Thankful For What God is Doing  
by Noemi Cruz,  
(HOPE Site Director, Pantego Bible Church)

Anayeli García began attending ESL classes during the 2017-2018 year. We invited her to a conference on parenting held at PBC. She loved the conference and wanted to hear more. She attended our Community Group, Pantego Contigo, one Sunday and accepted the Lord that same Sunday!

Alejandra Guerrero began attending our ESL classes last year. Last year, each teacher had the opportunity to share their Jesus story in the large group. Every week, we prayed together and invited our students to Pantego Contigo. Alejandra attended and brought her whole family. She is presently an active member of our Community group alongside her entire family. She continues to attend Wednesday and Thursday classes. Her older daughter presently volunteers in our ESL program on Thursday nights.

We are so excited about all of the Anayelis and Alejandras in our classes. God is allowing us to build relationships and show God’s love to them weekly. Please continue to pray for us as we share the love of Christ through teaching English.

We, Pantego Contigo, will be having a Christmas Fellowship this Sunday and will be sharing the gospel. All our Spanish-speaking ESL students have showed a great interest in attending. We will also be sharing the gospel at our Christmas parties next week. We are expectant of what the Lord will do! Please keep us in your prayers.
Reach the World with ESL, by Jack McCoy

What better way to expose the international student and world to the Word of Christ than through English as a Second Language (ESL). Hope Literacy does just that - connects and provides a safe loving environment for refugees, international students, and adults to learn English and hear about Jesus - many for the first time.

I was involved with Northwest Baptist Church and their International Department for several years. I taught English from the Bible, helped establish the All Nations Church, and was the Friendship Family Coordinator for the many Oklahoma City University students. We saw these students come to Christ after a year or so, after they had heard the Word in class and in church. Energized and ready to tell their family and friends their new found faith in Jesus. We did not need to go on mission overseas, they came to us.

Interestingly, Northwest Church began to change. We became more accepting, more tolerant; we grew and traveled as we saw these students accept Jesus and be baptized. Overseas mission travels began with families visiting their former students. Our church came alive with the establishment of a Vietnamese Church and later a Korean Church, inside Northwest Church.

The aim of Hope Literacy is to provide biblical and spiritual teachers who are effective witnesses, who teach, seek, and tell the Good News. The purpose of the refugee and student is to learn English. Our purpose is they come to know Christ.

You may be drawn into the ESL mission field for the first time or have the skills and want to teach, making a difference in a student’s life. Be significant! We need more qualified teachers and directors. New teaching sites are forming. I ask you help to expand the reach of HOPE Literacy into the community and around the world.

Thank you,
Jack

Prayer

Let loving, prepared teachers of HOPE meet open, enthusiastic students. May the Lord bring great life changes. May Jesus’ name be honored. May students’ needs be met. May scripture be shared and prayers be offered and answered. May we and our students excel in life!