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ABOUT THE TUTOR



Prior to homeschooling my son, I worked in the field of education as a high school Spanish teacher and upper-middle English teacher. I also earned my M.A. in Blind Rehabilitation which had me teaching adaptive living skills, cane travel, and sometimes braille, to adults who had experienced vision loss.

When I finally left teaching in the public schools, I was not so sure about ever returning due to the growing disrespect, character issues, and disengagement that were daily issues, but find the atmosphere at Koinonia to be radically different; students are kinder to each other, it's cool to be excited about learning, and parents show that they care about their children's success by participating.

My first exposure to homeschooling was, strangely enough, in the staff breakroom at Grand Rapids Public. One of the teachers happened to make a disparaging remark about a homeschooling family, and all of the others present burst-out laughing, commenting how the kids would be socially awkward. I, however, sat there thinking, "What's this homeschool thing? Wow!" I could not imagine that anyone would find families working together at home any worse than what we had.

My personal philosophy is not a tidy grouping of words, but more a collection of quotes and random thoughts: "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, and not for man."

"In this life, you will have troubles." Everything is a life lesson. Whatever it takes. (Some) failure will happen. Lastly, I heard this one from a woman entering an Alzheimer's unit in a wheelchair at a nursing home: "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way."