

It's Andrew, o Andres!

Hola! I figured I would send you an email at some point to see how you are doing, and to additionally express to you my gratitude for facilitating those many, many years of estudios de español para mi y mi hermana.

I thought I would give you a heads-up on what I am doing right now, and how studying with CRLC has come to greatly apply in my life.

In late 2013 I joined a federally funded program called AmeriCorps NCCC, through which I traveled to several southwest states and is my current employment to date. Recently through the program I began to work in an inner city school in Los Angeles, teaching English as a Second Language with niños who hablan pequeño o no inglés. Some of the kids have just moved to the states with their families to seek a better life, or are living in deficient homes that lack functionality; sometimes both. My job thus far with the L.A. School district has been to teach them English, assess their level of comprehension, and tutor them in English where I can. It serves to ease them into traditional core classes (math, science, etc.) and help them understand more of the material. The majority of them seek to apply for jobs in the near future, and it will be invaluable for them to know basic terminology vital to that process.

I have found, again and again, that I greatly rely on the Spanish I learned throughout my studies with you and CRLC. I don't think I was an exceptional student by any definition (by my own doing) but I took a huge amount away in terms of applicable material and I have you and the staff to thank for it. I have been able to constantly connect with kids where it would have been previously difficult to have done so (most of the staff doesn't speak Spanish, not even the ESL teacher) and give them an idea of basic word meanings here and there, to get them going on progressing their English.

It has been an eye opening process to witness, and it feels great to have been able to contribute to the school where I can. I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for the dedication you had for us throughout the years - it has come to fruition and it is allowing me to better help these kids and will continue to positively affect their lives while I work here. I can only give you the highest praise for all the hard work and effort you put forth, and I hope while I am here the language skills I have been learned will give me a leg up on Spanish I will learn throughout the future, whether it be employment, or otherwise.

That is all! Just wanted to let you know. Hope the familia is good and you are doing well!

Gracias otra vez!

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