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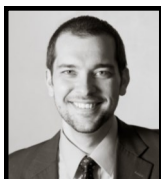
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Transforming Hearts and Minds



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WORSHIP

Hello, HPCA Friends and Family! Over the past two months, students and staff have been learning and thinking about how God has created everything for worship. In Colossians 1, Paul says everything was created through Jesus and *for Jesus* - for worship. I have often heard people say that we have a "God-shaped hole" in our hearts, and that we spend our days trying to fill it. If we do not fill it with the Lord, then we will fill it with something or someone else. I think that image is probably pretty accurate. But lately when I think of worship, I think about the act of giving. Whether it is in the giving of our time, money, praise, adoration, thanksgiving, trust, song, reverence, or full surrender, our worship is visible by our offerings.

Last week during chapel, I asked students to consider another picture of worship. I asked them to imagine that God had given each of them a huge vault, full of the things (time, adoration, etc.) that they could offer up in worship. They could "spend" the contents of the vault on countless objects: Jesus, sports, entertainment, other people, themselves - the list goes on and on. The point is, what we truly worship will become clear as we give. As I thought about this picture, I realized that even our offerings are first given to us by the Lord! We simply give them back as worship. And, I think, He couldn't be happier when we do.

WAYS TO HELP

- Contribute toward this year's fundraising goal of \$361,000
- *Business Owners:* Donate to our scholarship fund through OSTC (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit)
- **Be a Special Runner in our Race for Education on April 22nd**
- Join our monthly e-mail prayer team
- Send us your Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education, and used ink cartridges
- Participate in our Career Discovery Program by sharing your career with our middle school students
- Organize a donation drive for Good Stuff Thrift Store



With this in mind, I am thankful to the Lord for His amazing provision and good gifts. In the past few months, thanks to a generous grant, we have been able to add a few exciting improvements: *(see pictures at left)*



- **New Sign** - We added a sharp new sign over the main entrance! We are thankful to have more of a visible presence in the community.
- **New Tables and Cots in Pre-K** - Our youngest students now have brand new furniture to use every day, and they love it!
- **New Student Desks** - We were able to outfit three classrooms with brand new desks for every student.



The Lord has continued to bless HPCA this school year, and I do not think He is finished yet. It has been amazing to watch God at work here in Hunting Park. Thank you for your support and partnership. Our memory verse for March comes from 1 Peter 2:9. *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* I can honestly say that with the time, generosity, and prayers of God's people, we are more able to do the work He called us to do in Hunting Park. Thank you, and God bless.

Mission Statement: Hunting Park Christian Academy's mission is to provide an affordable, quality, Christian education that celebrates a diverse community and leads children to know and serve the Lord.

Parent Testimony

The following is recent e-mail we received from a pre-k parent, Michele, who wanted to share her testimony of God working through her son.

For the past three months, I have been suffering with severe back pain, and it has been very difficult at times. But I am so amazed at how God used little Isaac to pray for me last Saturday. He wanted to sit on my lap, and I told him that I was in a lot of pain and he could not sit on me. But then a still small voice spoke in my mind and said, "Ask Isaac to pray for you." So I said to Isaac, "Can you please say a prayer for mommy's back to feel better?"

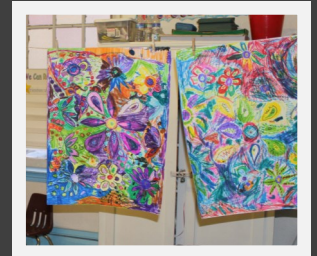
He put his little hand on my lower back and closed his eyes and asked Jesus to heal me and help me feel better. As God is my witness, I felt this warm sensation go up and down my spine. At first, I thought it was my imagination. But as I began to move around, the pain began to decrease more and more. Within two days, I woke up with no more pain.

I truly believe that God hears the prayers of little children because of their innocent faith. So now I am walking around doing the happy dance, and I am so happy to be able to move around and take care of myself and my family.

I'm so glad Isaac is at HPCA. The teachings of Jesus have helped him to believe that Jesus hears and answers prayer!

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

HPCA held its annual International Night on February 12th. During the past month, students have been studying different South American countries, including various aspects of the culture, such as food, clothing, and religion. During the day, students were able to view displays to learn about each country. In the evening, families were able to visit the classrooms and see what their children had been learning. The purpose of this event is to expose our students to countries they may not otherwise study and to learn more about the diverse people God created.



SENIOR PROGRAM



Esperanza Health Center and volunteers from One Hope Community Church recently began a program for local senior citizens. The program began in December with the purpose of providing a regular place for community seniors to gather around wellness activities, resources, and fellowship. On a weekly basis, about 20 seniors get together for snacks, socializing, a seated exercise class, crafts, games, and special activities. There is also a weekly prayer time available to them.

This past month, HPCA has had the opportunity to get involved with this wonderful program. Our pre-kindergarten class visited the seniors, shared a Valentine's Day song, and passed out handmade cards. Everyone had such a great time being together. The pre-k students will definitely be back to spend more time with them on a regular basis.

The seniors have also started a computer literacy class at HPCA, which developed out of an expressed need and interest from the seniors to learn more about the basics of computer usage. We are thrilled to be able to share our laptops with them and help them meet this need. Matt Lin, HPCA Board member and local pastor, is teaching the class with the assistance of our eighth-grade honor students. We are so thrilled to have this opportunity for our students to be with this group of seniors and excited to see this program grow!

