



ESL & IMMIGRANT MINISTRIES



# Speak Easy

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## Monte's Musings

*Story submitted by Monte Campbell*

**20 years ago as a recent member of Mount Olivet, I agreed to substitute in a newly formed ESL class.** As a reading teacher, I knew nothing about teaching English as a Second Language. Two hours of "tap dancing" with no lesson plan left me pretty sure I had been a total failure. But at the end of class, one by one, the students came up to me and said "thank you, teacher." Some even gave me a hug. I was hooked. Apparently they thought I had been of some use to them, and surely they had been a great blessing to me.

I admired their determination to make a new life and learn a new language in a foreign land. As immigrants, they were risk takers. I fancy myself a risk taker also. It has been my great joy and pleasure to have been of some small service over the years to these remarkable people who are trying so hard to succeed.

**An additional blessing has been my work with the coordinators and volunteers who really make this ministry a reality.** The hours they expend, the effort they exert, the love they show is an inspiration to me. Without their leadership there would be no ESL program. People helping people - that is what ESL is all about.



Over the years my husband, Bob, has been searching for a 12-step program to help me kick the ESL habit. Well maybe that time has come.

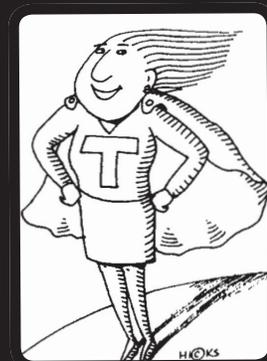
**As I retire from active work in the ministry, I may finally have come to the end of the ESL road. But then again, maybe I have not. . . . . Anyone need a Monday night substitute?**

# Spring 2009 Semester Statistics

	NO. OF STUDENTS REGISTERED	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	NO. OF TEACHERS	NO. OF NEW TEACHERS	OTHER VOLUNTEERS
Arlington UMC	78	56	21	5	4
Arlington Forest UMC Mount Olivet UMC First Presbyterian Church	48	22	6	1	4
Calvary UMC (Arlington)	25	22	15	2	2
Centreville UMC A.M.	116	70	12	0	4
Centreville UMC P.M.	80	58	14	0	4
Crossroads UMC (Ashburn)	100	70	26	5	18
Culmore UMC (Falls Church)	67	35	7	2	6
Dulin UMC (Falls Church)	150	81	16	0	7
Fairfax UMC	129	83	28	1	8
Floris UMC (Herndon)	99	78	32	2	2
Grace UMC – Trinity Episcopal Church (Manassas)	86	50	26	0	7
Graham Road UMC (Falls Church)	30	18	6	0	4
Herndon UMC – Trinity Presbyterian	19	10	13	3	3
Leesburg UMC	29	17	14	5	7
Manassas-St. Thomas UMC	23	18	8	4	8
St. George's UMC (Fairfax)	93	58	24	2	15
St. Matthew's UMC (Annandale)	73	56	16	1	25
Washington Street UMC (Alexandria)	32	16	10	1	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>139</b>

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# 20 Years of Collaborative ESL Ministry Celebrated

Story submitted by Karen Brown

**1989. 30 Students. 6 Teachers.** It began at Mount Olivet UMC twenty years ago with English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. With the increasing number of non-English speakers, our community realized it was important for our new neighbors to speak English: to get jobs, help their children with school, and navigate the daily complexities of living in America.

Today, the need continues. Arlington school children speak 95 languages and come from 128 countries. In Fairfax, a third of residents five years and above speak another language at home. Throughout these twenty years, the seeds sown in Mount Olivet's basement have germinated and spread. Today, with support from the non-profit organization, English as a Second Language and Immigrant Ministries (ESLIM), 16 churches offer the gift of language learning and God's love to over 2,000 area immigrants a year. Although a United Methodist ministry, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches participate in co-ministry.

**And what diversity!!!** Students come from Iraq, Pakistan, Nepal, Vietnam, Korea, China, Egypt, Turkey, Russia, Poland, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, to name a few. These students bring rich cultural experiences to a classroom, benefiting teachers and students alike.

Because of dedicated individual churches and support from ESLIM, today's ESL programs are thriving. Volunteer recruitment and training

helps resource individual programs. A website provides information for volunteers and students, while calls to the "ESL Hotline" are answered in several languages. Classes are advertised on radio, in newspapers, and through flyers. A detailed organizational manual offers suggestions to program coordinators in operating their ESL ministries.

The key to ESLIM's success? VOLUNTEERS. Volunteers to set up classrooms, shepherd registration, teach classes, substitute, provide snacks, coordinate program operations, share ideas, take photos, train teachers, and serve on ESLIM's board of directors.

On Saturday, May 30th, ESLIM and its partner churches celebrated this 20-year milestone of ministry. Thanks were expressed to retiring Executive Director Monte Campbell, for her leadership over the years. Barbara Bennett was also honored for her long tenure as ESLIM's administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator. Jocelyn Casillas, the new executive director, thanked all present for their accomplishments and dedication. Photos of this anniversary celebration are shown here.

**I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, "move from here to there" and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.**

*Matthew 17:20*

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Annandale ILMC	Arlington County Jail	Arlington Forest ILMC	Arlington Temple ILMC	Arlington ILMC	Calvary ILMC	Central ILMC	Centreville ILMC
Christ Crossman ILMC	Clarendon ILMC	Crossroads ILMC	Culmore ILMC	Dranesville ILMC	Dulfin ILMC	First Korean ILMC	Fairfax ILMC
First Presbyterian Arlington	First Vietnamese ILMC	Floris ILMC	Grace ILMC	Graham Roof ILMC	Herndon ILMC	Holy Spirit ILMC	Korean of Greater ILMC
Leesburg ILMC	Lincolnton ILMC	Manassas ILMC	Thomas Olivet ILMC	Udell ILMC	Wheaton ILMC	Pasasant Valley ILMC	St. George's ILMC
St. Luke's ILMC	St. Mark's ILMC	St. Matthew's ILMC	Sterling ILMC	Trinity Episcopal	Trinity Presbyterian	Washington Street ILMC	Wesley ILMC



## Jocelyn's Brief Biography

Story submitted by Jocelyn Casillas

**It has been a busy time for me since ESL and Immigrant Ministries announced that I'd been chosen as its next executive director. I am excited to assume the many duties performed by both Monte Campbell and Barbara Bernett. Preparing for this position is something I've relished, spending many hours together with Monte and Barbara in a whirlwind of activity.**

Like many who find themselves drawn to work in the non-profit sector, my experience is quite varied, including working as a teacher, musician, and fundraiser. I received my undergraduate academic training at Oberlin College and Oberlin Conservatory of Music, where I earned degrees in German and harp performance. My graduate work is in music and second language acquisition (German) and took place at the University of Arizona. I applied those skills previously in teaching at the college and university level. In 2000 I became part of non-profit work in a different capacity. I worked for four years at the University of Arizona Foundation during its \$1B capital campaign, then accepted the position of director of development at a social service agency providing housing for low-income elderly, St. Luke's Home. When our family left Tucson a little over a year ago, I was working as a director of development for Arizona Opera. My new position at ESLIM will allow me to bring together fundraising experience and earlier academic work related to teaching. And, as a previous program



**Jocelyn Reiter Casillas**

co-coordinator and volunteer ESL teacher at Grace UMC and Trinity Episcopal Church in Manassas, I have first-hand knowledge of this extraordinary organization.

ESLIM's Board of Directors helped Monte prepare the organization for a smooth transition. My work will now begin to take me across Northern Virginia and into the churches and classrooms where the invaluable education provided by our volunteer teachers takes place each semester.

***I am looking forward to learning about each unique program, and more importantly, how I can support and enhance the efforts of ESLIM's ministry to this region's English-learning immigrants.***

# Thank you —

## 20th Anniversary Contributions and contributions in honor of Monte Campbell's and Barbara Bennett's many years of service to ESL and Immigrant Ministries:

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## New Horizons helps ESLIM

There's not a program coordinator who is part of our 16-member confederation who isn't familiar with **ESL from A to Z**, the administrative manual prepared by ESL and Immigrant Ministries. Whether it is in initial planning, volunteer recruitment, or registration facilitation, the manual is the "go to" source for all of our recurring questions!

The New Horizons Fund looked carefully at ESLIM and determined that what we're doing shouldn't be kept secret. Thanks to a generous grant by the New Horizons Fund, Monte and a review committee have created a version of the manual that churches and other organizations outside of our Northern Virginia region can utilize.

Now this manual is headed to cyberspace, and we'd like you to help direct others across the country to it as a resource. New versions of the familiar regional manual were shared with coordinators in early May, and we will continue to keep our version specific to the needs in Northern Virginia.

However, if you would like to encourage friends or family who live across the country in their pursuits to get involved in ESL, send them the ESLIM home page link, [www.eslim.org](http://www.eslim.org), where they can find out how to access the online version, applicable cross-country. Thanks for your help in spreading the word about **ESL from A to Z!**

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