

## Personal Reflections – January 2004

### **A Good Week**

I was delighted last week to welcome Dr. Christelle Estrada from Salt Lake City. She came to do Global Learning Partners' *Learning to Listen – Learning to Teach* here in Raleigh.

We discovered a common love of learning and of opera! We discovered how much we enjoy good food and good wine. Christelle and I sat long into the night each night sharing common life experience, hopes and fears and reviewing her experience of the course she was taking.

One evening we dined at Fins, a local five-star restaurant. For three hours we were nourished by beautiful food and beautiful conversation. I learned two important lessons:

1. I have friends out there whom I have not yet met.
2. All that Global Learning Partners, Inc. is doing around the world is part of a greater whole. Salt Lake City's fantastic efforts at intentional staff development in the school system are one other part of that greater whole. Each of us works as hard and as well as we can – and we must know that we are not alone.

*It looks like the time is ripe for an international conference on dialogue education. What say you?!*

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