

## Graduate Studies Program



Scott Jantzi's family, wife Rhoda, daughters Megan, Marta (lower middle), and Erica (far right) with friends Ovidio and Jovita Flores. The Flores are active in a Honduras church and in International Education.



Scott helps good friend and church leader, Cesar Flores on a family outing to his father's coffee farm in Honduras.

## New ESOL director mixes academics with cross-cultural experience

A popular idea today floating around in American schools is “content literacy.” Some college teachers are rejecting the traditional 60-to-90-minute lecture in favor of a format that includes shorter lectures and activities to reinforce what’s being taught.

One developer of a content literacy program recently wrote that instructors often focus too much on simply feeding information to students. “This [content literacy] turns that around,” she said. “The focus isn’t on ‘I taught it.’ The focus is on ‘They learn it.’”

Content literacy isn’t an entirely new idea. Teachers have long known that hands-on experience, mixed with related academic instruction, makes learning stick for students. In light of this, Corban’s graduate studies administrators were delighted to hire a new faculty member who offers students a convergence of academics and experience.

Scott Jantzi, 44, is the new director of the ESOL—English for Speakers of Other Languages—program, a 15-credit

endorsement training currently offered to M.Ed. students. An ESOL endorsement helps teachers work effectively with the non-native English-speakers in their classrooms.

Graduate Studies Dean Matt Lucas plans to put Jantzi to work teaching master’s-level classes, but he also expects the new ESOL director to develop undergraduate courses that will include out-of-country teaching experiences. Starting in May 2008, undergraduate education students can mix their cross-cultural training with real life.

“Scott’s experience and connections in Guatemala will be used to create our first course,” Lucas said. “The goal is to teach a week-long course to prepare students for the trip, spend two to three weeks in a foreign country teaching in local schools and return for two to three days of debriefing. Students will receive credit.”

Jantzi and his family were missionaries in Guatemala for four years, and he has led many short-term mission trips to the Central American country. He is fluent in both

Spanish and German.

As a college student, Jantzi spent a year living and working in Germany. He then graduated from Goshen College in Indiana, taught English for several years and earned his M.Ed., from Oregon State University. He served as principal of a private school in Puerto Rico, then, for five years, led a program at Eastern Mennonite University, helping foreign students improve their English for seminary classes.

“I really enjoyed teaching in a Christian college environment,” Jantzi said. “At Corban, I will have the chance to teach ESOL classes and take on the international education piece, too.”

Jantzi leaves a position with the Salem-Keizer School District, which has the largest number of ESOL students among districts in Oregon. He teaches at North Salem High School and does work for the district on ESOL-related professional development.

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