



# THE KING'S ACADEMY

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## The King's Academy Sending 677 to Serve in 5 Countries & 4 U.S. Communities

SUNNYVALE, Calif, April 3, 2017— The King's Academy dedicates a school week each year to send students, teachers, and parents to serve others both locally and globally. Service trips are an integral part of the educational and spiritual experience at TKA. These trips expose students to communities in need, challenge them to be representatives of God's love, and become invested in service for life. TKA has been sending students on service trips each year since the inaugural trip to Mexico in 1993! **To date, 340 houses have been built in Mexico by TKA!**

Julie Jahde-Young, TKA's Service Outreach Coordinator, explains the vision behind the service trips: *"It is through service that our students are challenged to grow, step out of their comfort zone, and respond to God's love for them by showing compassion and mercy towards others as reflected in our service trip verse for the year 'We love because He first loved us' (1 John 4:19)"*

In Sunnyvale, a team of 26 will continue to build upon a 10-year partnership at **San Miguel Elementary School** where students have been tutoring weekly throughout the school year. During the one-week service period, team members will help directly in the classrooms, facilitate sports activities, and lead a school assembly. Nearby, a team of 29 will be working in **Silicon Valley** with [Cityteam San Francisco](#) and Oakland centers, where they will minister to the homeless community by doing work projects and distributing food and hygiene kits.

Headed to **Tecate, Mexico**, a team of 432 (300 high school students and 132 parent volunteers and staff) will caravan down in 60 vehicles where the majority will be building 16 houses plus painting an entire school and building bathrooms for a church. In addition, three separate TKA teams will host a "Kid's Club" vacation Bible school for neighborhood children, run a soccer camp for children ages 6-14 to build skills and introduce gospel-related activities, and provide a public health program promoting wellness for local women. The school donates and transports all of the construction materials and tools plus all of the food to feed the tent city of volunteers for five days.

In **Guadalajara, Mexico**, a team of 22 will work at a facility for orphaned and abused boys. The team will be working on building and maintenance projects at the home and running an afternoon sports camp for the boys.

On a new service trip to **Belize**, a team of 23 will be sharing the love of Christ and building relationships with underserved Belizean children and their families, repairing elementary school classrooms and rainwater collection systems, and conducting a hands-on science day camp for local elementary students.

In **Ecuador**, 24 students and staff will be venturing to the Amazon basin and working with the organization [Inca Link](#) to minister in a variety of ways including construction, sports evangelism, worship at local churches, and VBS for children in unreached communities.

This year, there is a new TKA service trip to **Japan**. The team of 25 will reach out to those in Japan who need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. The team will also be working existing churches and missionaries in the Tokyo area to support ongoing mission efforts.

Twenty-eight (28) members of the TKA school community will travel to **Kentucky** to work with [Christian Appalachian Project](#) (CAP) to meet the most basic housing needs of impoverished families struggling to survive in Appalachia. Past projects included renovating and painting the inside of homes and building handicap access ramps.

In **Los Angeles**, a team of 44 will partner with [Union Rescue Mission](#) to serve the needs of inner-city communities, both materially and spiritually. The team will do a variety of service projects in these L.A. areas: Skid Row, Watts, MacArthur Park, Imperial Courts.

Headed to the continent of Africa, the **Malawi** service team of 24 students and staff will partner with [Malawi Children's Mission](#) to help the local orphans who come to the feeding center, play with the children, teach God's Word, teach keyboarding skills, and tutor in reading. The team will also visit a local hospital to bring gifts and pray with families.

The King's Academy, an independent, college preparatory school for grades 6-12 serving 950 students, is a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. The King's Academy is accredited by both the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). For more information about TKA, please visit [www.tka.org](http://www.tka.org).

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