

History of TeachBeyond

TeachBeyond was born on the western Canadian prairies in 1954, when Leo Janz committed himself to bringing the biblical message of hope to post-war Germany. Several members of his family joined him to create The Janz Brothers Gospel Association, which began broadcasting over Radio Luxembourg in 1955. News of the Association's radio, church, music, and educational work spread to German-speaking communities in Europe. As opportunities grew, the original Janz Association established various national Janz organizations to serve needs in Europe and South America.

In 2006 the Board of Directors assessed the status of the organization and came to the conclusion that it would be appropriate to recast the vision and undertake new initiatives. Out of this came the phrase, "teach beyond," which subsequently became the name of the organization in 2009. This change was coterminous with the appointment of a new president, Dr. George Durance, and the establishment of a US office in the Chicago area. Dr. Durance introduced a strategic planning process that resulted in a five year Plan known as "Educating for Transformation: the Birth of a Dream 2010-15," that was adopted by the Board in April 2010.

- 1954 The Janz Brothers Gospel Association is founded by Leo Janz and team to bring the gospel message to post-war Germany.
- 1955 First broadcast over Radio Luxembourg. The work spreads from German language radio programs to church, music, and educational work.
- 1956 A homeschool is started in the Janz family living room in Basel, Switzerland for six Janz children. Later this becomes Black Forest Academy (renamed 1973).
- 1950s-1960s Janz Team provides evangelistic crusades, outreach programs, youth work, and Bible courses in Europe and South America.
- 1960s-1990s Evangelistic crusades are held in Europe,
- South and North America. Janz Team expands its work to new places including Belarus, UK, France, and Portugal. English camps begin.
- 2006 The board of directors and members recast the vision to focus on education as a means for spiritual and life transformation.
- 2009 The organization is renamed "TeachBeyond: Transformational Education Services." Dr. George Durance is appointed president. "Birth of a Vision" Strategic Plan (2010-2014) launches global education initiatives.
- 2014 TeachBeyond holds its first global conference. The GlobalCentre is established in the UK. 435 members serve in 39 countries around the world, using education as a medium to reach others for Christ.