



PHILOSOPHY OF SERVICE

Jesus taught by example the importance of serving. Therefore, at Prince of Peace Christian School we desire to foster a heart of service in our students with the hope that service to others will become a defining characteristic of their lives. To that end we believe that it is our responsibility to provide service opportunities, promote them within the school, model service through staff participation and encourage students and their families as they look beyond themselves to experience the joy that comes from serving others. Rather than earning a required number of service hours we introduce our students to service opportunities and allow them to volunteer as their hearts lead them. We do not encourage service out of duty but out of joy and deep gratitude for what Christ has done for us. Our philosophy is encapsulated in the following verses:

1 Peter 5:2: *“Care for others willingly, not grudgingly--not for what you will get out of it, but because you want to and are eager to serve God.”*

Colossians 3:23-24: *“In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people. Remember that you will receive your reward from the Lord.”*

Romans 15:1-2: *“Each of us should serve our neighbors for their good, to build them up and not to please ourselves.”*

We believe that some students who are required to serve may do so grudgingly and without a true servant's heart which could result in an attitude of servitude rather than service and a reluctance to serve when it is not required.

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, “*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*” In other words, Jesus calls us to serve locally, nationally and globally. Although students are not limited to school-sponsored service opportunities, Prince of Peace Christian School mission/service programs include:

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church *1st Saturday* Community Service
- Clean Water Wells
- Cows for African Villages
- *Feed My Starving Children* Foundation
- *Race for the Cure*
- St. Andrew’s Methodist Church *Seven Loaves* Food Pantry
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Food Pantry
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Peru Orphanage
- *Greet the Troops* Program at DFW Airport
- *Carter Blood Drive*
- *Help Haiti Have Hope*, Concordia Lutheran School, Haiti
- Ndoto Mission School, Kenya
- *Metrocrest Service Center* Coat Drive
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church *Neighbors in Need* Food & Gifts
- *Operation Christmas Child*
- Christmas Pillows for Nursing Homes
- *Bea’s Kids*
- *Angel Tree* Gift Wrapping
- *Dimes for Diabetes*
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Men’s Steak Dinner
- Bibles for *Serving Him* Romania Mission
- West, Texas Disaster Relief
- Global Mission Trips to Belgium, Romania, Costa Rica, The Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti, Cambodia, India and Peru