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**Educational Instructor**

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I started teaching ESL at Hawthorne High School in the LA School District 1990-1992 at Hawthorne High School I had a wonderful 2 years. My students poured into the classroom from all over the world and all walks of life. Maria sat in front with Jose from Mexico. Lee Tu from Vietnam sat next to Fatma from Afghanistan. As the student's English developed so did their communication. I was compelled to learn more about the struggles they were all going through. In order to more efficiently reach them, I decided to teach over seas. I was accepted at the Amerikan Lisesi in Izmir, Turkey.

## **EFL teacher in Turkey and Moscow**

**1993-1995.** My career and interest in people groups, especially students brought me to Moscow to teach at the U.S. Embassy School. It was 1994 and Moscow University hadn't seen an American Professor up until that point. I volunteered to teach my father's Book, *Faith and Order*, by Harold J. Berman. After teaching for several months, my dad came out to speak to the class. It was very exciting. All the books were sent from /by Harvard Law School, where he was a Professor of Soviet Law for 38 years.

**I was promoted to the University in Turkey from 1996-2000** where I spent most of my time teaching and promoting cultural awareness in English as a Foreign Language. I was in the Department of Language and Literature as well as the Prep English class for 2 years at Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir Turkey. Returning to the States I continued teaching up until 2012 when I retired.

## **Education**

I first attended New York University as an 18 year old in the school of Education, Washington Square.

I actually was accepted because of a wild presentation of my art work all over the Dean's office. I will never forget Dr. Conant and his phone conversation with admission's office in my presence.

I did my postgraduate work at the Art Center, College of Design in Pasadena, California. I then attended Cal. State L.A. to get my teaching credential. I was hired before I graduated giving me all the credits for student teaching. All together I have completed about 70 units after my BFA from 1985-1990 and recently successfully passed the CSET as well as attaining the Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate. I taught a summer course at UCLA, which furthered my understanding of cross-cultural relationships.

## **Vision for today**

Today I am embarking on the journey to accumulate all my joys into the website honoring my grandfather, S. Ralph Harlow. I believe this is my story and my song the Lord has given me. Through this memoir I will be able to share who I am in an historical and significant way. My vision is to allow the life of my grandfather to inspire you. The goal is to further develop courage, faith, hope, and love. As you glance through these pages this is my prayer. Lord, open the hearts of the readers so they may be touched by your power and love. Give someone a new way of seeing their own human potential and a revelation of what it means when you say, “<sup>33</sup>But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and then all the rest will be added unto you.”