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Now in my 17th year of homeschooling - 10 years of which have been using Sonlight Curriculum – I find it hard to remember the "before homeschooling" days! I have used a variety of materials, starting with an eclectic curriculum assembled using Cathy Duffy's Curriculum Guides, then KONOS, and finally Sonlight. When the call when out for consultants, I answered...after all, I was already talking to all of my friends about the curriculum. I have now expanded to working as both a Consultant and an Advisor. My formal training is in accounting and I am a Certified Public Accountant, but shortly after my second son was born I made the decision to stay home and not work full-time. I certainly haven't been bored since then!

My boys are Jonathan, 24, who used Sonlight through high school, was readily accepted to a private college, graduated with a Criminal Justice degree, recently married and is now a police officer. Brian, 20, who also used Sonlight through high school, earned a full-ride scholarship to a state university and is excelling as a Vocal Music Performance major. Stephen, 16, is my only student still at home. Because of the age span of the boys, we have always used at least two Core programs, so I have used Cores 2 through 400 at least once, but most of them multiple times.

I have been married to a precious gift from God, Tom, for 26 years. He is a West Point graduate who served in the Army and now works as a network administrator/systems analyst with the USDA Finance Center in New Orleans. We have lived in southern Louisiana for 11 years – the longest I have ever lived in one place in my life - and are grateful to have survived Hurricane Katrina without the major losses that so many experienced. My father was a Marine Corps pilot and I have lived in numerous states as well as England and Germany.

Our family is heavily involved in church ministry, with Tom and Stephen running the sound system, me running the computer with the lyrics and sermon support, and Brian and Jonathan playing on the worship team. Leadership in our large homeschool support group further rounds out the demands on our time.

I also enjoy Bible study and ballet classes, which provide spiritual, mental and physical exercise to keep me going. I consider that fact that I am dancing on pointe in the latter stages of forty-something to be proof that I am not over the hill!



