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### Day 1

Hello from our Nation's Capitol! We made it here safely. What a sight—31 people with their luggage getting on and off the Metro. It was a sea of green (class t-shirts)! After getting settled in, we headed straight to the Washington Monument. It was so beautiful! Mrs. Huss gave a brief history of the Monument and then we split into teams to pray for our nation and our week. One student told me, "That was so cool. I could just feel a stirring in my spirit!" All right! That's what I want to hear!

### Day 2

What a great day! Today we made our way to the Holocaust Museum. We had the incredible privilege of hearing the testimony of a Holocaust survivor. She challenged the audience, and the students in particular, never to stand by and allow horrific injustices to occur. Her words were poignant and impacted each of us. The Holocaust Museum touched our students. It shocked them, sobered them, and showed them how selfish we can be. Students made statements like,

"What would I have done?" and "Would I have helped?" It was a powerful time. After hearing her testimony, we visited several memorials—the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Women's Vietnam, Three Soldiers, and the Lincoln Memorial. The students were challenged to pray throughout the day—that God would heal hearts that still carried wounds, that people would be moved by the Holocaust Museum and would never stand by and allow injustices to occur, that veterans and families visiting the memorials would feel honored, that people would be drawn to the Savior, Jesus Christ, and that God would be glorified in our nation's Capitol.

### Day 3

Today we headed to the Capitol for a guided tour. On our way there, the students were challenged to sit quietly and pray for those around them on the Metro. We enjoyed the tour and even got to have our picture taken with Congressman Carter. We prayed as we walked through the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. My desire is that students will learn to listen to what God is

saying to them and, through prayer and service, truly be the hands, feet, eyes, and mouth of Jesus Christ.

### Day 4

Today was free day! All of the students wanted to go shopping, and as an avid shopper myself, I know how important it is to shop and compare the quality and diversity of shops in shopping malls! So we went to the Pentagon City Mall—it was a great day! Then tonight we all ate at TGI Fridays and had a good time. One student prayed before dinner, asking God to prepare next year's class for this trip. It so moved me and the other leaders! Thank you for all who have prayed for this trip and for our team of leaders who have made this trip a success. But of course, all of the glory goes to our precious Lord and Savior. Serving Him is an adventure. That is what I pray gets instilled into our students.

-Ginger Lambert,  
Impact Education Director

### Special points of interest:

- Reflections from students, parents, and staff of the personal "impact" of Impact Education
- Summit students extend Christ to others in Texas, to those in neighboring states, to the halls of Congress, and around the world

## The Skeptical Volunteer

I recently responded to an email from Mrs. Lambert requesting parental help with the eighth grade Impact trip to Rockport, Texas. This is a four-day event including two travel days and two days in Rockport. I wasn't sure exactly what "help out" meant, but I was certain that it would at least involve driving my car and transporting students and stuff that might not fit in the school vans. My son enthusiastically urged me to come on the trip, not because he was looking forward to having Dad around, but because he wouldn't have to ride for four and a half grueling hours in the school vans. I can be used!

Now, I don't know if other parents are like me, but I have always wondered about these Impact trips. I have pondered the question, "Why not Austin or San Antonio?"

There are places that are close that have just as many needs. I have thought, "Why do these trips have to be such productions?" I have assumed these trips were equal parts "service" and play, with God thrown in somewhere along the way. Well, was I in for a surprise!

Yes, I drove, mostly by myself because my son rode in the vans with his friends. So much for father/son quality time! The trip from Austin to Rockport and back was the only time on the entire trip that this group of teachers, parents, and students were not serving, praying, or praising God in one way or another. I am no longer a skeptic! I was so proud and humbled by how hard our young people worked as they served God. They moved stone blocks, hauled wheelbarrows full of old decaying insulation to the trash, cleaned out a temporary building so that it could be

used for storage for the church, and served food to homeless people at the Rockport shelter—and those are just a few of the things they did! This group of young people worked and served non-stop for two days and at night sang worship songs to God! I was so blessed just to be part of this group!

So the next time you see an email from Mrs. Lambert requesting help, say "Yes!" Your heart will be changed and your eyes opened to how great this program is. This is no-nonsense godly service that builds strong Christian character.

- Bill Allen  
8th Grade Parent

## Rockport... In their own words...

*The eighth grade class took a few moments to reflect on their Impact trip to Rockport, Texas.*

"I doubted that going on the Rockport trip was really going to have an effect of me. When everyone went to the church to help set up the sanctuary, some girls on our team read the church's missions statement, "Listen until you hear, hear until you believe, believe until you obey." They shared this with us, and it really touched us all. Also, the beach was really inspiring. We really saw God's creation."

-Ashley Besperka

"We grew closer together in friendships. Once we started serving the church and the homeless people, spreading God's word became a part of us, and we had a willingness to serve everywhere we went."

-Jordan Hurlburt

"The trip showed me what was lacking in my life and what I need to change. [God] gave me the opportunity to mend things that I have done wrong to the kids in my class and to become a better Christian and

friend."

- Noah Chapman

"The trip showed me how lucky I am in how I live. We went to the homeless shelter and the people there didn't really have any control of their lives. It made me really happy that I live the way I live."

-Morgan Winslow

"I feel that the trip was meaningful to me because we got to show the homeless people that people care about them and we got to have fun at the nursing home. We got to show people who Jesus really is."

-Nick Duncan

"This trip impacted the way I act. I got to see the way God used peoples' lives and also what He is doing for people. I got to hear the powerful testimony of a woman that had a very rough life and God rescued her. This trip also gave us a chance to bond with each other and has brought us closer together as friends and classmates."

-Will Allen

"The trip was meaningful to me because of how close the girls on the trip grew. We all learned how to trust one another. God showed each girl a lot of things that needed to be changed as well as things we do well. The whole trip truly changed the way I look at life."

-Lauren Holcomb

"The trip was meaningful to me because God really showed up with everything we did to minister to others. God revealed to all of the girls our identity in Him, and His love for us. Also, everyone saw God through His creation when we were at the beach. God showed us how to share His love with His sons and daughters that have been bound with the lies of hopelessness. It was an awesome trip!"

-Victoria Buehler

"We were able to share the unconditional love of Jesus Christ [with] the homeless people, those in the nursing home, and the church. It was a great time together as a class to get closer to each other and enjoy being together."

-Seth Rogers

"...God's word became a part of us, and we had a willingness to serve everywhere we went."

## Our Last Day in New Orleans

*In March, the Freshman class traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana to serve and minister to the people devastated by Hurricane Katrina.*

The day started out marvelously, and just kept getting better. We began our day with a bit of a late start. The students slept all the way until 8:00am before congregating for breakfast tacos, prepared by the multi-talented David Meldau and team.

Senior Laura Drell led our devotions, discussing how God worked in different people's lives throughout the Bible. She reminded us that God works with what He's got! And He does it very well. She also talked about His ability to show power and love in both the big things as well as the small things; from windstorms and earthquakes to a still, small voice.

Around two o'clock we headed back across the ferry to the newly built projects. There, the students had a chance to minister to the children in the area. Students did everything from playing football, giving shoulder rides, and pushing

swings to listening to stories and getting their nails painted! Some of our students and teachers became walking, breathing canvases for artwork. Few escaped without at least a little face paint! It was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed the time.

We came back to scrub off the paint and eat supper before going to the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base of operations. We participated in a powerful time of praise and worship and a YWAM missionary shared his testimony and some video footage of New Orleans right after Katrina.

Last night, in the middle of his devotion, Travis Hall felt the Holy Spirit remind him of a previous experience that he had, where leaders and students showed service in a very powerful way. They had washed each others' feet, just as Jesus had washed His disciples' feet. Travis felt, and everyone agreed, that God was leading us to do this as the closing act of the trip.

The experience was...phenomenal. I can't really explain it much more than that. To sit in a pool of water at someone's feet and pray for them is amazing. To sit and have someone

else wash your feet and pray for you is also amazing and truly humbling.

At the end, students were crying and hugging each other, telling each other the positive things they saw in each others' lives. It is easy to see how much closer these students have grown through this trip.

However, if we had done nothing else, our trip would have been worth all of the money, stress, and work in the world for one of our own to come to know Christ on our last night in New Orleans. This students prayed with several of our leaders, and he is well on his way [in] his Christian journey.

I want to say thank you to you all for the privilege of being with your students on this trip. It's been an amazing experience, and I feel that I know and understand them much better! It's been an honor to work with them. Again, thank you!

- Joanna Knighten  
English Teacher

## Sophomores Share About Little Dixie

*In March, the Sophomore class traveled to Oklahoma to serve with the Little Dixie Community Action Agency.*

"On this trip I learned that you can influence people's lives without ever meeting them. After we helped paint the Head Start building, it felt good to know that we helped Andy, the superintendent, and that the kids would be proud to go to such a good-looking school! I had so much fun learning more and more about the people in my class."

-Sara Sexton

"The trip was meaningful to me because we were able to see the effects of everything that we did and how we helped other people. We were also able to grow stronger as a class through the work that we did."

-Sara Kirkpatrick

"I thought the trip was fun. We all got to bond together and see that just a little bit of work can change a lot."

-Paul Stacey

"The trip to Oklahoma was a blast! I not only loved being able to hang out with friends, but I also learned to be more comfortable. I loved helping people, and I learned how not to be selfish with my time. I also liked interacting with the kids we were helping. It was all so much fun."

-Jenn Upperman

"The trip meant a lot to me. I got to know everybody a ton better. It was fun to work, talk, and hang out with everybody."

-Josh Olson

"The trip was amazing. I haven't gone on this kind of trip before, so I didn't know what was going to happen or

how God would reveal Himself to me. However, I could feel that He was actually there for all of us while we were painting and picking up the trash. Also, I learned how to serve other people living in poor conditions, and I know they can be saved by God. It was really a great time."

-JK Choi

"The trip was meaningful to me because it showed me how the world has deteriorated. It also showed me that some people have a heart and interest in God."

-Meagan Moonan



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“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’”

-Matthew 9:35-36

**Impact Education exists to develop students that have a global Christian perspective. Our mission is to train a generation of students that will be prepared to lead, impact and transform the world, out of their relationship and love of their Savior, Jesus Christ.**

## Senior Class Goes Abroad

It has been quite a journey this year preparing for and finalizing the Senior Impact Trip. Since the beginning of the year, the students, Mr. Iverson, and I have prayed that God would open doors for us. We sensed His leading us to Europe. We have prayed for perseverance, believing that God set this trip in our hearts, and trusting that He would bring it about. It has been so exciting to see everything come together as I have said daily, “I will trust you Lord. I will not give up!”

On May 23, we will leave for London and connect with Tom and MaryAnn Barlow of Grace Brethren International Mission. Tom will spend some time with our team, sharing with us tips for adapting to a new culture as well as a spiritual perspective of the city. He will also share about urban ministry and how to minister as Americans in London. The next few days we will spend painting Tom and MaryAnn’s flat and prayer walking the city. We will also partner with Tom and MaryAnn in a few local ministries in which they are involved, including interacting with people in a gardening club, a sewing club, and a neighborhood awareness group. We will also have the chance to visit the Hillsong London Church and to do some touring.

Colossians 4:2 states, “Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.” Just as we were praying for God to open doors for us, Tom and MaryAnn Barlow were praying for these ministries and for someone to help them. God is good. After spending a week in London, we will travel to Paris to do some sight-seeing and prayer walking. We will have the chance to visit Normandy, and we will be praying for the special services that will occur on June 6 for the D-Day Anniversary.

The goal of the SCA Senior Impact Trip is not just to have a senior trip or just to have a mission trip. We are going for the purpose of educating our Seniors cross-culturally, encouraging and training them in leadership, providing service opportunities in which they can participate in order to “live out” their faith, and of course, giving them an unforgettable, fun experience! After all, I have found that serving God is an adventure!

A huge component of this trip is prayer. It is an incredible tool God has given us. Prayer strengthens, comforts, gives clarity, confirms, brings deliverance, changes us, encourages us, and gets results! For some, the idea of prayer walking is new. It is sim-

ply praying while you are walking or praying for a particular place or event or person while you are right there. It enables us to pray ‘on site with insight.’ Many organizations with which I have worked of late are incorporating prayer walking into their ministries, asking that God would go before them to open blind eyes and deaf ears and that God would give them favor with the people. We are excited to be part of the “ground tilling” for Tom and MaryAnn as they build bridges of love for their neighborhood to find Jesus.

We ask that you would join us in prayer while we are in Europe. Please pray for:

- Safe travel for our team
- Opportunities to serve, pray for and share with others
- Educational, cross-cultural, and spiritual growth in our students (as well as a fun time!)
- Those to whom we minister; pray that after we leave, God would seal the work that we have done

Thank you for all of your support and prayers.

-Ginger Lambert  
Impact Education Director