

# Black Forest Academy Opportunity

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"Go therefore and make disciples  
of all the nations . . ."

Matthew 28:19

# **The timeline of my life's careers point to God's leading me to this incredible opportunity.**

- My 25+ years in the Air Force provided broad leadership and communication responsibilities, especially as an ROTC commander at Michigan Tech.
- A six-year effort as a government contractor developed my analytic skills and gave me time to get a Master's degree in Secondary Education.
- My first teaching experience encompassed the next 8 years, exposing me to instruction developments and the important aspects of an international boarding school.
- The last three years as my wife's caregiver was a difficult yet growing experience in trusting God's plans.



Black Forest Academy (BFA) is an international Christian boarding school, located in Kandern, Germany, at the far southwest corner near the intersection of France, Germany, and Switzerland



# BFA has many broad responsibilities, but discipleship of its students is at the core.



- Although my position is as a science/math teacher, my duties will touch on each of these areas of growth.
- Supporting the students of active missionaries around the world will be a privilege.

# Teaching has become an important part of my spiritual and intellectual growth.

- My content knowledge has certainly increased over time, but my greater understanding of students improved my ability to relate life principles to them.
- Excellence is always the goal, but grace is sometimes necessary for true learning to occur.
- Time also clarifies priorities and provides both a confidence and a calming effect in communicating ideas and listening to others.
- I enjoy exploring more remote topics of science content; I hope that desire will transfer to the students.



# My primary duty is in academic instruction, but mentoring occurs at all interactions.



Classroom time and homework provide structure and discipline for accomplishments.



As an intramural coach, students are given many life lessons in hard work and looking out for one another.



There are few activities like service projects that put us closer to the heart of Jesus.



I look forward to guiding students in the direct investigation of God's mind by studying the bible.

**My success at BFA won't always be seen immediately, yet God will be faithful to change lives for Him.**

- I am thankful for your part in praying for the students' openness to Truth in all areas of their lives.
- I also need your prayers to "have eyes to see" the value of each life and where God wants me to focus my efforts.
- I am excited to share with you both the humorous and transformational stories of the students.
- I look forward to learning of the service details for the missionary parents and sharing that work with you.
- Despite the speed at which this whole adventure is progressing, I know I am in the right place for His purposes.

**"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."**

**Micah 6:8**