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Jefferson Christian Academy—A Self-Supporting Adventist Boarding Academy

Mission Trip to Jefferson Christian Academy

By: Sylvia Downs

During February 2018, Carl and Sandy Keller began dreaming about taking another mission trip. They had been on several and were hooked. Maranatha was getting a group up in the North East, and they were thinking about joining. They started saving, planning and discussing all the logistics of the trip. After several days, Sandy came up with an idea. She said, "Why don't we do a mission trip close to home, and save all our travel time and money for lodging. We could use our own tools, sleep in our own beds and still be on a mission trip. Let's get a mission trip up for Jefferson Christian Academy!"

Carl took it to the Jefferson Central SDA Church board, where it was discussed with the elders and the pastors. People got excited! Close to home was a big draw for some that couldn't take a lot of time off. During Alumni weekend in April, an appeal had gone out for help on the Boys' Dorm, which was badly in need of repair. It was a great project for a mission trip. The church promised $3,800.00 and two weeks of work, to be broken up with a Vacation Bible School in between.

On May 20, the Sunday of Graduation, the group showed up at about 2 p.m. to start gutting out the dorm. Beds were taken down and put into storage as the work began. Originally, the plan was to paint the boys' rooms, fix things up a bit and do what other else they could. As Sandy and Carl, who own Bulldog Contractors Co., began seeing the needs of the dorm from the inside, things heated up. The bathrooms and shower stalls needed some serious re-plumbing and fixing. As the work began to get underway, Sandy started advertising the daily mission trip on Facebook, and others got interested. Donations started coming in, people started showing up for a few hours work, and Sandy began to organize the operation. Eventually, God sent more money and more volunteers, and more got done! Many donations stared pouring in, including new cabinet tops and mirrors for the boys' rooms and bathrooms, new ceiling tiles for the entire dorm, and new plywood for shelves in the closets. Sandy is a firm believer in "You have not, because you ask not"!

Consequently, old doors have been scraped and painted. New light fixtures have been purchased and installed. Also, the whole dorm has been scraped down and painted. Eight weeks into the venture, a load of new vinyl flooring is arriving for the whole dorm! Sandy has promised that as long as the money keeps coming in, she will be on the job! May God help her to hold up! There is only four weeks until school starts again.

The mission trip that started with $3,800 has mushroomed into a $25,000 job. For anyone interested in being a part of a mission trip, Sandy says, "Check out your own back yard". There are many projects that God has waiting for someone to tackle. If He can use you to organize and get things started, you have no idea what He can turn it into!

JCA Serves in Pathways to Health

By: Michelle Rodriguez

Dozens of organizations came together in Fort Worth from October 18—21 to serve the medical needs of the people of north Texas. Nearly 2,200 volunteers of all types came to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Among those volunteers were Teacher Pila Telefoni, Seniors Jorge Ultrera, Siua Telefoni, Elton Baird, and Levi Gale. Our volunteers

served in different areas. Siua shared his musical talents as he helped lead out in worship with the music department. Elton also helped in the registration department, Jorge helped by scanning people in. Pila was part of the venue service.

Senior Levi shares about his experience working at the registration department: "During the few days I was there, I learned that planning huge events takes an insane amount of planning and coordination between the departments. We ran into several bugs in the system, but we got it all worked out by running back and forth between the departments and communicating every day."

As they served the needs of others, they were able to receive a blessing by interacting with the other staff and volunteers. Levi adds, "The part that I enjoyed the most about the whole event was talking with the other volunteers that were working in my department, and hearing stories about their life and their reasons for volunteering."

We are thankful that JCA provided the students the opportunity to serve the surrounding community. "The joy I see in others makes me want to come back." Pila shares, "I want these kids to see service. I want them to do it over and over again. That's what it's about."

Needs List!

Our Special Needs	Needed	Raised	Balance
Boys Dorm Rehab	$50,000	$35,000	$15,000
Worthy Student Fund	$80,000	$20,000	$60,000
Ad Building Gutters	$800	$0	$800
Bus	$30,000	$0	$30,000
Technology	$3,000	COMPLETED	

Students of the Month

Sarah is a hard worker and a great example to the other students.

Destin is respectful to his teachers and friendly to his peers. He is also diligent with his class work. He does not complain about the tasks he is given and is willing to help with whatever needs to get done.

JEFFERSON ACADEMY ALUMNI

Homecoming Weekend

Date: April 19-21, 2019
Guest Speaker: Pastor Ray Valenzuela
Honor years: 1959 •1969•1979•1989•1994•1999•2009

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