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The King's Academy Sending 733 to Serve in 10 Locations Around the Globe!

SUNNYVALE, Calif, March 23, 2015 — The King's Academy dedicates a school week each year to send students, teachers, and parents to serve others. Service trips are an integral part of the educational 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. **The King's Academy has added three new service trip locations this year: Guatemala, India, and Silicon Valley. Students, staff and parents will also serve in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guadalajara and Tecate (Mexico), Kentucky, Los Angeles, and Malawi.** The King's Academy has been sending students on service trips each year since the inaugural trip to Mexico since 1993!

Julie Jahde, TKA's Service Outreach Coordinator, explains the vision behind the service trips: *"It is through service that our students are challenged to grow in their relationship with God, step out of their comfort zone, and do hard things to help others and make a difference, as reflected in our service trip verse for the year "with God all things are possible."*

Nearby in **Silicon Valley**, a team of 21 will be working with the local [Teen Challenge](#) center. Teen Challenge helps individuals and families recover from the effects of addiction. In **Guatemala**, a team of 24 students and staff will be working at an orphanage in Guatemala City called FUNJESUS. A team of 22 will travel to the **India** to work with an organization called [Good News India](#) which ministers to the destitute children of Northern India.

Headed to **Tecate, Mexico**, a team of 450 (330 high school students and 150 parent volunteers and staff) will caravan down in 75 vehicles where they will build 16 houses and a school classroom. In addition, three separate TKA teams will host a morning and afternoon "Kid's Club" for neighborhood children, run a soccer camp focused on training youth leaders ages 8-15, and provide a public health program promoting wellness for local women including classes on hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, and body image. 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.

In **Guadalajara, Mexico**, a team of 23 will work at a facility for orphaned and abused boys. The team will work on construction projects at the boys' home, and run a sports camp for the boys.

A team of 20 going to **Costa Rica** will partner with [YWAM](#) (Youth With A Mission) and work in two orphanages, participate in local church projects, distribute Bibles and help at a home for teen mothers.

In **Ecuador**, 31 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 49 will partner with [World Impact](#) to serve the needs of inner-city communities, both materially and spiritually.

Headed to the continent of Africa, the **Malawi** service team of 21 students and staff will be partnering with [Malawi Children's Mission](#) and Wings of Hope Ministries, to help at a feeding center, where orphans from three local village are served and educated, and visit a local hospital to bring gifts and pray with families.

The mission of The King's Academy is to transform lives through a Christ-centered, college preparatory education. The junior and senior high school of 930 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.

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