

MINISTRY FOCUS

Carrie creates a safe environment where people from many nations gain English skills needed to navigate daily life and support families. She is especially passionate about beginner learners who are non-literate in their native language, offering hope and opportunity to those whose education was disrupted by poverty, war, or discrimination. Her desire is to help adults grow in confidence, build friendships, and discover their identity as children of God through gospel centered daily devotions rooted in Scripture.



ABOUT CARRIE

Carrie has been teaching adult refugees and at-risk immigrants in East Charlotte, North Carolina, for 14 years. Carrie and Jim have been married for 30 years. They have two married daughters and are joyfully anticipating the arrival of their first grandchild.

WHY SUPPORT CARRIE?

- 27 years teaching
- 14 years teaching ESL to adult refugees
- Master's in TESOL certification
- Orton-Gillingham classroom certification
- ELT Leadership Management certification
- Built and directed an ESL program for adults in East Charlotte, serving thousands of people



"Carrie reveres the Gospel with her actions. She honors her call by teaching English and sharing the love of Christ in the refugee community. Carrie's ability to provide a picture of the work with regular 'thank-you's' and updates allow us to feel we are a part of this beautiful work."

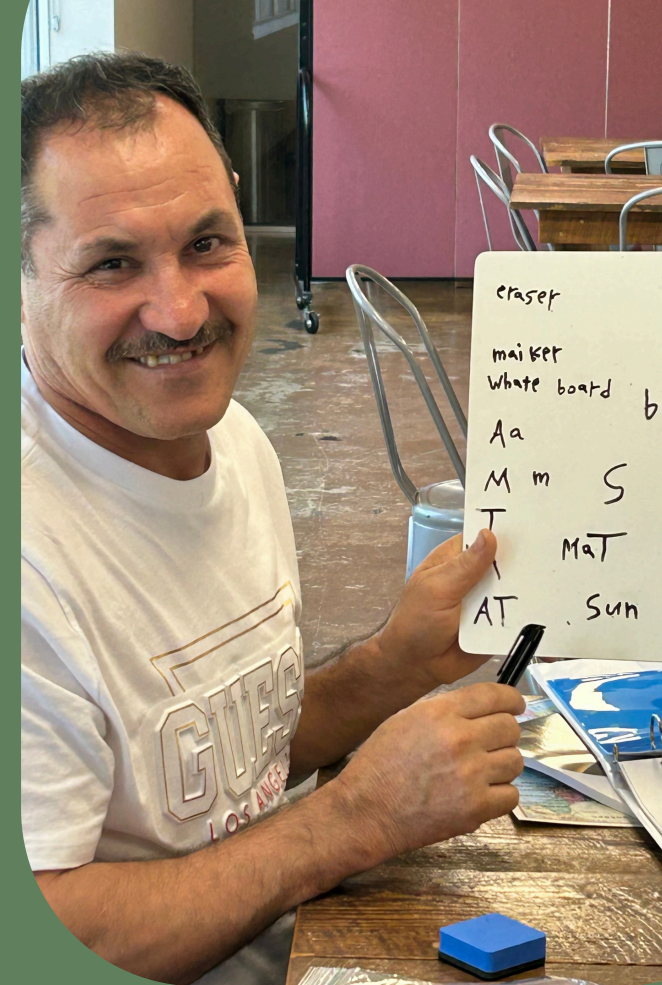
-Jordan, donor, 6 years

"Carrie's passion for people in need of English has always stood out to me. Her ability to share Biblical truth about who God is and our need for Him in a simple yet meaningful way is a beautiful gift."

-Debbie, ESL teacher, 11 years

"When you see your financial support stewarded well, your giving feels valuable. Carrie is so generous in acknowledging her support, connecting you to her mission and heart for her work. Carrie has always shown herself to be most trustworthy with donor resources."

-Rose, ESL donor and volunteer 9 years



WELLINGHALL ESL CENTER

Building Community
Through Language

IMPACT

"With Ms. Carrie, I not only improved my English, but also grew spiritually. This inspired me to share the Bible stories I heard about God's love and sacrifice, with my children, husband, and family in Mexico."

-student, Mexico

"My wife has never been in school in Iraq. She started from scratch here in the USA. She has learned a lot from Ms. Carrie. Words cannot express how to thank her for being my wife's ESL teacher."

-student's husband, Iraq



"It means a lot to Ms. Carrie that we speak, read, and understand. I love when she shares the Bible stories with us. It is my favorite moment."

-student, Congo



WHY ESL IN CHARLOTTE?

% of CLT population that speaks a language besides English at home **24.1%**

Wage gap % between those proficient in English and those with limited proficiency **17-135%**

of languages represented in CLT households **330**

of English Learning CMS students needing parental engagement **30,000**

BREAKING IT DOWN

- ESL is a large, growing need concentrated in Charlotte
- 1 in 3 English-learners in CMS is chronically absent due to lack of parental English proficiency
- Many adult learners face low education + multiple barriers to integration



OPENING FALL 2026

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