



MARCH 2015

Purposeful Parenting
Connecting Church and Family
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Hello Mosaic Families!

As we roll into March, you're going to hear a lot about Spring Break mission trips. Every year we send around 50 students off to do short term trips during Spring Break. I want to take a moment to talk a little about why we do this and what it means for your family.

Why send people on short term trips? A few reasons have stood out to us in the past several years.

1) Because we are children of a sending God. Very near the heart of the gospel is that God sent his Son to us (John 3:16)! Jesus prayed that we would be sent as he was sent (John 20:21). We send and go because it is part of who we are in Christ. God loves the "other" and the "outsider," and we need to learn to love like that. **2) Because (when done well) it blesses the local church and the pastors there.** In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote about how a short term trip of visitors from Corinth encouraged and strengthened him in ministry (1 Cor. 16:15-18). We have heard from the churches we partner with that they experience the same thing. **3) Because the kingdom is advanced.** Every year we get to hear stories about how people have come to faith during or in the wake of our trips. We believe God enjoys working through a sending and going church. **4) Because it matures our students.** One of the best ways to teach a student to live intentionally for Jesus is to pull away from home for a week and put them in a concentrated week of outreach and service. Short Term Mission Trips are a key part of *producing and releasing students who know and express the true gospel of Jesus in their schools, communities and the world.*

This year our 7th and 8th graders will spend a week in Springdale serving with Mosaic's Outpost ministry in East Springdale, partnering with Matt Newman in Ministry there. Our 9th-11th graders will serve in Colorado Springs with Converge, a Fellowship church plant led by Derek Horn and Jeff White. Our 12th graders will go to Guatemala to partner with Fellowship Guatemala under Daniel Bran's leadership. The common thread in all three of these locations is that they are local churches seeking to multiply through disciple making.

How does your family get involved? Let me offer a few suggestions:

1. Talk about mission as a family. Talk about where God has placed you and where God has sent your family.
2. Pray for our teams. Pray for the work of God to continue, for the pastors we're partnering with, for the health and growth of our students, and for people to come to know Jesus.
3. Give money to support these trips. If you are interested in partnering in this way, please contact Janie Nolen at janolen@fellowshipnwa.org to find out more about the needs.
4. Read the stories as they unfold at <http://mosaicstudentsnwa.blogspot.com>
5. Learn about God's heart for the nations by taking "Blessing the Nations" or "Perspectives." Learn more at <http://www.fellowshipnwa.org/cross-cultural>

All of this we do for the glory of God and the joy of his people.

grace and peace,
Nick Roland
mosaic students

Resources

Books

[Operation World](#) - a prayer guide to help your family begin praying for the nations.

[Window on the World: When We Pray God Works](#) by Daphne Spraggett with Jill Johnstone, 2006 - Prayer guide for children that models Operation World. Brings alive the culture, history, and traditions of different people groups. Includes 'Fact Files' and 'Do You Know?' features, as well as information, true stories, maps and easy-to-use prayer points. Focuses on how children live, what they do, where they go, what they eat and wear, etc. Great for class or family devotions.

[Let the Nations be Glad](#) by John Piper - talks about God's heart for the nations to know and love Him.

[40 Days 40 Bites: A Family Guide to Pray for the World](#): by Trudi Parkes - Family-friendly prayer booklet provides information and prayer points on many topics: more than 20 countries, world belief systems like Islam, world issues like poverty, and mission strategies.

[Let it Shine: Partnering with God to Raise World Changers](#) by Martha and Greg Singleton, 2011 - A devotional-type study that explores specific attitudes and ongoing practices that enable parents to encourage each child to discover and develop his or her personal, God-given purpose. It challenges parents to see their children as world changers. Includes scripture, inspiring stories, and practical suggestions.

Fun Ideas/Resources

[Teaching Your Child to Pray](#) - fun ideas to pray for the world with your child

[Passport to the World: Your A to Z Guided Language Tour](#) by Craig Froman, 2010 - Passport to the World helps you encounter people and places all over the world, including facts about countries, their capital cities, maps, flags, populations, and religions. This is a fun and fact-filled adventure you can share with others through interactive games included in the back of this book and in your very own passport.

[One Mission Kids](#) by One Mission Society, 2013 - Find a wealth of interactive games, free resources like downloadable prayer cubes and seasonal quizzes, and projects children can get involved in. You can also order a colorful onemissionkids t-shirt.

What's Happening?

Calendar of Events: March

March 4th: **Cell Worship**, Mosaic Students 7th-12th grade. 6:30-8:30 pm, Student Center

March 7th: **Next Gen Night**, Students 4th-8th grade will worship with their families at 5:00 pm in the Worship Center, 1st-12th grade will worship with their families at 6:45 pm. **NO KIDMO/MOSAIC 456 at 6:45 pm.**

March 7th: **Panorama of the Bible**, 3:00 pm, Student Center Central.

March 11th & 18th: **Mosaic Students Townhouses**, 6:30 - 8:30pm.

March 25th: **NO Townhouses**

March Mission Trips:

Colorado Springs, March 21-27

Guatemala, March 22-28

Springdale, March 24-29

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Early Childhood / Elementary / Students

Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

- Deuteronomy 6:7