



Dr. Glenn Holzman works alongside CCS seniors at mission project site in Costa Rica.

Helping Students Develop Biblical Values

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Reaching out beyond the confines of CCS plays an important role in the overall ministry and vision of the school. If you examine the CCS vision statement, you will see that to *positively impact culture by promoting truth, advancing the Christian faith, and equipping students to serve and lead with excellence* is a vital part of the cornerstone of the school. Part of our responsibility, in partnership with the parents, is to help our students develop *biblical values* that will translate into a *biblical lifestyle* of serving others. This lifestyle is reflected through the life of Christ who challenged believers to serve others (Matthew 20:25-28) and to reach out to the “least of these” (Matthew 25:34-46).

I recently experienced this happening on our Senior Trip to Costa Rica. There was a day of mission work planned at an orphanage outside of San Jose. I was aware of the skepticism and reluctance on the part of some to use their “vacation” for this purpose. I could see this build as we stepped off the bus and entered the orphanage – *The Abraham Project*. The skepticism remained as our seniors put on work gloves, divided up into work crews, and were assigned seemingly menial tasks around the campus. However, slowly but surely, I could see attitudes change as the

students worked alongside the local men and women who humbly volunteered daily to do the work at the orphanage for no other reason than they love Jesus and want to serve Him. I watched as our students teamed up with one another and enthusiastically mopped floors, sanded rusty machinery, and pulled nails out of

were exposed to a “bigger picture” of God’s Kingdom and they further developed a heart of compassion for others. During that time, they became the hands and feet of Jesus. It was wonderful to see God at work in their lives and the lives of those they served.

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wood to be recycled to build more facilities at the orphanage. While the world might view these tasks as menial, *The Abraham Project* was tremendously blessed for the work completed by the CCS Class of 2011. It moved the project a few steps closer toward reaching more people in the community for Jesus Christ.

In closing, I will direct you to the recent commencement speech given by our valedictorian, Kelsie Suter. In her speech, she spoke of the impact her day at *The Abraham Project* had on her, and I believe, on many of her classmates. Even if it was only for a brief time, our students

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