

Language Complete stimulates passion for language

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Spanish has quickly become the unofficial second language of the United States and is the fourth most widely spoken language in the world.

As the demand for learning Spanish continues to grow across the nation, one new local business is making it easier to learn Spanish by offering both on-site and traveling classes.

Whether an individual is interested in learning Spanish before going to Spain, Mexico, Central or South America for travel or business, or if they just want to brush up on their language skills, Language Complete of Rochester Hills has the classes and services necessary for people of all ages.

"I was teaching Spanish at Oakland Christian School in Auburn Hills to middle and high school students



Language Complete President Melanie Hendrick, top left, holds Spanish class at the Caribou Coffee on Walton Blvd. in Rochester Hills.

and started an after-school program for parents. From there, I decided to go out and start my own business for people of all ages," said Melanie Hendrick, president of Language Complete.

Hendrick, who also teaches English as a Second Language, offers individual and group tutoring services at Language Complete, located at 2785 Stonebury Court, and also travels to various locations to teach across the greater metro-Detroit area.

Hendrick said she also offers translation services in Spanish to English and English into Spanish, Study Skills with upper elementary through high school aged students and offers ADHD and dyslexia consultation.

In addition to her work locally, she has also traveled extensively with students, adults and teachers to Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Italy, France, England and Whales.

Hendrick is currently planning an eight-day missions trip for the summer of 2009 to Costa Rica with her former students and parents from Oakland Christian School and others who are interested.

"We are looking for others to join who are willing to raise their own

tuition and who have a heart for missions work," she said. "We will visit an orphanage and do some construction work, but it's not only a mission trip, it's a culture and language trip as well and we'll be doing things such as taking a rafting tour down to the rainforest."

Hendrick said the best part of her job is seeing people have a passion for language, no matter their background or circumstances.

"I teach children who are home schooled, soccer moms who travel to other countries with their kids, I have students that are nurses, work in the auto industry, a man who travels to Guatemala and a lady from the Salvation Army who wants to be able to speak Spanish with her customers, just to name a few," she said. "Some people have spouses who speak Spanish and other people are of the third generation and never learned Spanish from relatives. No matter what the reason, people's lives are bettered by using a second language."

To register for upcoming Language Complete classes, call (248) 853-0393 or visit www.languagecomplete.com for more information.