



Student Spotlight: Sandee Wright

Prior to the beginning of the Fall 2013 semester of *MissionShift*, Sandee had been asking the Lord how He wanted to use her time and talents. In August, she came across an advertisement for the *MissionShift* Institute in the *Minnesota Christian Chronicle* (now called *Refreshed*). She enrolled in the class that same day. Over the course of the year, she has learned so much more than she could have anticipated from individuals with incredible expertise and caring, covering a wide breadth of topics. She stated that it is challenging to adequately share how much she learned, and how much there is for her to still learn, but she has put what she has learned to good use. Even before the class had ended, she made time to share what she was learning with her pastor, who encouraged the formation of an outreach team. This team is looking at understanding their community with a cross-cultural focus, identifying needs, and meeting those needs in ways that support the formation of deeper relationships. She has suggested that the entire congregation be invited to participate in the *MissionShift* training available by DVD. After completing the DVD series, the leaders will encourage the congregation to become involved in a cross-cultural ministry. Even, her everyday walk in life has changed significantly. She has been made deeply aware of the growing diversity of her suburban community, and makes efforts to meet and learn more about the culture of these new Americans. To say that the course was life-changing seems like an exaggeration, but that is how she best describes how her perspective and priorities have changed as a result of what she has learned through *MissionShift*.