

Resumé

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PROFILE

I am a trained and certified K-6th grade teacher most recently having worked as a substitute at the American School in Japan and before that, in the San Juan Unified School District in Sacramento, California. I currently co-teach a bilingual class at the lycée franco-japonais de Tokyo (<http://www.lfjt.or.jp/>) near Iidabashi. My interests and strengths include drama, puppetry, environmental education, technology in the classroom, languages and cross-cultural studies. I am a published author, (see www.kidsermons.com) and have written four books of children's sermons which are used by pastors around the world. Inventing plays, songs and classroom games that entertain and teach makes working with children an enjoyable challenge. I speak French, Japanese and some Norwegian and have lived and worked in Paris, France and Sendai, Japan.

PHILOSOPHY

I believe that a child is a possibility. Every individual possesses gifts and talents of crucial value to the world. If those gifts are not uncovered and encouraged during a child's elementary years, those possibilities can atrophy and be lost to the world forever. A teacher should be an enabling and inspiring force in a child's life, helping that child to rise to her or his greatest potential.

EXPERIENCE

9/07 - Present

Teaching the MSB or "moyen section bilingue" at the lycée franco-japonais de Tokyo on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Because this is a new program at the school, I am responsible for curriculum and assessment development. Benchmarks are set by the French government.

9/06 - 6/07

Substitute teaching at ASIJ; grades K-5 and Specials. Several four-day long stints in 2nd grade and for the Music and PE teacher.

Volunteering in the 4th grade, helping to organize games and activities during 4th grade field trips. Assisting with ASIJ swim meets, lining up swimmers for their events in the correct lanes.

Volunteering in the library, key-wording articles and preparing new books for shelving.

Private English tutor for 2nd-5th grade students. Taught two six-week drama sessions, culminating with performances.

2/04 - 6/06

Substitute teaching in the San Juan Unified School District; grades K - 6

Ongoing puppet performances as Third Culture Puppeteers; Sacramento Salmon Festival; Lodi Crane Festival; Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Carmichael

Interim Children's Choir Director at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Sacramento, CA

12/03 - 2/04

Substitute teaching at Birch Lane Elementary in the Davis Joint Unified School District in the 6th and 2nd grades. Long term substitute position in the 2nd grade.

8/02 - 12/03

Enrolled in the Multiple-Subject Teacher Credential Program at California State University, Sacramento. Training includes over 150 days of student teaching along with many more days of solo and substitute teaching. Teaching experience in first grade classrooms and in a 5th/6th combination class.

Student teaching experience at Village Elementary and Ridgepoint Elementary in the Rio Linda Unified School District in North Highlands, CA and at Birch Lane Elementary in Davis, CA.

Graduated in December of 2003.

7/03

Taught at Baker Elementary in the Sacramento Unified School District with the Sylvan Learning Program. Director; Masai Brown.

1/02 - 5/02

Directed Sacramento Lutheran High School's spring theater production, "Every Little Crook and Nanny."

10/01 - 5/02

In charge of supervising the Literacy Little League tutoring program at Thomas Edison Elementary School in Sacramento, CA. Supervisor: Marilyn Sugimoto. Tel. 916-575-2342

9/99 - 7/02

Published four books of children's sermons through Augsburg/Fortress, Publishers

- Scolding the Snakes, Barefoot in the Snow, Saving the Ants and Sitting on the Rainbow; I use my maiden name, Ruth Gilmore, for my published works
- A website is also maintained in connection with these books that serves as a resource for pastors and educators; www.kidsermons.com

7/98 - 3/02

Worked part-time as Director of Children's Ministries at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

Supervisors: Ron Thoreson, Former Senior Pastor. Tel. 916-483-0451

Phil Lee, Current Senior Pastor. Tel. 916-483-0451

Duties included:

- Recruiting and directing the Sunday School program

- Organizing activities and overnight retreats for the 4th- 6th graders
- Organizing and overseeing the annual Vacation Bible School program for 150 to 200 grade school children
- Writing and directing the annual Christmas pageant and Lenten passion play

9/98 - 6/00

Religion teacher at St. Michael's Day School in Sacramento, CA. Supervisor: Father Jesse Vaughan. Tel. 485-3418

Taught grades K-4th two Fridays a month. Assisted with chapels by writing scripts and contributing ideas.

1/97 - 12/97

Part-time work for Justin Malan at EcoConsult in Carmichael assisting with brochure design, database entry and event planning.

1/95 - 7/06

Moved to Carmichael, California

- Began puppeteering at Effie Yeaw Nature Center; conceived The Icki Lake Show
- Joined the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd; began giving children's sermons twice monthly

1/89

Graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts degree with Theater Major

9/88 - 1/89

Returned to the US, resumed studies at University of Minnesota

- Volunteer work at The Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater in Mpls., Minnesota.
- Completed Honors requirements by writing, directing and touring area schools with original children's play, The Rooster and The Ghost Cat.

6/86-8/88

Married Joel Ingulsrud and moved to Sendai, Japan

- Tutored English students privately; aged 4 to 82
- Taught drama to college students at the Sendai Student Center

9/83-6/86

Resumed studies at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota

- Studied Linguistics and Theater Arts; specialized in Children's Theater
- Assisted Youth Ministries at Christ the King Lutheran in White Bear Lake, Minnesota under the direction of Pastor Bruce Boyce
- Accompanied youth groups on extended canoe trips through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Northern Minnesota

1/83-8/83

Worked in Paris, France as an Au Pair

9/82-1/83

Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota

- Studied Psychology and Theater

July & Aug. 1982

Worked as Caretaker, Wrangler and Programs Director at Lee Valley Ranch in Custer, South Dakota under the direction of Pastor Dick Borrud

July & Aug. 1981

Worked as camp counselor for Jr. and Sr. High School youth attending Christian summer camp at Outlaw Ranch in Custer, South Dakota

1980-82

Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, WA

Graduated with honors with an Associate Degree in Biblical Studies

Actor and Script Writer for School Drama Ministries Team

1980

Graduated Mounds View High School, New Brighton, MN