

Lead Pastor
Suzhou International Fellowship
Suzhou, Jiangsu, China
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Categories: Senior Pastor
Denominations: Inter-denominational
Church Size: 300
Job Type: Full-Time

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Suzhou International Fellowship (SIF) is an English-speaking, inter-denominational gathering of more than 300 expatriate Christians from around 30 different countries, in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, P.R. China. SIF was formed in 1999 and is now mostly comprised of families, business professionals, university students, and teachers.

The mission of SIF is to serve expatriate Christians by providing an environment for fellowship, worship, Bible teaching, mutual encouragement and spiritual growth. The fellowship provides people with an opportunity to contribute to the community and encourage expats to walk with the Lord and fellowship together as they live in Suzhou.

SIF holds weekly worship and Sunday School. This location includes new, modern facilities with excellent multi-media equipment, and Sunday School facilities. There are also a variety of small groups and ministries that meet throughout the week in different areas around the city.

Location

Suzhou is a city of about 9 million people located close to Shanghai. Suzhou is an ancient city that is well-known for its beautiful stone bridges, pagodas, meticulously designed gardens, and history. It has four distinct seasons and enjoys moderate temperatures and abundant rainfall.

As China's modernization drive gained momentum in the early 1990's, the China-Singapore Suzhou Industrial Park and the Suzhou New District Industrial Park were established in the city. Over 2500 foreign enterprises and more than 5000 private Chinese enterprises have invested in facilities located in these parks. This led the city to grow at an alarming rate, as well as establish a growing expatriate community. Suzhou also has a number of well-known universities with an increasing number of foreign exchange programs. This has led to an incredible number of international students in the expatriate community.

Job Description

SIF is currently looking for an English speaking pastor to lead its members and staff in following God's calling, starting in ideally Summer/Fall 2018.

The lead pastor is expected to

- Be a gifted preacher who helps the congregation relate the truth of the Scripture to daily life. This responsibility includes insuring that the consistency, content, and continuity of the Sunday messages are aligned with Scripture and the SIF.
- Be in charge of organizing Sunday service.
- Be involved, not necessarily leading, in the various ministries at SIF (e.g. student ministry, men's ministry, worship, etc.).
- Work cooperatively with the local Three Self Protestant church partners and host campus leaders.

Qualifications

- Candidates should have a seminary/bible degree with five or more years of experience in lead pastoral ministry.
- They should also have been ordained by a generally recognized and organized Christian denomination.
- Demonstrate a clear call to ministry,
- Being a man of mature faith and prayer,
- Being able to maintain accountability with members of our Leadership Team
- Have a great love for people.

Skills/Values

- Passionate about sharing the Good News of Christ
- Desire to equip believers to be wholly devoted followers of Christ in a diverse, international community.
- The skills to develop relationships with the official Chinese church and other international fellowships in China.
- Be an excellent communicator.
- Be a talented vision caster.
- Be committed to identifying and developing future leaders to ensure SIF's sustained growth by having a strong, healthy Leadership Team.

Compensation and Benefits

For this position, SIF can provide the following,

- competitive salary
- yearly travel, housing, and local transportation allowance
- medical insurance
- relocation cost to and from China

However, please note, due to the high tuition rates of international schools we cannot pay full tuition for children's education.

To learn more about us, please visit our website at **www.thesif.com**. If you feel the Holy Spirit may be leading you our way, please send us your resume and we'll be honored to give it a careful review.

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