



New American Stories

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Ronald came to the United States with his three children ages seven through nine in 2015. He started studying at The ILC a few months later. Although he had studied some English in Haiti, pronunciation was very difficult, and he was motivated to improve his English.

He explained, "When you come here, you don't speak English, you get in a lot of trouble. Even if you get a job where you don't have to speak English, but your life is not only your job. You have to speak to other persons, you have your children to take care. If you don't speak English I think you lose a lot of stuff. The first goal of a newcomer should be English, even the basic level."



Ronald went past the basics and learned enough English to write and perform an original play in The ILC Theater Class last December.

The ILC education and career adviser helped him apply for a building maintenance training program as his next step. Ronald was a civil engineer in Haiti and has been working as a machinist in the U.S. He sees this training class as a first step toward a career more in line with his skills and experience.

Thank you for your ongoing support that makes stories like Ronald's possible.



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