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

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 My name is Pettra Ra. I used to live in Bolivia and Argentina and went to an American School; where I was able to learn English naturally. I graduated from University of Buenos Aires. Even though my major was Biology, I liked studying languages so much that I learned French and Arabic. Now I am taking weekday classes of TESOL Certificate at California State University, Long Beach -Times Media Kangnam Center- (KNT 145) to become an English Teacher. The classes started on 7th of December. I was so excited of the fact that I was going to be a TESOL certificated teacher of CSU. At first, I was just expecting to learn teaching techniques. However, then I realized the classes were much more than that! I have met a wonderful teacher and wonderful classmates from all over the world. People that have been living in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Philippines, New York, even California, and Argentina. The teacher, Frank Chavis, had lived in Australia and UK. His classes are very interesting. Now, I am learning teaching techniques from all over the world from other fellow teachers that are in the class. The first time I registered for this class, I thought it was a little bit expensive. However, after having the first day of class I have totally changed my mind. Even though I just went to learn teachings skills, I realized that I was learning more than that. Besides, I expected to learn about the effective communication between a teacher and student, but while learning that I also learned about how to be a good mother that can communicate wisely with children without pressure. Furthermore, since I am a Bible teacher in my church, I also learned how to teach Bible stories to young learners. The TESOL classes at CSU have totally changed my criteria for teaching and what teaching really is. As Dr. Frank Chavis started talking and explaining about teaching I got so involved with the class that I lost track of time. I really concentrated on the class and learned a lot from Dr. Frank, the teacher and classmates. I am truly blessed that I came to CSU TESOL of Times Media at Kangnam KNTWD 145! Furthermore, I am telling other people around me to take these classes even though they are not a teacher, because there is so much to learn about.

 English is the most widely spoken language, and if you can speak

English, there is no limit for communication. It is true that English is the first choice language for communications in many fields of our daily lives like business, traveling, relationship, politics, volunteering, teaching, learning, internet, games, machinery instructions, and etc. As an advanced learner of English and a passionate learner of languages, I would like to share my world-wide life experiences because I have lived also in Qatar and Morocco. I would like to share my experiences of learning languages with young students of Middle School and High School. I would like them to be proud of themselves as fluent English speakers, who have no fear when they meet foreigners; they can speak and communicate joyfully with foreigners. I think that English at school must be taught without students getting stressed of being evaluated. I think the teacher could see how hard a student is working every day, and how much effort the student is putting on the classes; and this we can see through their attitude. Much more than this, I would like my students to be stimulated in learning other subjects through my language classes. To know how interesting learning something is in order to communicate in an effective way with different people from other countries and also with their close friends. I think that among the education branch, especially among Korean education, teachers who are very free and open minded are necessary; teachers who will relax their students and make them enjoy learning new things. Therefore, I would like to add music to their learning. I have tried teaching things incorporated with songs and also making them listen to radio programs. This helped them to get easily involved, and made them repeat, at first, part of the songs, but later they all have learned the whole song by themselves and have found words that they don’t understand. Most of the people like to listen to music and easily sing alone with the lyrics. Also I have teached English with short and simple poems. It is really helpful when the poems rhyme and have repeated words. I would like to add cooking classes in English. I think this class will help students to learn many vocabularies naturally.

I hope someday that a student will come to me and say ‘Teacher, because of you I have had fun learning English and I mastered it’ or ‘Thanks for helping me to go on and be a professional’. I would like to help my students to be prepared to be global leaders among their field. I hope that students may become professionals that are fully equipped with confidence. Students that like to communicate and can have friendly conversations with others besides ‘just business or need’. I would like the students who come to me to talk in English about their life concerns and worries, even though English is not their first language. I would like to be a teacher whom a student feels comfortable to be with although he/she does not have a high level in English. I hope that the students will know that I am a really open minded teacher, ready to accept and share any feelings or thoughts.

 I hope that learning English may open the student’s life to a new world full of a variety of opportunities. I wish that students may think of English as an instrument to communicate with others rather than just as another ‘subject’ to learn. I will teach my students that in this time that we are living, English is a global language for living together in the world.