



Lights OF THE World

Ignite at Pinecrest Academy



Inspiring a Generation to Embrace the Dignity of Life in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Seven students at Pinecrest Academy were looking for a challenge when considering their 2016 Lenten project. The girls are a part of a group called Ignite – a program designed to spark the spirit of servant leadership and good will in their school and community. Every Lent they choose a mission to tithe to; using their religion class to collect donations. These young women spearhead each fundraiser; educating others about the mission and why it is so important. They knew they wanted to directly impact children, and help give them dignity and life. When Ignite approached Catholic World Mission with their idea, we knew exactly what challenge to give them. We introduced the seniors to our Ndeksha Orphanage project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The children living there need financial support to get three meals a day, as well as beds for their orphanage. The orphanage had two beds, and each slept five children side to side; the rest of the children, and the Sisters of the Friends of Christ who care for them, slept on the floor. The girls kicked it into high gear – immediately feeling a connection with the children. They hosted a breakfast sale for their fellow classmates, and coordinated a donut sale in the Middle School at Pinecrest Academy. The girls even went as far as reaching out to the teachers and introducing them to Ndeksha. They wanted to get the whole school involved and aware of their goal to support the orphans

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in the Congo. “We wanted to make it a community effort,” they exclaimed! To raise money, the girls encouraged their classmates to give up one specialty coffee drink a week, and even challenged them to bring their lunch one day a week, instead of eating out. In total the girls’ efforts raised over \$3400. “This was a great opportunity for us to help others that don’t have as much as us, but really for us to help those kids,” Maggie Pfiel, class of 2016, at Pincerest Academy shared. With the amount of money they raised they were able to provide: 10 bunk beds, 20 mattresses, 3 high chairs, 3 dining tables, which is also equal to enough to feed 12 children for one year!

You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

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