

Dear Varsity,

When my daughter, Jenna, told her dad and I that she was going to sell educational books and Bibles during the summer after her freshman year at Appalachian, I thought she was crazy. She was not a salesman and not “door to door.” She had no idea at the time where she would be selling books or living.

We had an opportunity to meet Glenn Ransom and I guess he convinced us that everything would be okay. She has always been a person who could take care of herself and never meets a stranger. But could she make enough money to meet her college needs for the next school year and more important, would she be safe.

That first summer was the longest she had ever been away from home. The contacts with each intern, the support, and the camaraderie were great. She did not come back financially secure but did save more than she could have at any other summer job. But more important was the training and spiritual fellowship she experienced during the summer. It is wonderful to know she is working with individuals who have Christian values.

After college, she taught in Japan for two years. Now as a graduate student at Wake Forest University, Jenna went back into the book field this past summer and was very successful. I could see great excitement having the opportunity of working with Glenn and the others again.

Unfortunately, I had already made plans for the same weekend as the awards banquet, plans I cannot change. I will be thinking of all the students receiving awards and recognition. I know Jenna is very fortunate to be involved in this program.

Sincerely,
Barb Thorson