

I learned in a Grace PC workshop that one of my strengths is that I'm a Learner (thanks Mike Shaw). I love to learn and basically never left school. Over the years as a Grace PC member, I have been supplied with many places and occasions to learn new things through sermons, classes and trips. For instance, I had a chance to learn what it is like to be in a foreign country without clean water (it's rough but the people are still joyful) or how church polity and governance works (members are called by the ONC to be church officers) but most of all, I am learning about grace – God's grace evident in the stories from our congregation and the stories in The Story (The Bible). I'm also thankful for the learning that took place for my children (through Sunday School classes, VBS, Christian Day School, youth choir and confirmation classes). In fact, I have learned to rely on Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it" and feel like as a parent exposing the grace of God, the love of Jesus and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to my children as taught by Grace PC members, staff and our family was the best thing I could have done for them. I look forward to the new and exciting learning ahead for me and Bryan. I can't wait to soak it in!

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