



To Soar for Christ...

Jim Elliot Christian High School
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The Eagle Edition

Raptor Force returns home inspired

After uneventful (PTL) travel, the team and entourage arrived in Israel ready for their adventure. The first two nights they stayed at a kibbutz on a hilltop in Jerusalem. Their first quest on Thursday was to visit the Israel Aerospace Industries facility. It was a great privilege to visit this facility, which is not open to the public. IAI is the largest industry in the country and has developed much of the technology used in unmanned drones as well as satellite and aircraft development. Thursday afternoon they went to Jerusalem to visit the Knesset, Israel's capitol building and then spent the rest of the day exploring the old city culminating in a chance to pray at the Western Wall (the Wailing Wall). Finally they walked the Rabbi's tunnel, an underground passage from outside the city walls which brought them out on the Via Dolorosa, the very street it is believed that Jesus walked to Golgotha.

Friday found them at the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. Then off to the Nokia Center (Tel Aviv). As part of our "service," our team helped to set up for the robotics competition. By 3 pm all of the students were on their way to spend the next four nights with their host families. From sundown Friday until sundown Saturday, they experienced "the real world" of an Israeli Shabbat. Sunday the competition started against 61 other teams. The contest lasted through Tuesday. Even if we didn't win and, at times, experienced great frustration because of technical difficulties, our team modeled Christ throughout the event. Tuesday they were off to Tiberius and the Sea of Galilee.

Wednesday they explored Megiddo (Armageddon) and they drove past both Mt. Carmel (Elijah and the prophets of Baal) and Mt. Tabor. Then they went to Caesarea on the coast where Peter preached first to the Gentiles (Cornelius) and where, years later, Paul "appealed to Caesar." The evening finished with a somber visit to the Israel Holocaust Museum.

Thursday they shared and broke bread with a local Christian school, went to the Garden Tomb and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The next day the focus was totally different as some climbed to the top of Masada (Herod's royal citadel and later the last outpost of Zealots during the Jewish Revolt) and others took the cable car. From this arid experience they traveled to the oasis of the En Gedi waterfall and then to the Dead Sea. Then up, up, and away as they flew home.

Much has been left out of this telling. Talk to a team member and become inspired yourself. To quote a student, "I came home with a better understanding of our Lord, His beloved people, and His blessed land." (Thank you to all who contributed to this article.)

Staff Appreciation Week

The week of May 10-14 has been designated as Staff Appreciation Week. If you would like to help with the planning of this event, let Mrs. Martens in the school office know. We try to do something special every day that week. Think about how you would like to help. Are you able to donate gifts, food treats, gift certificates, money or your time? Notes from your student to their teachers and staff are favorite gifts. Comments or questions can be directed to Mrs. Martens.

April Calendar

04/02-04/06 Easter Break
04/07 Staff luncheon
04/10 Prom
04/12 Board Meeting
04/22 Senior Breakfast
04/23 Senior Ditch Day
04/22-04/23 SAT 10
04/26 Mid Q4 grades
04/30 Divine Delights & Dreams

Divine Delights & Dreams

Our annual dinner auction event this year - Divine Delights & Dreams - is sure to be an evening of great fun, scrumptious food and fabulous fellowship while we all join together to raise money for our school. The event will take place on Friday, April 30 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm at the Oak Farm Vineyard in Lodi. We hope that you will all get involved in helping this event to be a success. Here are ways you can help:

1. Bring donated auction items to the school office by Thursday, April 1.
2. Sponsor a table and invite folks to join you for this evening who would enjoy being a part of supporting Jim Elliot Christian High School. (Table Sponsorship—\$500. 8 people per table)
3. Purchase tickets and come out that evening to support JECHS.

Start getting your auction items ready to donate. For more information, call Beth at 209-518-4016

A FAMILY PORTRAIT

JECHS will be putting on the Robert Henninger play *A Family Portrait* May 6, 7, & 8. Performance times will be at 7:00 pm each night with an additional 2:00 pm matinee on Saturday, May 8.

This story shares the pain and heartache of teenage pregnancy and the life changing decisions made by the Landis and Larsen families. You won't want to miss this moving tale of love and hope!