



two languages well. At the age of 15, Elvia returned to Mexico, where she attended high school and college. Always focused on using her language skills to create a bilingual company, Elvia graduated from college in 1980 and opened her own business. She offered personalized classes in both Spanish and English to executives from foreign companies. Using her language skills, she also provided translation, interpreter services, and personnel recruitment. In 1996, she moved to The Woodlands with her spouse, Chad Taylor. In Houston, she worked at various international companies with foreign directors and oversaw relocations for 450 families from all over the world. It was in 2000 that her desire to form a language school for all ages returned.

Acting on this desire, she began once again to teach English in 2001 – this time to a small number of people in classes conducted in her own kitchen. In these circumstances, Crossing Borders was born. It quickly came to be a full-time job for Elvia, growing to an organization with more than 30 different teachers from a variety of backgrounds.

Today, Elvia works with a group of six people in the corporate office. Her employees' intense dedication and knowledge have helped Crossing Borders grow from 5 students to more than 800 language learners spread throughout various schools, corporate offices, private classes, and clubs – and even Crossing Borders' own bilingual preschool.

The employees of Crossing Borders love teaching and are dedicated to helping their students, both children and adults, to learn and enjoy new languages in a comfortable and accessible environment. Classes are conducted not just with books, but also through the holistic incorporation of art, dance, and traditional cooking classes, assuring that the students receive a complete cultural education. Through the opportunity to explore different cultures, the residents of Houston are able to learn more than just a new language.

Today, Crossing Borders has locations in Houston, Katy, Spring/The Woodlands, and San Antonio, Texas. In each of these areas, Crossing Borders offers personalized programs for adults in both group and private settings. These programs