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Dear Ed,

I have returned to the UK now after spending a happy 14 months in beautiful Tennessee. I look back fondly on my many happy times in Knoxville and the good friends I made while I lived there. In particular, I wanted to thank you for making my swimming lessons such a pleasant and rewarding experience.

As you know, when I left Britain I set myself the task of learning to swim during my time abroad, but put off the fateful moment for a very long time. I was very nervous about being in the water and quite terrified of being out of my depth. It wasn't until I saw your advert by Dutchtown Road, towards the end of my stay, that I decided to bite the bullet and made a life-changing phone call.

Within 1 week I was in the water anxiously wondering what lay in store. I can still remember my elation that, at the end of only one lesson, I was able to swim across the shallow end of the pool. I rapidly came to appreciate how much careful thought you have clearly given to swimming and to teaching. The result is a method of gradually approaching the ultimate goal through a series of confidence-building steps that is a shining example for anyone involved in teaching. Within a few weeks I had the confidence to swim in the deep end of the pool, and sufficient trust in my own newly-developed abilities to swim alone while on holiday and to venture onto the diving board. Even now I find it hard to believe how rapid my progress was over three short months.

Now that I have returned to my home town I realise that I am repaid for the investment I made in your classes everyday, both in the new and pleasurable leisure activity I have gained and in the confidence that comes from knowing fears can be faced and overcome. With many thanks for your patient help,

Kindest Regards,



J. D. Gilmour (Dr)