

Elizabeth (Graham) Lotz

Class of 1950

In 1957, Elizabeth (Graham) Lotz and her husband, David, began 27 years of ministry at the New Tribes Mission School in Bolivia, the only English-speaking high school in the country. David was director of the school, and both taught full time. In addition to teaching, they spent 23 of those years as dorm parents to teenage boys at the school.

Elizabeth's primary field was English, although she was called upon to teach foreign languages, biology, and physical science as well. She served as the school librarian for 24 years, building up the library to 9,000 volumes. She was staff adviser and editor for the school newspaper from 1979 to 1984. In addition, she had daily contact with Bolivian neighbors, responding to the needs of many, even delivering a baby, and helped start the first Sunday school in San Isidro. She had articles published in *The Bolivian* and in *Brown Gold*, NTM publications.

From 1984 to 1999, the Lotzes worked with the MK Education Committee in Missouri, a branch of New Tribes Mission formed to support the 15 missionary kids' schools in South and Central America, Africa and the Far East. They advised schools on curricula, textbooks and administrative problems, and by recruiting teachers, maintained high professional standards. They also were involved in facilitating the missionary kids' transition back into their "home" country.

In 1999, the Lotzes returned to Bolivia, teaching again at the NTM school until their retirement in 2004. Now living in Oregon, they continued to teach part-time in a local Christian school until 2013.

Additional degrees: Master of Religious Education, New York Theological Seminary; Master of Education, Azusa Pacific University

