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My name is Melanie Jimerson (MelanieJ on the forums) and I live in Benton, Arkansas. I'm married to Jere (19yrs) who is a music minister. We have two children: Samuel, 12 – Core 5 and Abigail, 4 - Core PreK. I graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Music Education degree with a piano emphasis. After college, I taught in the Arlington TX public school system for 3 years while my husband was in seminary. Upon graduation from seminary we moved to Oklahoma where we ministered for almost 12 years before moving to Arkansas last fall. I've had the privilege of working alongside my husband as the church pianist in most of the churches we've served in. Besides working for Sonlight as an SCA I enjoy cooking, reading, gardening, playing the piano and watching Oklahoma football.

While in college and seminary I had the opportunity to be around several homeschooling families. Their children were so different than the children I taught and their home life was completely different from what I was raised in. Those seeds started to grow once we adopted Samuel and when he started reading at age 4 I knew homeschooling was what God wanted from our family. The first two years I homeschooled I used other curriculum and was not successful. I could not get the material organized and the thought of sitting down weekly and making lesson plans dampened my enthusiasm. A friend urged me to look at Sonlight and after sitting through a workshop and looking the materials over, I have not been disappointed.

I am enjoying being a SCA. It has been such an amazing learning process. We love the Sonlight materials at our house and I feel very blessed to be able to highly recommend Sonlight to others and get paid for it!



