‘My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners.’

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 Actually I took the level test for TESOL two years ago. For the last two years, I kept asking myself if I really wanted to be an English Teacher. To be honest, I am not 100% sure that a teacher of English Learners will be my future. But It is truth that I really enjoy reading, speaking, listening in English.

 So I thought that it would be worthwhile to take the TESOL program and to find that I am the good asset for the English teacher. Therefore, through the TESOL courses, I would like to test myself as a Teacher for English Learners, exposing myself as many situations as possible. So I hope that the program will provide me with many cases and examples which I could face in the real educating situations. And also I wish to get the abundant information which is useful in the teaching places.

 As a matter of fact, I had taught the Bible to the 1st grade middle school students in the church on every Sunday for about 10 years. As a Sunday teacher, I had read the Bible, explained the Bible and so on. But I think that I learned and understood the Bible much more than my students did.

 I should have studied more and got the deeper understanding on the certain story to make them understand it. And my students were brilliant enough to ask some questions I could not imagine. So the creative questions pushed me to prepare more. And also there were a few students who followed my instructions very well and there were some students who seemed to be born not to follow the teacher. During the period, I got the meaningful experience regarding how to treat the student.

 As I already mentioned, there were students who never paid attention on what I was talking about. Among those students, there was really worst case. If I pointed out the bad attitude, he ignored or rebelled against me. At that time, I was just freshman of university so that I could not control myself. I scolded him whenever he did the behaviors which were not acceptable to me.

 Even though several months have gone by, his attitude never changed and my reaction to him had not changed as well. One day there was a camp in the middle of summer. At the final night, there was a program to share the concerns and worries with a partner. The partner kept changing every 10 minutes. Finally I and the student became partners. As soon as I saw his eyes, I grabbed his hands and started to pray and after a while I told him that I was sorry for the bad words and bad reactions that I had had to him. After a while, he started crying, which made me even sadder. In the program, we didn’t say anything, just cried. After the camp, I met him personally in a family restaurant and he told me his private concerns and the reason of his previous behaviors. With that event, I realized the very important thing for the relationship with students. To get their attention, I should get them to think that I am doing better than my best. And don’t think the pride as a teacher. A teacher exists to serve students. Even though I am not teaching in church anymore, he often tells me that I am one of the best teachers of his life.

 As mentioned earlier, I am not quite confident of being a teacher of English learners. But if I have got the confidence at the end of the TESOL program, I will become a teacher for the elder people after 10 years later. Since I like to read English books, listen English songs, watch English movies and so on, I am likely to see the advertisements of the English learning programs and English academies. Then I have found that there are very few programs for the elderly people.

 Actually there are many elders who would like to learn English. Nowadays, traveling overseas is getting more common to all generations. And it is apparent that if they know the English well, they could enjoy the foreign culture as much as they can because English is the language which is used by the most people on globe. And when they see the TV, Movie, plays and so on, if they have good English, they might be entertained more. Therefore, many elders have eagerness to learn English, but there are not many chances. And also, as they are getting old, their own communities are getting more important. TESOL emphasizes the communication in English. So I will be the teacher for the elders and the coordinator for the community.

 And I have one more vision which is to be a teacher of Korean for the English-speaking foreigners. As the economy has been growing, many foreigners from south and east Asia have come to Korea and will be coming more in the future. And they sometimes have difficulties in living as a member of the Korean society because they don’t get the proper education for Korean. So, if I could teach Korean in English to them who can understand English, which could be helping them very much. In most countries in south-east Asia, English is taught.

 After 10 years I will be 52 years old. I really hope that I will become the man who helps the other people with an open mind. Therefore, if I am turned out to have some quality as a teacher of English learners, I would like to be the teacher who cares for students with a warm heart.

 Even though I have not had any experience as an English teacher, there were many other experiences which somehow give me the correct concept of being a good teacher.

 As mentioned several times. I really want to find out that the teacher of English learners could be my future. So when TESOL ends, I wish I could get the solid confidence.

I truly hope that you do Sky. I am of the opinion that you truly will be a very capable teacher. I believe it is in your heart and soul. Your love and concern and your passion to help others will make you an inspirational teacher. Very good essay I enjoyed reading it. Frank