
AFS Adds Five Countries to its Teacher Exchange Program

AFS has expanded its teacher exchange program with the addition of Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela. The Visiting Teachers Program, entering its fourth year, already includes China, Thailand, Peru, Chile, and Costa Rica.

AFS International/Intercultural Programs, formerly known as the American Field Service, is the leading nonprofit international exchange organization. AFS's Visiting Teachers Program enables educators to undertake an intercultural living experience while at the same time enriching their teaching skills.

U.S. secondary school teachers live with a host family in one of the aforementioned countries, and observe and teach in the local school, while participating in cultural enrichment activities. Summer and six month options are available.

Teachers of English from these countries come to the United States for a six month period, commencing in December. They live with a host family and serve as a resource in the local high school, while observing English teaching methodologies.

Notes William M. Dyal, Jr., president of AFS: "The Visiting Teachers Program embodies the AFS philosophy: only by living in a host family and being fully immersed in a host community, can one truly understand another culture."

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