



Letters from the Mission Field

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Teaching English class has been so rewarding. I've enjoyed every part of the process, from planning the lessons the night before to being in the classroom and seeing my student's joy at being able to say, "Hello!"

Adita comes every Tuesday and Wednesday morning with her one year old daughter, Kamila. When she first came, I asked her why she wanted to learn. "I want to learn for Kamila. I want to be able to help with her English homework." she told me. So together we learn the alphabet, greetings, time, numbers and holidays. She teaches me Spanish and I teach her English. But mostly we get off topic and just enjoy talking like the two twenty-six year olds we are.

It's amazing to me how much we can learn about a each other even when we speak different languages. With a lot of hand movements, acting and Google Translator, I feel like I know Adita. She grew up in the capital city of Guatemala. She is the third eldest of eight siblings. Back home some of her favorite things to do were going to the zoo, riding roller coasters, or playing with the family dog.

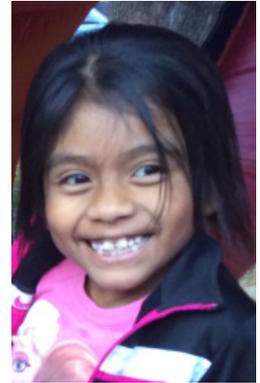
Now years later in America, she lives with her husband, Wilmer, and daughter. Wilmer works in the construction business and also helps her on the weekends clean after hours at Children's Hospital in Atlanta.

"What about on Sundays? Do you go to church?" I ask her in Spanish one morning.

"Oh si!" She goes on to tell me about a little Hispanic church her family attends. "But I don't have many friends there." She admits. I stood up and hugged her close. That was something she could understand.

"I know how we can bring your friends here!" I tell her and whip out my computer to set up a Facebook account for her. She was so delighted to be able to talk to her mom and sister back home.

Please pray for Adita and her family. Pray that the Lord will help me learn the words to say to her to bring her closer to Him.



Please pray for my family. This Thanksgiving Miles and I are hosting 25 family members at our house! Then we'll take our family road trip to Texas for Christmas.



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Want to know the best way to celebrate your birthday? With this group of kids!
Below is Adita learning how to type on a computer for the first time.

