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VCS Students Tour the World

This summer, high school teacher, Ilene Henry, led a group of five VCS students to Washington, D.C., and New York City to participate in a leadership tour with 21 students from other high schools. Seniors Beleen Crisp, Joseph Stratton, Nancy Au, Karla Hagedohm, and junior Cameran Holiday had the opportunity to learn about careers in leadership, and were given high accolades by other schools' personnel and tour docents for their leadership and contributions at every venue they visited. The group toured George Washington's home, Mt. Vernon, and New York's Central Park to learn about urban conservation.

Sixteen VCS students, and former students, along with five adults (including Ignacio Brache and Bobby Blanken) recently returned from their Argentina missions outreach. Ten laptops with Windows 7 in Spanish were donated and installed at ICEA ((Instituto Cristiano Evangelico Argentino). The group also donated 22 suitcases with school supplies, toys (including four bicycles), toothbrushes and toothpaste for 500 to two elementary schools and one very poor village. Each student used their second suitcase to bring in more supplies.

Currently, high school teachers, Jack Hardgrave, Faustin Uzabakiliho, and Gerard Van Heijzen are in Malawi, Africa conducting a two-week training for pastors from the Dzalek Refugee Camp, where a group of VCS students ministered last summer. The teachers are training them in Biblical teaching and how to lead small groups. Jack Hardgrave asked for prayer that "pastors will really learn to study God's Word." The group returns August 14.

"It Takes a Village" Painting Party - A Big Success

Close to 75 students, alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, and board members participated in our painting parties this past Friday and Saturday. Harkening back to the days when VCS was first constructed with volunteer labor, these volunteers painted Wing A and B inside and out, as well as an elementary school building. From kindergarteners to recent graduates, students joined in the fun, and made up for their lack of painting expertise with plenty of enthusiasm. A BBQ lunch cooked by Head of Schools Tom Konjoyan, new Director of Development Tracy Nightingale, and Associate Head of School Ray Endacott kept hungry workers well-fed. Senor Brache even brought his famous Brache bread to keep everyone full of sugar.

Our sparkling new buildings are just Phase 1 in our efforts to revitalize our beloved campus. More "It Takes a Village" events will be arranged for the months ahead. Come join us and have some fun making VCS shine again!

Attention Chipotle and Pinkberry Lovers!

The date of the Concert Choir's fundraiser for these two fine establishments has been postponed until Sunday, September 12. We hope you'll plan to join us, both at Chipotle from noon to 5 p.m. and at Pinkberry all day! Remember, they're both located at Palm and San Fernando by the AMC 16 Theatres. Looking forward to seeing you there!