

The King's Academy High School Sending 703 to Serve Around the Globe

SUNNYVALE, Calif, April 7, 2011 — Between April and August, The King's Academy, based in Sunnyvale, will send 703 students, teachers, and parents to serve families and communities in need in nine different locations: Mexico, Ecuador, Korea, Nicaragua, Malawi, Peru, Kentucky, Los Angeles, and San Diego. The King's Academy has been sending students on service trips each year since the inaugural trip to Mexico 19 years ago and has expanded its outreach over the years.

This spring, 362 high school students, along with 117 parent volunteers and 23 staff members, will caravan down in 80 vehicles to Mexico where they will build 15 houses, a library and bathrooms at one school and two classrooms at another 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.

A service trip was planned to Japan for the second year. However, after weighing the risks posed by the devastation from the recent tsunami, it was decided the 12 students and staff would travel to Korea instead. TKA will be partnering with Korea Central Presbyterian Church in Seoul. The senior pastor of this five thousand member church is the grandfather of a TKA student. The TKA service team will be involved in relational evangelism including street ministry, campus ministry (Konkuk University and E-Hwa University), hospital outreach ministries and more. According to Darien Reinman, TKA staff member and trip leader, "It is a complete miracle that, in the course of just a few days, God has led us to just the right pastor, to just the right church, and plans for this brand new mission trip are already laid. God truly has gone before us and continues to lead the way."

New service trips have been added this year to San Diego, Ecuador, and Nicaragua. In San Diego, a group of 35 students and staff will work with local churches and the Alliance for African Assistance to serve the homeless and refugee population through outreach and remodeling projects. In Quito, Ecuador, a team of 26 students and staff will work with an organization called Inca Link and serve alongside missionaries and the local church, helping with construction projects and working with street kids and a special needs orphanage. The Nicaragua team of 13 will partner with the International Christian Community Ministry (ICCM) to minister to the people in the village of Terrabona. The TKA group will help construct a ministry building and hold Vacation Bible School and sports camp outreach programs.

In Los Angeles, a team of 36 from The King's Academy will partner with World Impact to serve the needs of inner-city people, both materially and spiritually, and to bring love and compassion where there has been mostly emptiness and disdain. This team will also complete a variety of construction projects that will support missionaries and young churches in the inner-city environments.

Forty-three 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.

In Malawi this summer, 24 TKA community members will partner with Malawi Children's Mission and Wings of Hope Ministries serving approximately 100 orphans from three local villages. They will help in the Feeding Center, play with the children, and present a very simple Bible program. This team will also visit a high school to interact with other high school students and visit the Queen Elizabeth State Hospital to bring gifts and prayer to those who are extremely ill.

Also, this summer, a group of 10 will travel to Peru and partner with Frontline Ministries to hold a Christian retreat for able-bodied and physically challenged Peruvian students in the Amazon border city of Pucallpa and spend three days working in a “squatter town” working on construction projects and holding an afternoon Vacation Bible School for 60-80 children in the city of Pachacutec.

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. 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 The King’s Academy, please visit the website at www.tka.org.

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