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It Takes a Child to Raise a Village

Yes, you read that right.

No, I am not dyslexic.

A few weeks ago an interesting thing happened at one of our English as a Second Language classes when the teacher had to leave early for a doctor's appointment. Now, one would think that the usual response to this would be the early ending of the class. What happened next was, well, surprising and precious at the same time.

Luz (age 7), daughter of one of the students, came forward and offered to teach the remaining half-hour of the class. Remember, this was a class of ADULT students, she was just there with her Mom. On her own initiative, she finished teaching the class by herself.

Now, just to refresh your memory, our June 2016 E-Newsletter featured Luz's mother, Francisca, in a newspaper article that told her story. Francisca was quoted by reporter/writer Daysi Amaya-Danker as saying: "My goal is to learn English and computers." Amaya-Danker wrote that "[Francisca's] effort and dedication are an example for her children. Garcia has learned that the goals can be achieved if you have the desire to want to learn." Finally, Francisca is quoted as saying, "For example, if they are doing poorly (my children) in school, I try to say, 'If I can, you can too.'"

Judging by Luz's willingness to contribute to her community by teaching, Francisca's wish to be an example to her children appears to be coming true.

The end game of the Seeds of Change program at Good Samaritan Mission is to turn the students into teachers, encouraging them to contribute to the welfare of the community through the sharing of themselves and their knowledge. Witnessing this little event was a clear indication of God's blessing on this program.

Would you please prayerfully consider financially supporting this work? Just click on the "Donate Now" button above. We need your help to continue this meaningful program, encouraging the Franciscas and Luzs of our neighborhood to grow and learn (and teach)!

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Summer Break Reminder



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