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**My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners.**

 To be honest I’m not a good at English as my teacher Dr Frank and other my classmate teachers. I’m not worthy to be called as “English teacher” for now. But I’ll do my best to study English and I will be a good teacher for my future English learners. But for now I’m just working at the Factory in Yong-In. My working hour is Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 7 pm.. of course I changed my schedule to 7:30am to 5pm (Only Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, but still Monday and Friday schedule is same as 7:30 to 7 pm.) for coming to Kangnam TESOL program. And ho, wait, Before I start to telling about my Dream as a Teacher. I just want to say Thank you so much for my Captain and owner of the factory. Because without their understanding about how I eager to learn English I cannot be here. Thank you again captain (in Korean Gong Jang Jang Nim) and Sa Jang Nim (means owner of the company).

 From last two weeks I learned a lot of great English educational ideas and philosophies and teaching strategies from my great TESOL teacher Dr. Frank. It was worthy and sacrificing enough for me to coming Times Media Kangnam TESOL Center Class No. 121…How I am sacrificing myself for coming to this class? Okay, before I start to telling you why I signed up for this TESOL program.. I want a share about my 24 hours day schedule. I wake up at 5 or 5:30 in the morning and get ready to go to work. And most time I skip the breakfast. And driving about 35 to 40 min to go to my work place. And at 7:30 am preparing work in the Factory. And until lunch time there is one coffee break at 10:00 am and start work again at 10:10 am sometimes just 5 min coffee break or less than 5 min. My job is welding, grinding, carrying and working with heavy tools to assembling heavy materials. And there is a lot of noises around in the factory.. And then lunch time is at 12 pm. during the lunch time everybody just eating. No one is talking, almost zero nada communications, and no vocabulary, no language, no words. And yes during working time there is a little conversations for example. “YA” means “Hey you!” or “YE” means yes sir. Yes we just using a few words for communicate each other that’s it. And of course “NO ENGLISH”. And back to my schedule again around 4:50 pm I feel really sorry for the captain and owner of the factory, because I have to leave for to go to my TESOL class in Kangnam. In first week my captain was okay for me to leave early for the TESOL class. But after 2 weeks later, he seems like a stressed because of me or his personal matters I don’t know why. But I can guess it’s because of me. So during the last week my captain gave me a lot of hard times with his face expressions and way of his talking to me. Every time when he is giving me order for tasks he’s acting was really wired for me and yelling at me many times and he just throw materials to the ground which is iron and stainless heavy panels. And so what can I do in that situation?. I can just show my patience and just do what he wants me to do and just continue to working hard. I have no choice because I need money for living and for coming to this great TESOL program. And I’m also really appreciate to my Captain and owner of the Factory. Because they didn’t fire me. So I’m really working hard every day for my Factory and for myself. If even they gonna fire me or continue to giving me hard times. I’ll be totally Okay no complaints to my captain and owner of the Factory because I totally understand them and I’m respect them. Okay, I’m gonna continue with my day schedule. Leaving the Factory around at five o’clock and driving to my home. And when I get home taking shower and change my clothes and eat little bit (like han-soot-Garak. means one scoop) till 5:50 pm I cannot stay at home more than 10 min. and then just run to the “Giheung subway station” and I have to take 5:55 subway if not I’m gonna be late so I have to sprint. I mean full speed run.. and then I have to exit at Jeongja station for to taking Shin Boon Dang line to go Kangnam Subway Station. So from Giheung to Jeongja is about 20 min and Jeongja to Kangnam is about 30 min, and there is waiting time.anyways when I arrive at Kangnam Station it’s about 6:50 pm and sometimes 6:55 pm and I have only 5 min to go my TESOL Class so I’m just sprint to my precious~ precious English Class No 121. Every time when I coming to this Class my heart is always pumping and it feels really really good. And I’m already achieved one of my goal as a challenge the most difficult things for me. And this is a great privilege for me that I can sit down with my very kind and awesome and beautiful classmates and learning how to teach English from a great TESOL teacher Dr. Frank. And I want to say “Thank you so much.” to my TESOL Class 121.

 The reason why I signed up for Times Media Kangnam TESOL center TESOL class No. 121 is because I like to learn English and I want to teach English everyone who wants to learn English as second language in my future. And 2nd reason is because to be honest, I didn’t want to learn how to teach English from any other TESOL program. Because most other TESOL programs in Korea is how to teach English with their own program. And I thought it’s like Korean style TESOL program. personally I don’t like that because I don’t want to learn Korean style TESOL program, because in my opinion English is originally from UK and USA or Canada etc. So I want to learn how to teach English from original. Maybe my idea is wrong but I believe myself strongly and I want to follow my heart. And I don’t want to offense any other TESOL program in Korea. I believe they have really good developed English teaching programs and teachers too. It’s just my personal thoughts and opinion. And 3rd reason is that it’s a great opportunity to learn TESOL program from one of a famous University in USA. Before I signed up I thought It’s gonna be really good and excellent challenge to myself. To be honest my English is not that good as other my TESOL 121 classmate teachers. I’m not really good but I’m trying to do my best and also I was thinking that if I challenge myself to the most toughest TESOL program and if I go through all the way and finally get my TESOL certification it will be one of the most awesome and fantastic dream come true event in my life and I can be proud of myself and I can be a proud child to my parents.

 Okay that was the reason why I signed up for Kangnam TESOL center class 121.

 And now I’m gonna talking about my dream about to teach English of English learners. I love to teaching and I love kids. So my teaching target is absolutely children. Long time ago when I was working as TKD master at the TKD Schools, during that time I learned so many wonderful things from the kids and I had many great and beautiful memories with kids and many teaching experiences. When I was teaching TKD to the kids (and also adults too.) they were just like sponge. When I talk to them do this and they just follow my instructions. And when I show them TKD movements they were so exiting and tried their best to copy of my every TKD motions. And even adult too but they cannot compare with kids. I think kids are so pure and clean as water. they are just wonderful human beings to me. And I think that If there is many great and loving kindness teachers for the kids our world was gonna be totally different than now. I cannot change the world by myself but I can change myself and my family and my precious students. And this is what I believe.

I don’t remember exactly when it was teacher Dr. Frank telling us the story about teacher Mrs. Thompson’s inspirational amazing story but it was truly touching my heart and I almost got tear because it was just amazing and beautiful story to me. As I said if there was many good teachers just like Mrs. Thompson out there in the world it would be different. Before I was listening again Mrs. Thomson and Teddy’s story through teacher Dr. Frank, I was just thinking about only how can I improve my English Skills and how to teaching vocabulary and grammar to the kids through this TESOL program. But after Mrs. Thompson’s story I learned most important thing about how to be a great teacher who can great impact to their student; it’s “LOVE” or you could say “Empathy”. I think LOVE is the most important skills that teachers must have.

 And now I’m not just thinking about how can be a good teacher for the kids but also adults too after listening Mrs. Thomson’s story. Honestly I saw some other TESOL teachers essays to get some good Ideas for my essay. And I figure out that most TESOL teacher’s Essay says that “I never met a great teacher as Mrs. Thomson and I didn’t happy with my schools and teachers”. Even me too, most of my previous teachers are ordinary typical Korean style teachers. Yes I was Teddy too in my class. Most time when I was in elementary and middle school I was just shy because I have no confidence and even I can’t eye contact to my teachers because I was afraid that what if my teachers ask me some difficult questions and I give them wrong answers and get punishment and I feel embarrassed in front of all my classmates.. Yes, I missed my great teacher Mrs. Thomson during my school days. And I believe that there is many many grown Teddys are in the adult ESL Classes. So now if I have a chance to teach English to adults and also kids I’ll do my best to be a great teacher as Mrs. Thompson.

 But If you ask me how? My answer is 'I don’t know yet'. But I can figure it out soon because I found my missing Mrs. Thompson through this awesome TESOL class..

 Thanks for reading my essay and may God bless you and your family!