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SUMMER'S here! School's out! Oh happy days! Have you almost signed yourself up to your favourite summer school? Are you even now selecting your most garish towel ready for your favourite poolside lounger? Bucket and spade retrieved from the back of the garden shed?

Forget all that and plunge into the great unknown of travel teaching or maybe even short or long term pioneering as the challenging alternative to fun and sun. After all, what will make you a more interesting person to know when you eventually get back to your friends – the usual boring holiday videos/photos or the spiritually refreshed, life enhancing teacher of the Faith you will have become!

In Europe alone there are nine pressing high priority, category one goal areas to take your fancy: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Corsica, Croatia, Southern Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Macedonia, Malta, Slovenia and Yugoslavia.

Or, if you feel particularly ready for a challenge why not go for the most difficult one of all – Spitzbergen! After all, you would be following in the illustrious footsteps of a British Knight of Bahá'u'lláh, Paul Adams, if you did.

Of course, the whole world is open to us now that the International Teaching Centre has made it simple to decide where best to place ourselves in the world through its recent world needs publication of which we all have a copy by now, haven't we?

Remember, the five year UK international targets are at least 150 pioneers (so far 43) and 500 travel teachers (so far 82). Overall, roughly one UK Bahá'í in ten needs to respond or needs our support financially to arise and go in our stead. Not much to ask!

Now for the adverts. We have recently received the following international pioneer appeals:

- SARAJEVO (Category 1 goal) – English Teachers at elementary or middle school level at QSI International School. Telephone +387-33-434-756 for details.
- BELIZE (Category 2 goal) – Summer projects at all levels. Contact NSA of Belize at nsa@bz.bahai.org.
- SWAZILAND (Category 2 goal) – Bahá'í pre-primary and high school complex at Mbabane. Two vacancies to be filled by January 2003 at the latest – Deputy Head of the High School and a Computer Science teacher for GCSE level Computer Science. Email Director, Dr Waite, with CV, etc. to aswaite@africaonline.co.sz.
- TANZANIA (Category 3 goal) – Moral Education Coordinator required for up to 2 years to work at government level on curriculum review and development and teacher training in this field.

You can get in touch with the CIPTT by emailing peyman@onetel.net.uk.

Professional Openings at Bahá'í Schools in Mbabane, Swaziland

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Deputy-Head for the High School – The Setsembiso Sebunye High School needs a qualified deputy to assist Dr. Waite, the Principal. The Deputy should be a deepened Bahá'í, a trained and experienced teacher of capacity, ideally with some school administrative experience. Alternatively, a talented Bahá'í with administrative or business training who enjoys high school students, who would get thoroughly involved in the school programs, and be willing to study in an education certification (B.Ed.) programme while on the job, even if they have no previous teaching or school administrative experience. The salary offered is at a Swazi professional scale. The first year is probationary, with an extendable contract.

Living here is comfortable, with Swaziland's moderate climate, lovely green hills, reservoirs, game parks, modern supermarkets and department stores, availability of a wide variety of foods, goods, and medical services, and beaches a few hours away. Bahá'í clusters, communities, and institutes are developing well, and the Bahá'í schools offer a special avenue for serving the Faith.

TEACHER OF COMPUTER SCIENCE – The high school requires a computer science instructor who can teach IGCSE Computer Science at a Form IV and Form V level. The ideal candidate would also be able to maintain the school's network, with which we've had no difficulty, (although this is not a requirement,) and would supervise one or two Year of Service assistants who assist in teaching word processing to the lower classes and to primary students. A teacher's salary is offered, with a one-year renewable contract.

Please email Letter of Application, CV, and letters of reference, professional & Bahá'í, to: Dr Stephen Waite, Director, Bahá'í Schools, aswaite@africaonline.co.sz subject: "Application"
or, if necessary, mail to: Director, Bahá'í Schools, Dr Stephen Waite, P.O. Box 1900, Mbabane, Swaziland (Southern Africa)

Office of Public Information

Websites and Boundary changes

SOME OF the friends have asked about community Websites in the wake of boundary changes – what happens to a site if the assembly that maintained it no longer exists and how should it be maintained? The answers are quite simple.

Suppose, for instance, you were the Spiritual Assembly of Mid-Blankshire. After the changes you had two groups, Blankerton and Blankbury, with an isolated believer in Little Blankley. This sort of picture is not uncommon. For the time being the Website can continue, only instead of referring to the Spiritual Assembly, it becomes the Website of the Bahá'ís in Mid-Blankshire, mentioning, if you wish, that it covers Bahá'ís in the three named localities. So the site will need only minor changes. The friends should have no trouble in agreeing among themselves who will look after the site – in most cases there was already a person to do this, the member of the community with the most enthusiasm and computer skills.

In the longer term, of course, the new communities will be able to have their own Websites, just as in due course they will be Spiritual Assemblies in their own right. But they need not wait for the assembly to be established. A group can have its own Website, indeed it is encouraged to do so. A number of the new smaller communities in the UK have seized the initiative and developed sites, either individually or working together as a group of groups. Perhaps there are such opportunities in your area? Perhaps your cluster lends itself to this?

A growing Bahá'í presence on the World Wide Web is vital for the promotion and propagation of the Faith. Did you know that well over half the enquiries about the Faith received by the National Assembly come from people using the Web and that this proportion is increasing year-on-year?

For many people now the first place they look for information is the World Wide Web. It is very important you have a Website for when they come looking. In fact we would go further – things have now reached the stage where if you do not have a Website people are much less likely to take you seriously. Conversely to have a site and be able to put your URL (Web address) on your literature, headed paper, newspaper adverts etc. not only increases the chance of contact, it conveys to the wider public that you are an established organisation.

We are ready to help. If you want more information about developing your own website please get in touch with us.

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TONBRIDGE, Kent, TN9 1DR email: opi@bahai.org.uk

Travel Teaching and Homefront Pioneering Service

Lewisham :

Lewisham community have firesides on the last Thursday of every month. They would be happy to hear from travel teachers willing to give talks at their firesides for the last Thursdays in June, July and August. Please contact Semira Sohrabian-Bailey: semira@sohrabian-bailey.freeserve.co.uk

Southam (Warwickshire):

Southam community would be happy to receive travel teachers, on Wednesday evenings, particular dates to be negotiated. Accommodation is possible. Please contact Paddy Vickers, vickers@netcomuk.co.uk

Offer from Travel Teachers:

Mr Sadegh Mehraban, a Persian gentleman from Manchester, is willing to travel teach. He has done a lot of travel teaching in the last 20 years. He could give fireside talks or speak to the Bahá'ís. He's self supporting, and only needs accommodation. Contact him if you need a visit to your community. [Contact the TTS](#) for details.

Mary Chikkala will be visiting the UK from Khazekstan for a month during which she will take part in the three-day Irfan Colloquium in London. From July 23 to August 10 she would be available for Travel Teaching. She would also like to help in some Ruhi circles. If you would like to make use of her offer please [get in touch with the TTS](#).

Orkney's Golden Jubilee :

It will be Orkney's Golden Jubilee in 2003. And they would like some visitors. It is 50 years since the Knight of Bahá'u'lláh, Charles Dunning came to Orkney. Ideally they would like small numbers, regularly. They always welcome anyone with musical talent or anyone

who can give informal or formal talks on any subject – not necessarily on the Faith. Also they would be glad just to see anyone who would like to travel to Orkney to visit the Bahá'ís. Some hospitality available. [Contact TTS](#) initially please with your details.

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Email: TTS@bahai.org.uk.

