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Helping Others

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I spent three hours working with my girlfriend Rachel yesterday. The time spent included family history discussion and instruction. It is always an enjoyable experience to talk to her, it'd be more fun in person, but I'll take what I can get. We started by discussing what she knows of her family history, while I helped her sign up for the sister sites. We then explored some of the sister sites, and I helped her understand how to find and connect documents and people. One of the questions Rachel had was what happens if a family is sealed, but we discover that a child was missing. I didn't have an answer for that one. While teaching, the concept of indexing as "family history work" became more real. The work done in indexing provides people who are stuck the resources they need to discover the truth.

Overall, it was a great experience, we used Zoom so that we could screen share. I was also able to use the tools like annotate and cursor control to help with teaching. She's amazing and our families are sort of in the same place, one side of the family is fairly filled in and the other side is in need of some serious work. She found the tools in finding records interesting, I think that was because she's not close with one side of the family they can be difficult. So by using the finding tools, she can make progress on their branch without dealing with them.