



# Read All About It!

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## Student Stories

SEND IN YOUR STORIES

Write a story or poem for the next newsletter.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW U.S.CITIZENS!!**



*Sein Mya With Cathy and Donna*

Several CLC students have recently passed the examination to become U.S. citizens. Among those students are *Naw Naw*, *Sein Mya*, *Mehm Soe Lwin*, *Hong Suon*, and *Siak Thot*. We are proud of all our students who are working so hard to meet this goal . and ALL their goals! Good job, everybody!

## **My Car**

**By Erika Gamboa**



I drive a white Buick. I drive it to McDonald's to work and shopping and Literacy Council and to babysitters.

One day my car broke. I was driving home from McDonald's and the car broke. I drove to Monroe Muffler to get it fixed. The mechanic said the brakes were no good. I left the car there. I called my friend Paula to tell her, and Paula's boyfriend picked me up and got the children from the babysitter and took me home.

The next day I got a ride to work and got the children to the babysitter. Then I got to Monroe Muffler to get the car. They said it cost \$700 to fix it. When I get my income tax refund, I can pay the money. The brakes were still making bad noises. I took the car back. They said they would order a part and I would have to pay \$258 more to get it fixed. That is a lot of money.

I called my friend Israel. His friend is a mechanic. He looked at my car. He will order the part for \$40.00. I will pay him \$50.00 for his work. Lots of people are helping me get to work and get my children to the babysitter. I am going to get my car back soon. I miss my car.

## **Beach Wedding**

**By Mandy Blickensderfer**



My cousin was getting married on the beach in Florida. We went down there on April 15th.

All our family came in and we had time at a house by the beach. We saw Joyce and Ray. We walked on the beach. We went to a party with dancing and cupcakes after the wedding.

## **From Today On**

**By Natalie Greenwaldt**

From Today On: I will work harder on my studies to achieve my dreams.

From Today On: I will work harder to get my GED. I am going to be a nurse.

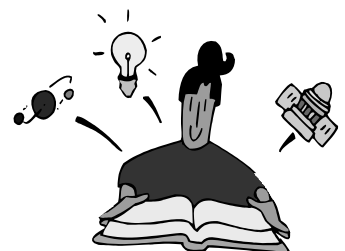
Today I Shall: Believe in myself that I can do it.

And Everyday, No Matter How: I will work harder on my studies and believe in myself.

I Shall Say: From today on I will work harder on my studies to achieve my goals and my dreams.

Thank you Jesus and Shauna  
for being by my side and  
believing in me!

Thank You!



# Zimapan

By Maria Celis



My name is Maria Celis. I arrived in the United States nine years ago but I am from Mexico. I lived there for twenty years in a place called Zimapan. Zimapan is a small city in Hidalgo State. Hidalgo's position is in the center of Mexico. Zimapan is a beautiful place but I don't like the weather because in the spring and summer it is very hot. But in the fall and winter, it is very cold. Zimapan is dry because the rain is scarce. It only rains for three or two months. This causes a lot of cactus to grow in Zimapan. For example, the nopal - this cactus is green and has thorns, but is a delicious food. My whole family likes the nopales. Another cactus is the Organo. It is green, tall, and has a fruit called pitallas. When I was a child, I used to eat pitallas.

In Zimapan, the animals are snakes, goats, spiders, dogs, chickens, donkeys, etc. The traditional food in Zimapan is mole (chicken with green sauce and rice), barbeque, and taquitos. All the food of Zimapan is delicious. Zimapan has one festival called "San Juan." This celebration is June 24th in Zimapan center. The festival is very funny because there are traditional food, craftsmanship, and fireworks. When the festival is finished, in the night there is a big dance for everyone.

Zimapan has a lot of things, but the best thing is the people. They are poor, but they are very nice because all the families are hospitable. I am not sure when I will visit Zimapan again, but when I do, I would like to visit my uncle, my grandmother, and I can tell them about what I am learning here.

## My Baby

by Na La Mia

I feed him rice.  
I shower him.  
I sing for him.  
I pick him up.  
I play with him.



## Coming to U.S.

By Martha Umazor Benitez

I came to the U.S. because I was looking for opportunity. I tell my family that life is changing. I promise I am going to help my family.



I am Maurice Cousear. I got the Student of the Year award from ARC in New Bern. I am learning to read using a Talk of the Block book.



## The State Championship Game

By Maurice Cousear

Havelock's football team won the state championship game. It was 38-6. It felt so good, it brought tears to my eyes. I rode on the bus with the team. We had a police escort into town. It had my heart pounding.

## REMEMBER!

Call your tutor right away if you know that you cannot come to class! Don't wait until class time to call. Thank you!



### The Iguana By Tatiana Greene

One day my friend got a gift. It was an Iguana.

She lived in **an** aquarium. My friend was feeding her, and did not really pay attention.

One day she bit his finger.

**He** was very angry and decided to punish her.

He looked **at** her and suddenly understood that she looked **guilty**. She went out from **the** aquarium and followed him around the house, looked **into** his eyes and said "Sorry..."

Next morning, when he woke up, he found his iguana sitting close by and looking very sad.

My friend thought about her "She is tender and attentive.ö

However, his finger was **badly** swollen.

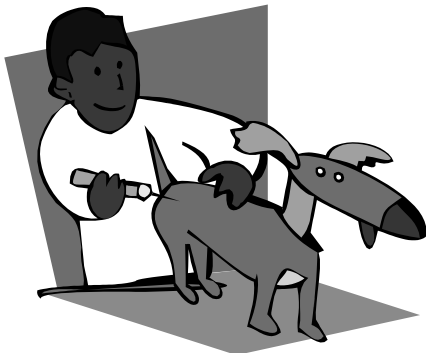
He took the iguana and went to the doctor.

**The** doctor explained him that **this** kind of iguana is poisonous. Only her poison is slow acting. After she has bitten she follows her victim and waits for her victim to die.



### Pork Chop

By Jennifer Boothe



While visiting my sister on Dec. 1st 2011, I received a call from my husband David saying our dog Pork Chop had been shot and had been injured badly. He required major surgery. After many more trips to the vet, he was released and pronounced well on Jan. 14, 2012.