If you need to perform the same update on multiple records it sounds like you need to use the updateSelection() method instead of the updateRecord() method. The updateSelection() method uses two arguments, $selection and $replace, and will issue an SQL query in the format "UPDATE <table> SET $replace WHERE $selection". If you also want to call a popup to obtain a key from a foreign table to include in the update then take a look at the UPDATE 2 pattern.