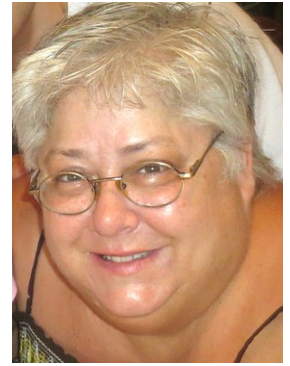




# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update September 2014



Hello my friends!

Do you remember your first day of school? The nervous excitement you felt as you waved goodbye to your parents? Every year I get to experience that feeling again with all my new school kids!

Imagine what it would be like to go to a class, where you didn't speak the language. The teacher comes up to you, speaks to you and you have no idea what she said. Pretty rough, right? I remember taking Ashley and Jesse to school when we lived in France. Jesse carried his little dog with him, hugging it tightly to his chest. We walked to school and listened to sniffles as the kids tried to be brave. It was heart breaking!

Julie is one of my new students. She's in kindergarten and is from Guatemala. She speaks no English. Fortunately, my Spanish is a lot better than her English! She shows me her homework assignment. She's to copy over a big A three time, then write her own three times.

"No puedo," she replied, "I can't."  
"Si, tu puedes!" I asserted, "Yes, you can!"

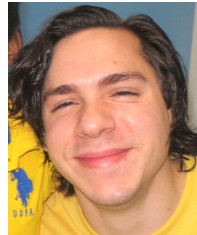
I gripped the pencil in my hand and told her to "look!" in Spanish. Then I carefully placed the pencil between her thumb and two fingers. I had her grip the pencil and mimed how to make the letter A. Start at the top. Go down to your right. Start at the top. Go down to your left. Make the crosspiece starting from the left. There was a definite procedure to every letter if you wanted to do it "right!"

It reminded me of another new student. Maleka was from Bangladesh. She spoke no English and she was 71 years old! She was part of the first Bengali family I worked with at Azalea Apartments. I slowly taught her how to hold the pencil How to form the letter M. Over the years they lived at Azalea, I became good friends with her. Later, she shared with me how much it meant to be able to sign her name rather than just make an X. Although she is still a Muslim, I was able to share Jesus with her in her own language thanks to the Jesus Film.

Learning is a constant process. And so is teaching! We are constantly teaching the people around us by our actions. Our team at Whirlwind Missions emphasizes how important it is to build people up and remind them how much God loves them!

It's good to get back to basics in our faith, too! I remember a song we used to teach to the little kids, "Read your Bible, pray every day and you'll grow, Grow, GROW!" How true!

Love, *Tim and Kathy*



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