



Trevor, 13

I met Trevor while my husband and I were visiting the place where the first airplane flew.

What have you been doing this week?

We're on a school field trip.* It's a four-day trip across our state and back.

Where have you gone?

We went to UNC* and learned about the basketball history and their star basketball players. Then we went to Somerset Plantation* and we learned about how they treated the slaves and how they made candles and wrote, and we learned about the owners too.

Then we went to the Blackbeard* museum, and we learned about Blackbeard, how he became a pirate and how he died and what his battle style was.

Then we learned about the Wright brothers'* history. That's today. Before we came onto the trip, we built replicas of their gliders at school. We researched what they flew and how they flew and what inspired them.

Are you doing anything just for fun, or are all your activities educational?

Um, tonight we'll have a dance and last night we went bowling.

Do you have any special interests?

I like sports. I like basketball, and I'm on the school baseball team.

What are your plans for the future, after you finish school?

Um, I want to be a zoologist. I want to study animals. And I might be like my older sister and be a photographer and take pictures of animals too.

Is there anything that you would like to say to kids in other countries?

You guys are going to get there.* Just keep working hard.

A Few Words

Field trip: When teachers take students to someplace away from their school to learn things, it is called a field trip.

UNC: University of North Carolina. This university has many strong education programs and one of the best basketball teams in the U.S.

Plantation: About 150 years ago, there were very large farms in the southern U.S. which were called plantations. The owners were very wealthy families who came from Europe, and the workers were slaves who came from Africa. Slaves had no freedom and no rights.

Blackbeard: He was a famous pirate of the 1700s.

Wright brothers: Two brothers, Orville and Wilbur Wright, were the first people to build and fly a real airplane with an engine. They flew at a place called Kitty Hawk in North Carolina.

Going to get there: When Trevor says, "You guys are going to get there," he means that you will achieve your goals.

Discussion Questions

1. If you could come to the U.S., which of the places that Trevor talks about would you like to visit? What other parts of the United States would you like to visit?
2. Trevor believes that you and your country will have a good future. Do you agree?