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WCS World Impact
Haiti-Mexico-South Korea

WCS Community Impact
Harvesting the FFA Garden

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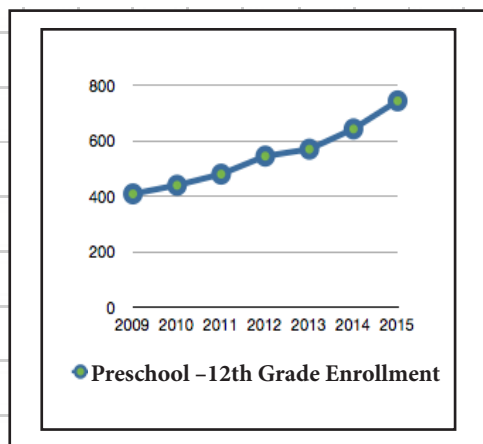
NEW ELEMENTARY CAMPUS



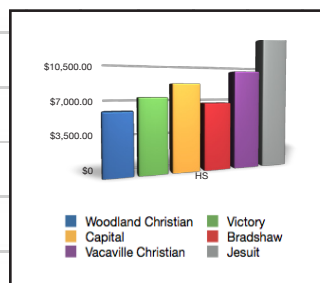
WHY WOODLAND CHRISTIAN?



Consistent Growth
(From 364 in 2009 to 743 today)



Comparable Tuition
High School Tuition Comparison



26 Churches
Represented by WCS
Faculty and Staff



18:1 Average K-12
Student-to-Faculty
Ratio



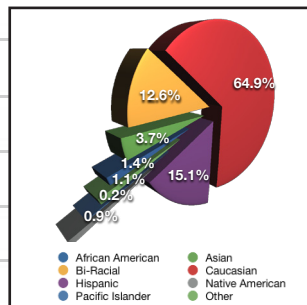
Biblical Worldview
Integration in all
Curriculum, PreK-
12th Grades.



Wide Community Representation—
20% of the Student
Population Represents the
Following Communities:
Arbuckle
Brooks
Capay
Davis
Dixon
Dunnigan
Fairfield
Guinda
Knights Landing
Madison
Sacramento
Williams
Winters
Yolo
Zamora



Diverse Student Body



Students who graduated from 2002–2015 were accepted to the following four year universities and colleges:

UC Berkeley • UC Davis • UC Irvine • UC Los Angeles • UC Merced • UC Riverside • UC San Diego • UC San Francisco • UC Santa Barbara • UC Santa Cruz • Abilene Christian University • Arizona State • Azusa Pacific University • Baylor University • Biola University • California College of Arts & Crafts • Cal Poly San Luis Obispo • California Lutheran University

• California Maritime Academy • Calvin College • Capernwray Bible School-New Zealand • Cedarville University • Claremont McKenna College • Colorado Christian University • Colorado State • Concordia University • Corban College • CSU Channel Islands • CSU Chico • CSU Fresno • CSU Humboldt • CSU Long Beach • CSU Monterey Bay • CSU Pomona • CSU Sacramento • CSU San Diego • CSU San Francisco • CSU San Jose • CSU San Marcos • CSU Sonoma • CSU Stanislaus • Design Institute of San Diego • Dordt College • Florida Christian College • Fresno Pacific University • Gonzaga University • Harding University • Huntington University • John Brown University • Liberty University • Lipscomb University • Loyola University • Masters College • Menlo College • New Mexico Military Institute • Oklahoma Christian • Oral Roberts University • Oregon State University • Patton University • Pepperdine University • Point Loma Nazarene University • Purdue • San Francisco Culinary Institute • San Francisco University • Seton Hall University • Simpson University • St. Mary's College • The Master's College • Trinity Western University • University of Hawaii at Manoa • University of Memphis • University of Michigan • University of Nevada at Reno • University of Oregon • University of Redlands • University of St. Thomas • Vanguard University • West Coast Baptist College • Westmont College • Wheaton College • Whitworth College • Willamette University • William Jessup University • Wyoming Tech • Others chose to enter the military or the work force



Better Together

2015 Theme Verse:
Matthew 18:20

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For many years, people have been praying for and dreaming of a time when our elementary school would move over to the Matmor Campus. On August 18, 2015, we opened the doors of our new elementary school. It is hard to put into words what it means to me and to our staff to be a part of this moment in history for our school. We built 18 new classrooms, a multipurpose building with a commercial kitchen, an office building, and two play structures — and have welcomed nearly 300 students to this campus. For me, this is a great example of our 2015 school theme, “Better Together.” There were so many people and organizations that made this dream come true. Mostly, we thank the Lord.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Friends of WCS*. Hopefully you will join me in praising God for all He has done and join me in praying that He will continue to give us the opportunity to serve more families here at WCS.

May God bless each of you,



Justin Smith
Administrator

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Woodland Christian School exists by God's grace and for His glory to educate and prepare students for college and Christian life.

By faith in Christ, our students, parents, and staff can change the world.

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The Big Move

Maintenance Connection Employees Give Day

Planning, budgeting for, and building an elementary school is no small feat. Orchestrating the move after the campus is built adds even yet another dynamic to the work.

Woodland Christian School received a huge gift when WCS alums Chris Bucher (9th grade, '85) and Brad Squires (9th grade, '95), co-founders and owners of Maintenance Connection (MC), called Dave Hargadon, WCS Director of Development, to offer their help with the move. Their service is part of their company's model to gather all employees from across the country and abroad to impact a community with tangible service.

Over a two-day period, during one of the hottest periods of summer, 19 MC employees traveled to Woodland to move the contents of 13 classrooms and the library. In addition, MC purchased and built picnic tables for our lunch area and even shoveled bark.

Their service to the teachers, staff, and families of Woodland Christian School is immeasurable; we are beyond blessed by their generosity and hard work. To see a video of the MC team in action, go to: <https://superservicechallenge.com/video/mc-gives-back-2015-wcs-highlight-video/>



6 RIBBON CUTTING



A New Beginning
WOODLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL





18 Classrooms
 1 Office Building
 2 Bathroom Buildings
 1 Multi-purpose Room
 1 Commercial Kitchen
 1 Blacktop, 4 Basketball standards
 1 Kindergarten Playground + Lawn
 1 Elementary Playground + Lawn
 Fencing and Landscaping, Parking, Misc.

TOTAL COST: \$3.9 Million
 Cost per square foot: \$156.25

COMPARE:

2014 median per square foot cost in California for elementary campus construction: **\$190.33/sq ft.**

-20th Annual School Construction Report,
 School Planning and Management, <http://webspm.com/research/2015/02/annual-school-construction-report/asset.aspx?tc=assetpg>.

General Contractor:
 Architect:
 Buildings:

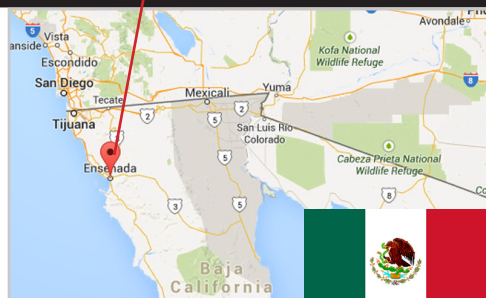
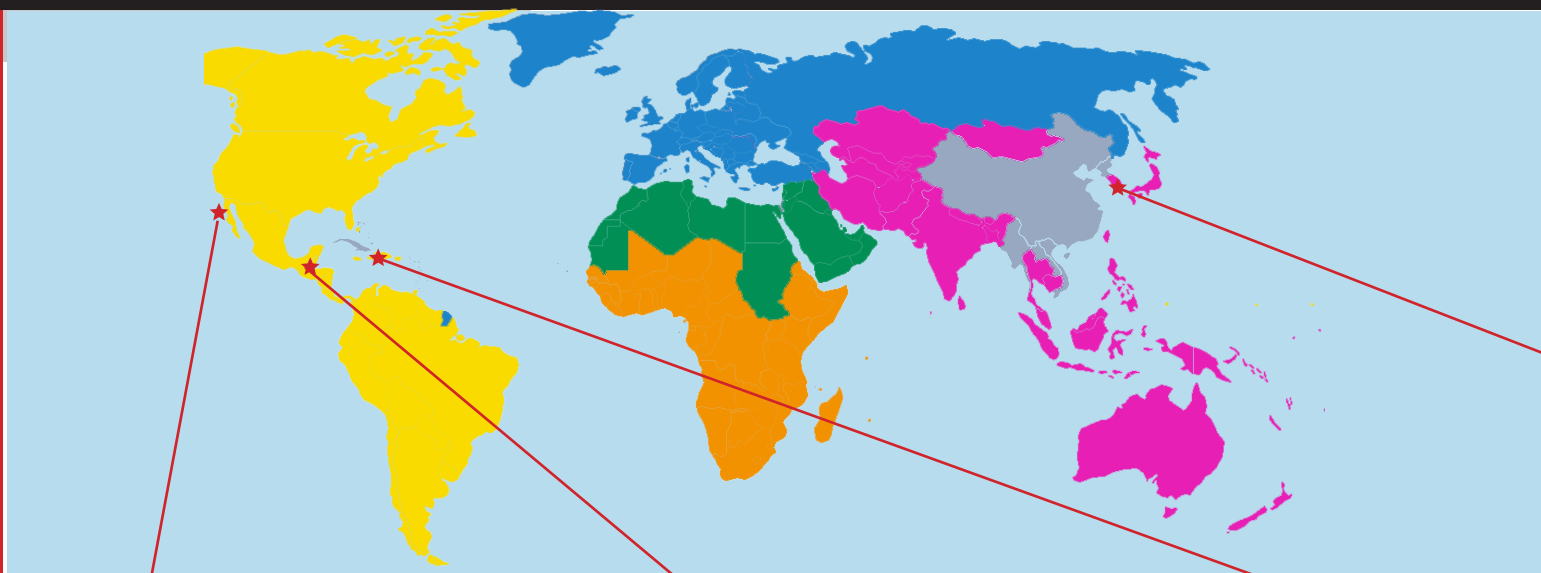
*"No good work is done anywhere
without aid from the
Father of Lights."*

—C.S. Lewis

Reflections on the Psalms

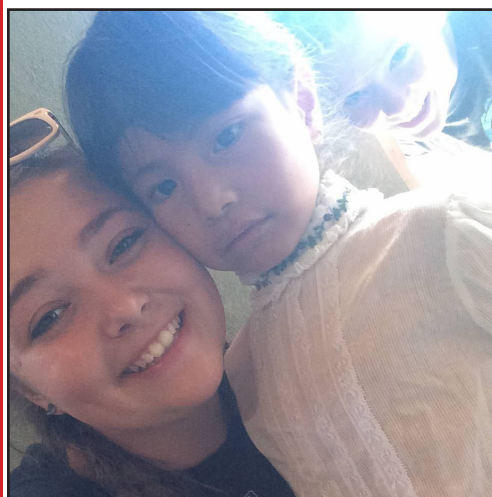


10 WORLD IMPACT



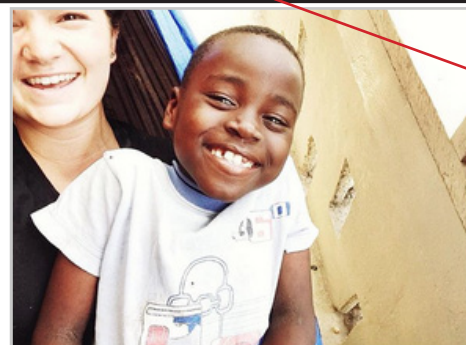
I went to Ensenada, Mexico with Azusa Pacific Mexico Outreach. I went in June, and we stayed for seven days. We did a Vacation Bible School for the neighborhood children, and we did work projects for our partner church located in Ensenada. My favorite memory is of seeing children that I have met during some of my past trips and seeing how much they have grown, physically and spiritually.

-Emma Saylor, WCHS Senior



This year for my mission trip with BRIGHT Children International, I traveled to Zacapa, Guatemala for one week in August, leading a team of 19 people. The team included speech, music, physical, occupational, and marriage and family therapists; infant development and special education specialists; a social worker; a parent trainer; and four students who hope to pursue careers in the fields represented. We partnered with Hope of Life International to work with orphans and children with special needs. We also worked with seven foster homes, an orphanage, and a nutrition center. While there, we had the opportunity to be the hands of Jesus to provide knowledge and resources of the children's potential and ways to help them reach that potential. The team provided training and encouragement to the foster parents and care providers. The team also provided donations of equipment and resources for those being trained.

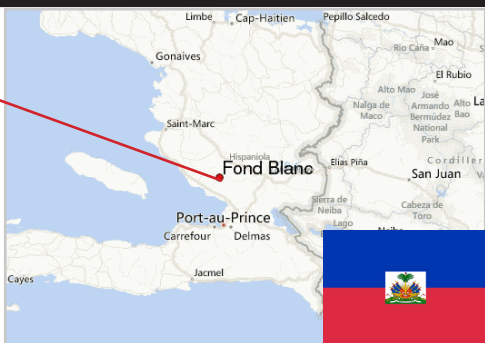
-Bessie Barth, WCS Alum (9th grade, '85)



For three months this summer, I had the opportunity to lead worship for Next Step Ministries in Fond Blanc, Haiti. I served on a team with four other American staff and two Haitians who helped with translating and construction. We lived at an orphanage/church that housed 54 children. Each week, we led a new church team from the States who came to work with the villagers, attend the local church, help the children get ready in the mornings, and a variety of other things. Our construction focused on adding on to existing church construction and building an inverter house, which would supply the orphanage with electricity 24 hours a day. We also worked on side projects to make the compound safer for everyone to live in. Devotionals were done throughout the day with the visiting teams, and my lead team and I led a worship service each night, focusing on how God turns our hurt into good, with videos of Francis Chan as the speaker. Several students

CHANGING THE WORLD... ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Through the WCS Internship/Missions Program, students and alumni spread the Gospel throughout various parts of the world.



accepted Christ, and many seeds of truth were planted in the community of Fond Blanc. One lesson I learned while living there was that the Church is important. It is important to choose leaders wisely and with prayer, because the congregation will adopt the attitudes and teachings of the pastor. It is important to have the church community around you to help you with accountability, with understanding, with encouragement, and for simply having the community that has the same beliefs as you. It is important to bring friends to church when you are sharing the gospel with them so they can be encouraged and taught as well. I have a newfound appreciation for the church because of this and a new perspective on the influence of leadership. My team and I learned a lot and will continue praying for Haiti. The village is continuing to be reached by a couple of full-time Next Step staff members, and prayers are appreciated for the ministry there.

-Molly Simpson, WCS Alum, '14

This past May, I was given the opportunity to travel to Cheongju, South Korea with one of my professors and a few students. On our two-week trip, we came alongside two different organizations to help teach English to the students. During the day, we worked at an elementary school, teaching grades 3 through 6. During the afternoon, we partnered with a welfare center and ran an "English camp" for various grade levels. Both of these activities proved to be challenging because of a dominating

language barrier, but overcoming that has made me better equipped to be a teacher. While on the trip, we were able to be submersed in the culture and experience many different things that we wouldn't normally experience. Overall, this trip was a growing experience, both in my experience as a teacher and in my relationship with God. I learned to trust in Him to provide safety and provisions, as well as how to be more culturally understanding and aware.

-Courtney Hargadon, WCS Alum, '13



WHERE WILL YOU GO?

The WCS Internships/Missions Program provides scholarships to those who want to serve on a mission trip or intern with an organization.

*Scholarships are available to current staff members, current students, and to all alumni.

*To apply, contact the Matmor office, (530) 406-8800 or email Dave Hargadon, dhargadon@woodlandchristian.org.

SHARING THE HARVEST

WCHS FFA SHARES THEIR HARVEST WITH 4TH AND HOPE

Have you seen the Woodland Christian High School FFA Garden recently? Chiles, artichokes, tomatoes, watermelon, squash, and pumpkins are just a few of the vegetables and fruits growing just to the north of our football field.

Over the summer, some of our FFA students were hard at work maintaining the garden and making sure that the plants were well taken care of. As the produce grew and

ripened, they harvested the garden and then took the produce to 4th and Hope, a homeless shelter in Woodland that provides meals daily for those in need.

Over 100 pounds of produce were harvested from the FFA garden and given to 4th and Hope throughout the summer. What better way to help our community than to share in our harvest?



Check out the WCS YouTube Channel!

Scan the QR code, or find us at
<https://www.youtube.com/user/WCMSmedia>



WCMSmedia's channel

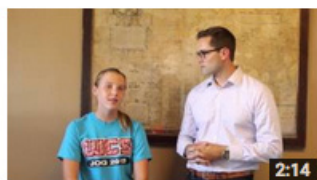
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108 views • 2 days ago

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Send in your news and we will publish it in the first available upcoming issue.

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Please limit your news to 60 words and include your graduation year or the last year you attended WCS.

WEDDINGS



Mr. & Mrs. Mark and Heidi Knapp

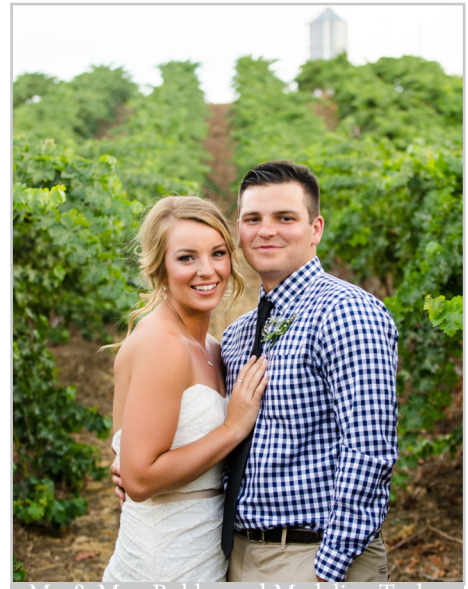
Matthew John Photography

WCS alumna and former teacher **Heidi (Schubarth) Knapp** (9th grade, '95, and faculty '02-'07) married Mark Knapp on May 23, 2015, at the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Many WCS alumna and former staff were in attendance; **Heather (Schubarth, 9th grade, '97) Collin, Sam Schubarth ('03), Greg Schubarth ('04), Toni (Paulsen, 9th grade, '94) Stackpole, Wendy (Paulsen 9th grade, '96) Ottinger, Rick & Becky Surls (faculty), and Kim Villwock (faculty '03-'05).** After the wedding, the Knapps took a honeymoon to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, visiting Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks. They live in Colorado Springs, where Mark works for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in rodeo administration and Heidi works in the overseas missions department of the Navigators, doing admin for the short-term missions program.

Travis ('11) and Madeline (Palmer, '12) Morrow were married by Pastor **Cody Cannon ('04)** in a beautiful evening ceremony at Yolanda Ranch in Woodland. The wedding party included WCS alums **Meagan Morrow ('10), Abbey Mast ('12), Alayna (Campos, '12) Kelly, Dizzie Bair ('13), Cameron Morrow ('14), Billy Bunn ('11), Bryson Palmer ('15),** and current WCS students **Bryce Morrow and Danica Nielsen.** The Morrows honeymooned in Cancun. They live in Woodland with their dog, Samuel L. Jackson the Dog, where Travis is the Creative Director/Youth Director at Lifepointe Church and Madeline is the Office Manager.



Mr. & Mrs. Travis and Madline Morrow



Mr. & Mrs. Bobby and Madeline Taylor

Current WCS 3rd-grade teacher and WCS alum **Madeline (Geer, '11) Taylor** married **Bobby Taylor ('11)** on July 11th, 2015 in Woodland at Windmill Farm and Vineyards. Madeline is the daughter of long-time WCS 3rd-grade teacher **Marla Geer** and her husband, Bill. Bobby is the son of WCS MS/HS Secretary **Lisa Taylor**, and her husband, former WCHS Bible teacher **Alan.** The Taylors honeymooned in Lake Tahoe and went on a cruise to Belize, Honduras, and Cozumel. Bobby and Madeline met as 7th graders in Mr. Smith's first class at WCS and attended every prom together throughout high school. The Taylors live in Woodland, where Bobby is a youth pastor at Calvary Baptist Church, where they also attend, and Madeline teaches at WCS.

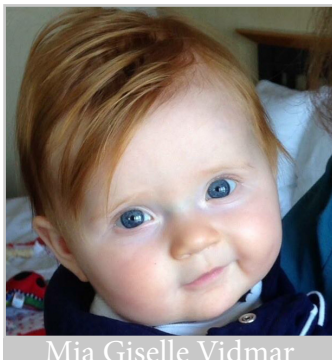
BIRTHS

WCS Administrator Justin Smith and his wife, **Natalie** (former WCS 5th-grade teacher) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Lane Elizabeth Smith**. Lane was born on her due date, September 6, 2015 at 11:40 AM. She joins big brother, Carter (2), in the Smith family. At birth, Lane was 8 pounds, 6 ounces and 21 inches long. The Smith family lives in Woodland.



Photography by PhotoSoBello

Lane Elizabeth Smith



Mia Giselle Vidmar

Ryan ('04) and **Dr. Alaina (Phillips, '04) Vidmar** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first baby, **Mia Giselle Vidmar**. Born November 22, 2014 at 8:50 AM, Mia was 21 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Proud first-time grandparents are **Dr. Steve Phillips** (founding principal of Woodland Christian High School, 1999–2003) and **Melissa Phillips** (WCS 3rd grade teacher, 1997–2004).

Ryan and Alaina have recently relocated to Burbank, CA where Alaina is pursuing a three-year Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Upon graduating from Medical College of Wisconsin (2012), Alaina completed a three-year Pediatric Residency at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Mia feels so blessed that Ryan is a stay-at-home dad while Alaina completes her training.



Lily Grace Flora

Proud first-time parents **Ty** and **Erin (Smith, '04) Flora** welcomed **Lily Grace Flora** on March 26, 2015 at 7:19 PM. Born at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital, Lily weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. The Flora family lives in Santa Rosa, CA, where Ty is the operation manager at Mt Gilead and Erin is a nurse on the cardiac unit at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital.



Breeana Frances Hamlin

Jimmy (9th grade, '95), **Jenny**, and **Will Hamlin** are so excited to announce the birth of their second child and first sibling, **Breanna Frances Hamlin**. Little Breanna was born on August 7, 2015, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. She is doing really well. Proud grandparents include former WCS Administrator **Jack Hamlin** and his wife, Jan. Jimmy and Jenny met while working with YoungLife in downtown Sacramento. They currently live in Woodland, where Jimmy and his business partner operate Woodland Draper Mfg and Monley Hamlin Construction and Jenny tutors elementary students while putting her teaching career on hold.



You have the opportunity to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of Woodland Christian's children. The Cardinal Fund will not only be used for capital improvements and new program initiatives, but 20% of every dollar raised will be set aside to build a true endowment for the school. Our students, alumni, and staff are making a difference in our world, and you can help ensure that this legacy continues for generations to come. Will you join us in becoming a Cardinal Giver?



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