

A Testimony to Homeschooling

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When, at the age of ten, I went with my parents to visit a homeschooling family, I had no idea where that visit would lead us.

It was a worldview, culture-changing journey.

When I was taken from school - I was quite happy to be taken from school - and plopped into homeschooling, the biggest thing I had to face was my own character, or lack of it.

- Socialization was not an issue!
- Education was not an issue!

But I had an issue with me. Me, myself, and I battled it out stormily over text books and in family life, much to our mutual misery.

So, at the age of eleven I became a homeschooler. A diagnostic test left me with a lot of academic ground to make up, but by the time I was fourteen or so, I had managed it.

My last year saw a dramatic improvement in my work ethic, and I finished with a bang just before my seventeenth birthday.

I saved some money for a couple of years before studying sociolinguistics and literacy in Australia.

I had no problems keeping up with the class academically, in spite of being the youngest.

A year later I married, and my husband and I are now home educating our young brood. I cannot tell you how privileged I feel to be building on the shoulders of what our parents did before us.

As a student I learned that nothing can make up for taking responsibility for your own learning.

As a parent I have learned that nothing is more effective than nurturing in a child the appetite for learning.

Over all, I have learned that God walks beside us, ready to give wisdom when we ask, ever gracious when we fail *'that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.'*

"Homeschooling is not a formula for success. It is a pathway to relationship."

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*The family blog at blighters.blogspot.com
Pictured below Kim and Sam Blight*

