

Janet Thomas

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I am in Australia and I worked with Janet in the Mission of English Literacy; she taught me how to teach with the Spirit and love to her students. The last time I spoke with her she wasn't feeling well and facing some health trials. Yet she still wanted to continue to teach, through all her these trials. Her faith and commitment to the Lord's work have built my faith. I am so grateful for her in my life. Thank you.

- Kerry A Stewart

My condolences to the family of Sister Thomas. I was able to meet her at the beginning of my English Literacy Mission. She was a kind example to me.

- Beth Goodhue

She was such a joy to teach with in the English literacy program. A terrific sense of humor and spot on when it came to grammar, words, anything involving the English language. I enjoyed working with her and know she will be dearly missed.

- Penny Honer

Janet was my first supervisor when I was hired at the New Era. It was clear to me that the same love she had for her nieces and nephews was boundless and overflowed into her work for the youth of the Church all over the world. I still remember and use some of the things she taught me. She will be missed but her influence remains!

- Adam Olson

Janet, you are a special person and made a huge impact in my English Literacy teaching. Thank you for all that you did to teach Asirio Zea of Guatemala. You are a miracle worker. Gary

- Gary Moser

I had the chance to cross paths with Janet as an intern with Church Magazines in the early 2000s. I remember her as delightful and especially caring to those of us who were just making our way in the professional world. I recall one time when she said, in a conversation about emergency preparedness, that her year's supply consisted of toilet paper and chocolate because she figured she could trade for everything else. Hahahaha! I also remember how she encouraged the new employees to immediately meet with the financial folks to make sure they were getting the most out of their 401k matching right off the bat. I thought that was such a good example of someone who truly cared about the wellbeing of others—thinking about them not only as current coworkers, but thinking about them years down the road as retirees and hoping they had the best possible life. Thank you for your goodness, Janet! We will miss you.

- Marissa Widdison