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Intern Looks to Travel and Teach

Kevin Mink is a young man with itchy feet. In 2014 he studied for a semester in Japan. Not only did he love the experience, but he also literally caught the travel bug.

After he graduates from Clarke University in the spring of 2016, with a double major in psychology and philosophy, Kevin hopes to apply for teaching opportunities in Asia — possibly Nepal, China or Japan. Earning a masters degree and a doctoral degree in social work or clinical psychology may also be in his future — perhaps in Germany.

As an intern at Presentation Lantern this semester Kevin is assisting with some technology projects, observing tutors, doing tutoring and is learning some teaching strategies. He understands the importance of structuring lessons so that his students experience success because it is very difficult to navigate

the challenges of living in a new culture and learning a new language.

These experiences will be very helpful to Kevin when he assumes the role of teacher in a foreign country. He anticipates that he will be teaching English to children. He now has many more ideas about how to use ordinary things such as dice, a roll of masking tape, flash cards and games in classroom settings.

“Because kids like to play, one of the best ways to teach them is to create a game and have some fun,” he remarked. When anticipating his future Kevin reflected that “the importance of hospitality is infinitely greater than any other value I take with me.”

As this future world traveler writes the next chapters of his life, we wish him the best and trust that his experiences here will serve him well.



Travel and teaching combine as goals for Kevin Mink who currently serves as an intern at Presentation Lantern this semester.

LANTERN CENTER

Welcome

by Corine Murray, PBVM, Executive Director



“Hospitality means more than serving a meal, opening a door or offering a bed. It means opening our hearts to the

needs of others,” stated Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and a tireless advocate for peace and justice. She was one of four Americans on whom Pope Francis focused when he addressed the U.S. Congress last fall.

In this issue, we recognize our friends and benefactors who have opened their hearts to help the center welcome the strangers among us.

Your monetary donations and in-kind gifts help us to provide educational materials and meet other needs. The gifts of time and talent that our volunteer tutors provide each week is truly amazing. During 2015 the center had over 90 volunteer tutors. In addition, various service groups from Clarke University, Days of Caring and other organizations came to assist with special cleaning projects.

The Board of Trustees shares their time, talent and expertise in many ways and their guidance is invaluable. Thank you to all who open your hearts to help immigrants find their way, learn English and prepare for the citizenship test. Together we are changing lives.

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Presentation Lantern Center is sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation. We are deeply grateful to all who partner with us in this ministry of hospitality, educational opportunities and advocacy to newcomers from across the street and across the globe. We appreciate your generosity and remember you in our daily prayers.



Yaleska (Nicaragua) and Tom are proud to introduce their new daughter, Mari to all at the Lantern Center.

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Elizabeth
and husband
Najib (Syria)
brought
their special
cookies for
breaktime.

2015 Presentation Lantern Service Award ★

The Presentation Lantern Board of Trustees awarded the 2015 Service Award to two individuals.

Pam Miller, an educator by trade and a tutor since 2011, has usually worked with Xiaoling from China. Not only did Pam help Xiaoling learn English, but she also walked with her through the process of applying for and passing the citizenship test.

"She has helped me in many ways. She helped me with everything," states Xiaoling.

Pam enjoys coming to the center. "It is the highlight of my week to the opportunity to work with a young mother. Together we have dealt with school readiness issues which are so important for the children."

Pam has gifted the center with many children's literature books that feature people from around the world. When the students discover books about their homeland they in turn teach their tutors.

Carol Ann Berte, OSF, comments that navigating health care issues in a second or third language is no small thing.

Because Carol Ann worked as a nurse in the United States and Mexico, students can 'Ask a Nurse' in two languages.

"She is a very good teacher," remarks Alicia (Mexico).

Carol Ann often works with persons whose first language is Spanish. She feels that she understands their challenges because she, too, has learned another language and lived in another culture.

"Volunteering at the Lantern Center is a wonderful and satisfying experience for me. It is enriching to meet other tutors in a comfortable and friendly place," expresses Carol Ann about tutoring and sharing her gifts of language and learning.

"Helping immigrants master a new language is the right thing to do in this Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis," she adds.

"These two individuals have contributed over 500 hours of service" notes Executive Director Corine Murray, PBVM, "and have touched and changed lives."



Top Left, left to right, Pam Miller and Elizabeth (Syria). Bottom, Carol Ann Berte, OSF, and Alicia (Mexico)



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Join Us on Great Give Day, May 3, 2016 ★

On May 3, 2016, from 12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., Presentation Lantern is participating in the third **Great Give Day**. This 24-hour, online event will take place at www.GreatGiveDay.org

The Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque is sponsors this event for nonprofit partners throughout Northeast Iowa to encourage community members to support local nonprofits.

Please visit www.GreatGiveDay.org on Tuesday, May 3, and make a gift of \$10 or more to our organization. Your gift will help us qualify for additional bonus grant dollars during hourly contests held throughout the day.

And, please, **spread the word** on Facebook and Twitter on May 3! Thank you!



Left to right, Taylor (South Korea) and her tutor Linda Ronek; Ana (Mexico) and her daughter; and Mahmoud Naseh (Jordan) and tutor Tom LoGuidice.