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## The King's Academy Sending 752 “Radical Servants” to 9 Destinations

SUNNYVALE, Calif, March 20, 2013 — At The King’s Academy, this year’s spiritual life theme is “Radical,” from the Latin *radicalis* which means “to be rooted.” This junior and senior high school is so deeply rooted and dedicated to something profound and powerful that it looks, well, *radical* to an outside observer. Indeed, it is radical to dedicate a school week each year to send 752 students, teachers, and parents to serve disadvantaged families and communities in nine different locations in Mexico, Ecuador, Malawi, Nicaragua, Philippines, Kentucky, Los Angeles, and Louisiana. In fact, The King’s Academy has been sending students on service trips each year since the inaugural trip to Mexico 21 years ago and has expanded its outreach over the years.

Kevin Neuner, TKA’s Director of Spiritual Life, explains “It is through the lens of service that all our education, our learning, and our schooling makes the most sense, and provides the greatest purpose and meaning for life. Our service trip verse for this year emphasizes this: *We know what real love is because Jesus Christ gave up His life for us so we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters (1 John 3:16).*”

This spring, a team of 532 (377 high school students and 155 parent volunteers and staff) will caravan down in 80 vehicles to **Mexico** where they will build 18 houses, help renovate a church and beautify a school, plus host an afternoon “Kid’s Club” for neighborhood children. The school donates and transports all of the building materials and tools for construction and all of the food to feed the tent city of volunteers for five days. New this year, TKA will offer a public health outreach program, focused on personal health and nutrition education, and distribute hygiene kits to the women of Mexico.

In **Guadalajara, Mexico**, a team of 17 will work at a facility for orphaned and abused boys. The team will teach the boys drama, Bible, and English. They will also work on construction and furniture building projects at the boys’ home, and run a sports camp for the boys.

For the fourth time, a TKA team will travel to **Malawi**. Partnering with Malawi Children’s Mission and Wings of Hope Ministries, the team will tutor English and math and play with approximately 150 orphans at a feeding center. The 28 team members will also bring gifts and pray with the extremely ill patients in nearby hospitals.

In **Ecuador**, a team of 27 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 Vacation Bible School in unreached communities.

Forty-two (42) members of the TKA school community will travel to **Kentucky** to work with Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), an organization that has a special program designed to meet the most basic housing needs of impoverished families struggling to survive in Appalachia. Past projects included renovating the inside of homes and building handicap access ramps.

In **Los Angeles**, a team of 65 from TKA will partner with World Impact to serve the needs of inner-city communities like Skid Row and Watts. This team will host a Vacation Bible School for the kids living in the South Park area and, in partnership with the “Operation Facelift” movement, will clean and beautify the streets of Skid Row.

A new pilot service trip to **Louisiana** will partner with EFCA Touch Global to minister to families by rebuilding damaged homes from hurricanes Katrina/Isaac. The team of 19 will also minister to neighbors through outreach activities and prayer walks.

This summer, a team of ten will travel to the city of Binmaley in the **Philippines** to distribute food and clothing and offer Vacation Bible School in extremely impoverished areas. Another summer service trip will send twelve to **Nicaragua** to partner with International Christian Community Ministry (ICCM) to provide a sports camp to local children and assist with construction projects at the ministry building.

The mission of The King’s Academy is to transform lives through Christ-centered college preparatory education. The junior and senior high school of 900 students (grades 6-12) offers a loving, family environment where students are encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus, their family, teachers, and others. Please visit our website at [www.tka.org](http://www.tka.org).

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