

Excerpt from a letter to Broadreach from a past instructor:

For what it is worth: There are several "top tier" international schools in the Pacific Rim that offer incredible packages to teachers, are very expensive, and are VERY selective with students and faculty. I am thrilled to let you know I landed two job offers, including my first choice at Jakarta International School, before the Christmas break using Skype video conferencing to interview.

Both schools made it VERY clear that my time with Broadreach was a huge factor in me being offered a position. I know the other finalist for the Jakarta position had a ton of overseas teaching and International Baccalaureate experience. Yet they were much more impressed with my adventures living on a boat in the Caribbean and in the Solomon Islands with a pack of teenagers. I truly believe Broadreach made the difference, or at least was a huge part of the final picture.

Over the winter I have had several BR instructors tell me they need to spend next summer working internships or "real jobs" so they can be more competitive finding spots in the workplace as they finish their degrees.... I would be the first to argue that BR separates job candidates from the rest of the "...here is my typical summer internship" pack. I'm sure you already know this, but I am not sure all the college kids working for you do.

Also, please feel free to forward my contact information to any teachers who apply. After all, one learns more about teaching and teenagers with BR than they could in any professional development workshop.

Now I want to get a little sappy....

When I came to BR a few years ago I was pretty much a "redneck wrestling coach from Indiana/Florida" who hadn't really been anywhere outside of the US except for maybe Cancun and Nassau. You guys opened a door and side of me I never really knew existed. In a few months I am moving to the other side of the world to work at an incredible international school in a culture nothing like the US. I am so excited I cannot stand it. Part of my assignment will be running a dive club for JIS students, parents, and faculty which will include leading trips to Bali, Komodo, Sulawesi, etc...I will get to see not only Indonesia, but Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia...the opportunities are endless.

I guess what I am trying to say is thank you so much for everything. My Broadreach experiences mean the world to me.

Hope to see you this summer.

Best,
Matt Schafer