

Redeemer Community Partnership UPDATE

South Central Los Angeles

May 2006



Three days a week, the students engage in reading, writing, and other literacy activities.

In a newly implemented Reading Buddies Program, students in our oldest class partner with a first grader to help with reading.



Volunteers from USC pair up with a child to read with on-on-one for the entire semester.



It is through the care and focused attention of their program teachers and a dedicated group of volunteer tutors that Adventures Ahead students are making progress and growing into confident, independent readers. Thank you to our teachers and volunteers who give so much of themselves to helping these children.



Though the journey has been a struggle for many of these young students, they are learning to find the confidence in themselves to succeed.



And it is because of this that we look forward to our future with great anticipation and with great vision for what these kids can achieve.



CHILD SPOTLIGHT



Name: Stephanie Retana
Age: 10 years old
Grade: 5th Grade
Years at
Adventures
Ahead: 6 years.
Hobbies: Reading, Singing,
Playing tennis

Meet Stephanie.

Stephanie Retana is a fifth grader at Weemes Elementary. Stephanie first came to the program when she was 5 years old and just starting Kindergarten. Now, nearly six years later, she will be entering her final year at Adventures Ahead.

Stephanie is a great student and is a part of the gifted and talented program at her school. She excels in math. She is also very inquisitive and loves to read all kinds of books. But the thing she loves to do the most is sing. Stephanie sings in the choir at her school, and recently she was one of only 12 students chosen to sing at a special concert held in downtown Los Angeles.

We are very proud of Stephanie's hard work and determination. And we are extremely grateful that God would allow Adventures Ahead to be an instrumental figure in her life.

We want to thank all of our supporters for everything you do to make Adventures Ahead possible.

Thank you especially to **John Hernandez** for volunteering time and talent to develop our new website!

Thank you to **Paul Gomez** for your donation of a vacuum cleaner!

Thank you to **Center for Student Missions** for your continuing partnership and for providing us with extra volunteer support!

Thank you to the youth groups from **Eagle Church of Nazarene, Fourth Memorial Church, Faith Tabernacle of Peace**, and to the students of **Calvary Chapel Christian School** for spending your vacation volunteering with us!

Special thanks to **Donna Martinez, Stacie Paz, Jaclyn Pazos, Jason Batten**, and **Kimberly Sielen** for teaching our tutoring classes. It's been a fun year!

Thank You!

Volunteer Opportunities

Become a Reading Guide and read weekly with an Adventures Ahead student.

Contact Lauren at:
(323) 733-6173
lauren@tigrett.com

Donation Opportunities

We are in need of :

- Books/reading materials for 4th-6th grade students.
- School supplies (notebook paper, spirals, paints, pens, pencils, etc.)
- Prizes for our prize shelf.

Giving Opportunities

Partner with us by:

- Giving a one-time gift or become a monthly donor.
- Sponsoring a child's summer program experience. **\$450**

See the enclosed envelope for more details.

