresome spirit, with a willingness to be creative, flexible, and innovative.
- An ability to make lesson plans that supplement the mandated “core teaching” of English on the part of the Chinese English teachers.
- A Christian character that provides a wholesome moral example inside and outside the classrooms.
- An ability to be a team player and congenial member of the North American teaching team, following directions and instructions of the team leader and developing good relationships with the Chinese students, parents, and staff.

EDUCATION AND APPLICATION:

- Must have at least a bachelor’s degree, preferably in English, language arts, ESL, elementary education, Chinese (or Asian) studies, or some related field.
- Preference will be given those with teaching experience, as well as international travel or living experience in especially China.
- A valid teaching certificate is desirable but may not be mandatory in every case.

For information and application forms, write to either of the following:

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Knowledge Tree, Inc. (KT), a field chapter of Worldwide Christian Schools (wwcs/org), has an opening for a team leader for English teachers, 2008-09, at the new Guanhua-KT schools. The projected team will be 15-20 Christian English teachers. Salary for team leader is Y5000 / mo. Present enrollment at the private, bilingual, joint-venture schools (begun last year) is 1064 on two campuses—346 in the elementary school (1-6) and 718 in the middle school (7-12). Next year’s enrollment will likely be higher. New, spacious two-bedroom apartments for teachers are on the middle school campus, with western-style appliances and conveniences.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be competent to teach English as a second language within a setting requiring imagination, creativity, flexibility, and gracious wisdom.
- Must work with Chinese leaders in assigning teaching responsibilities and deciding how to integrate the work of North American teachers (NATs) in the Chinese English classes, and must supervise the NATs in preparing lessons, instructing, evaluating students’ work, and in other community activities.
- Must observe and define essential academic programs that could enhance students’ English language learning, and be able to suggest training strategies for local Chinese English teachers.
- Must provide a model of Christian moral leadership inside and outside the classroom, with team members and Chinese faculty and staff, and with local and other Chinese officials.

EDUCATION AND APPLICATION:

- Must have teaching experience and at least a Master’s degree in education or school management, or a degree or experience in teaching English as a second oral language.
- Should have a valid Michigan (or other state/province) teaching certificate and proven leadership, judgment, and decision-making abilities.
- Should have at least some Asian (preferably Chinese) teaching experience. Knowledge of the Chinese language is not required, but could be helpful.

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