

SPANISH-LANGUAGE LIAISON



ABOUT THE ROLE

This role of the Spanish-Language Liaison is strategic to the ongoing ministry of Linguæ Christi for two primary reasons.

First, Linguæ Christi, as an international missionary organisation, seeks to recruit both new ministry partners as well as field personnel from many areas of the world. For new missionary personnel, having knowledge of the “trade” language is very helpful and sometimes essential in ministry among speakers of indigenous minority languages. Because there are between 8 and 13 million speakers of indigenous minority languages on the Iberian Peninsula, Spanish speakers are a strategic priority both for mobilisation of new ministry partners and on-field personnel recruitment.

Second, current Linguæ Christi personnel (staff and Trustees) speak primarily Welsh and/or English, as well as other languages such as Romanian and Norwegian. However, current personnel’s ability in Spanish is rudimentary at best. For ministry partners and missionary candidates/appointees, who speak Spanish but not a language used by current Linguæ Christi personnel, a Spanish-Language Liaison role is necessary for basic communication, mobilisation, member care, and supervision.

ESSENTIAL TASKS

- Initiate, respond to, and maintain communication with Spanish-speaking Churches and other organisations as potential ministry partners in Spain and primarily South/Central/North America on behalf of Linguæ Christi.
- Initiate communication and respond to queries from potential, field-ministry, missionary candidates, who are exclusively or primarily Spanish speaking.
- Assist in leading Spanish-speaking missionary candidates through the discernment, application, and approval stages of the appointment process in conjunction with Linguæ Christi staff and trustees.
- Provide basic pastoral interaction through Spanish for Spanish-speaking missionaries serving on-field.

IMPORTANT TASKS

- Assist as needed with on-line meetings between non-Spanish-speaking Linguæ Christi personnel and Spanish-speaking field-personnel and ministry partners
- Assist as needed with short translation work in time-sensitive situations (longer translation needs will be addressed through independent, dedicated translators).
- Represent Linguæ Christi on occasion at predominantly Spanish-speaking Conferences and other meetings for the purpose of mobilisation

HOURS PER MONTH

- 5-10 hours per month
- Ad hoc meetings as necessary

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Fluent, comprehensive ability (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) in Spanish required, either as a first/native language, which is preferable, or as a second language to a minimum of the C1 level according to CEFR
- Fluent, comprehensive ability (speaking, understanding, reading, writing) in Welsh or English required to a minimum of the C1 level according to CEFR
- Pastoral experience and training in some form of Christian ministry is very helpful

SKILLS AND GIFTS

- Comfortable working in front of a computer, including video conferencing and online calls
- Ability to operate in a professional manner when communicating online
- Good attention to detail
- Can work both independently and collaboratively
- Comfortable with public speaking

INDUCTION AND SUPPORT

Aside from a general introduction to Linguæ Christi's mission and team, this role will require four hours of induction on the following topics:

- Salesforce database tutorials (2)
- Apply tutorial knowledge to partnership and personnel recruitment management in Salesforce (2)

This role will be supported by Linguæ Christi's General Director and will collaborate with personnel and volunteers involved in Spanish-language mobilisation and field missionary strategy development and maintenance. Please contact info@linguaechristi.org for more information.