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“Capital” Investment

SPRING BREAK OUTREACH TAKES REGENT STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Our nation’s capital isn’t a typical destination for college students seeking a mid-semester escape from the pressures of classes, homework and exams. But from February 25 to March 3, a group of 46 Regent students traveled to Washington, D.C., for what the university calls “alternative spring break.”

“Our students are not doing the things that are typically associated with spring break, but instead are giving up their spring break so they can serve their community and serve God,” says Regent’s president, Dr.

Carlos Campo, who ministered alongside students on day three of their trip.

“I think experiences like this are indelible for students,” Campo continues. “You remember the extraordinary moments in your life. One of the things I know about these kinds of trips is that, somewhere along the line, God is going to bring you face to face with

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yourself and who you are in Him. And those are the things students never forget.”

“Regent students dared to believe God is at work in our nation’s capital,” says Dr. Richard Kidd, Regent’s director for Campus Ministries. “They ministered from the ‘hood to the Hill’—knowing that people from all walks of life, from the derelict to the diplomat, are dearly loved by God.”

Kidd explains that the students partnered with experienced urban ministries throughout the week. These included Beulah Baptist Church and Dr. Marcus Turner; Project Bridges and Rev. Harold Brinkley; Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church and Archbishop Alfred Owens; and Central Union Mission, where the students were exposed to the difficult steps of urban ministry.

“Regent’s own Dr. Antipas Harris led a track of Divinity students to a greater understanding of urban ministries in conjunction with the trip,” Kidd says. “Students came away with a fresh realization that God is not distant; He’s just a prayer away and eager to bless those in need.”

Day three of the mission trip saw half of the Regent team travel to Beulah Baptist Church, a 102-year-old congregation located in the heart of the seventh ward in Washington, D.C. Students participated in a prayer walk through the neighborhood, visited the church’s clothing ministry, and engaged in a spontaneous and extended group prayer for Beulah Baptist’s senior pastor, Dr. Marcus Turner.

“So often, pastors give out so much,” Turner says. “However, we never take anything in. And just to have these Regent students take time out of their schedules to come pray for our church, our campus, and for me individually and personally, it’s awesome. I believe that God is going to make Beulah Baptist Church a better place because of this day.”

During their stay in D.C., students also met with Senator Jim Webb (D-Va.), Senator Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Representative Randy Forbes (R-Va.), who guided the group on a Capitol tour.

Regent Vice President for Enrollment Services, Tracy Stewart, has accompanied students on each of the university’s four alternative spring breaks since 2009:

“These trips allow me to spend time with them, because I don’t teach. My role really is to encourage the students to step out and try new things. This is what Regent is about: ‘Christian Leaders to Change the World.’ There’s so much work to do.”



Dr. Carlos Campo, Rev. Harold Brinkley and Dr. Richard Kidd share God’s love in the heart of Washington, D.C.

Travis Jackson is an online graduate student from Texarkana, Texas, pursuing a joint degree in government and divinity. He says the D.C. mission trip changed him: “I have a different heart and more compassion. I think compassion is what I’ll take away. There are hurting people, and they need God. They need direction. They need jobs. And they need people who will help them.”

For Cindy Arocho, from the Schools of Divinity and Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship, this was her third Regent mission trip in the past year: “The biggest part of this trip is our vision to be encouragers. So we’ve been praying

for the leadership of the churches and ministries we’ve visited. Regent’s motto is ‘Christian Leadership to Change the World.’ How are we doing that if we’re not actually going into the world?”

Arocho says that journey into the world includes partnering with different churches, different people and different denominations: “We go out and love on people, which shows that Regent University really has the love of Christ.”

“We hope Regent is a reflection of the fullness of the Kingdom of God,” says Campo. “It’s really difficult to reach out to communities we don’t know. This is an organic way for us to touch lives in the African-American community in our own backyard.”

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Giving Thanks

Students respond to annual donor-appreciation campaign

February is friends and alumni appreciation month at Regent. It's a chance for students to express how grateful they are for the donors who help make their education possible and affordable through their giving.

"On average, a student's tuition covers about 79% of the cost to educate him or her at Regent," says Melissa Fuquay, the university's director of Alumni Relations. "The rest must be raised from friends, alumni and earnings from the university's endowment."

This year's "I ♥ Friends & Alumni" campaign generated 801 thank you notes from students. "It has been a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness among our students about the generosity of Regent friends and alumni," Fuquay explains.

Undergrad Kristen Akridge wrote, "Thank you SO much for your giving heart! You are not only helping us fulfill our dreams, but your support helps raise up a generation that is strong in the Lord."

Genard Hajdini is an international student enrolled in the School of Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship: "I have been blessed beyond any imagination through your

financial support. Because of your generosity and love, my life has been changed, and now I will be able to change my nation, Albania. Thank you."

School of Education student Olumuyiwa Okunlola had to put her education on hold recently for financial reasons. But now, thanks to the financial support of friends and alumni, she's taking classes again: "Throughout my time at Regent, you have been the unseen partner, the hands of God, making a way for me to prepare for the task He called me to. You touch not only my life but also the lives of the people God has called me to serve. I am an extension of the ministry God has given you, and I thank you for being a tool in His hands."

Regent's president, Dr. Carlos Campo, also recognizes and appreciates the generosity of the university's friends and alumni: "The faithful prayers and financial gifts from our donors are helping Regent University equip the next generation of Christian leaders to change the world."

To learn how you can support Regent University, call 800.335.4409. Or visit regent.edu/give to donate online using an electronic check or credit/debit card.



Dozens of golfers are preparing to "tee off" to promote math and science skills at the 2012 Regent Classic Golf Tournament on May 17. The beautiful Arnold Palmer-designed Signature at West Neck Golf Club in Virginia Beach will again be the site of this annual event, which draws the attention and participation of local businesses and Regent friends for more than the promise of a great round of golf.

The Regent Classic provides vital funding for a key university initiative: the Martinson Center for Mathematics & Science. Backed by the School of Education, the center seeks to enhance math and science programs in public and private schools.

The goal of the Martinson Center is to improve the quality of education for children today, so they can enjoy a brighter, more globally competitive tomorrow. The Regent Classic raises funds through corporate sponsorships and individual player fees that enable the center to offer workshops, professional development courses and graduate-level courses for teachers.

Regent's president, Dr. Carlos Campo, and his wife, Karen, played together in last year's Regent Classic. He sees the golf tournament as an opportunity to strengthen community partnerships, while fulfilling the university's mission: "As Regent

broadens our outreach to businesses and philanthropists in Hampton Roads in the coming years, events like this will be even more important in recognizing those who are partnering to develop the outstanding graduates who will be our next generation of leaders in this area."

John Martinson Jr. of the Martinson Family Foundation, the center's founding sponsor, has attended the past two Regent Classic Golf Tournaments. Although a hand injury prevented him from playing in 2011, he had this to say about the event: "Clearly, Regent is doing a fantastic job connecting with the community. All in all, it was a very well-organized and well-run event. Our foundation is honored to work with such outstanding people."

The 18-hole "best ball" tournament starts at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a barbeque dinner and an awards ceremony with prizes that include free rounds of golf at area courses and complimentary accommodations at The Founders Inn and Spa. Sponsorships for a foursome start as low as \$500, and individual golfers can enjoy a day at one of the best courses in Virginia for only \$150.

For information about sponsoring or participating in the Regent Classic, visit regent.edu/golfclassic or call 757.352.4836.



A Message From the President

Dear Friends,

Regent University promises students a unique educational experience. In addition to the 59 graduate and undergraduate programs available on campus and online from our eight schools of study, Regent offers men and women the opportunity to become Christian leaders to change the world. This university is about much more than training students in a classroom setting. While academics are profoundly important in an institution of higher learning, Regent believes very strongly that our Christ-first approach to education sets us apart. It is the defining characteristic behind who we are, what we do and why we do it.

That's why it's no surprise to see nearly four dozen Regent students forgo a traditional spring break trip in order to travel to our nation's capital to love and serve the people of Washington, D.C. And it's why more than 800 students respond to a call by our Office of Alumni Relations to express their heartfelt appreciation to people like you, who support this university so faithfully. Your prayers and gifts are making an eternal impact on more than just our students. As you empower these men and women to become Christian leaders to change the world, you are touching the lives of everyone they come in contact with. Together we are making a tremendous difference on a truly global scale. Thank you for your friendship and support. God bless you.



Grace and peace,

Carlos Campo, Ph.D.
President

“SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE ALL
ELSE, AND LIVE RIGHTEOUSLY, AND HE
WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED.”

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REGENT WORLD CHANGER



Jeremy Kohomban

The Children's Village, New York

Jeremy Kohomban, MBA '99, Ph.D. '05 (Global Leadership & Entrepreneurship) joined The Children's Village in 2004. One of the oldest charities in the United States, The Children's Village serves teens in New York City arrested for minor crimes, firmly focused on keeping children safe and families together.

“Children should not grow up in programs; they deserve and need families to succeed,” says Kohomban. “Where family is unable, unwilling, inappropriate or missing, we believe it is vital that we create a stable place of unconditional belonging.”

Kohomban came to Regent with an interest in making charitable organizations strong and more able to describe and produce measurable outcomes: “While my public calling and passion is service in secular settings, faith is an important personal component. So Regent was a good fit.”

Please join the Regent University community in praying for the work and safety of Jeremy Kohomban, April's alumni world changer.



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ARISE AND BUILD

On April 28, Regent will hold its first-ever Nehemiah Walk to raise money for the university's new Chapel and School of Divinity building. Hundreds of students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends are joining together to seek the Lord's spiritual and financial blessing for this exciting campus expansion. Visit regent.edu/walk or call 888.372.1006 to support or participate in Regent's Nehemiah Walk.

AT THE CENTER

Impact is centered around the activities and accomplishments of Regent University students, alumni, faculty and staff. At the center of each newsletter, you'll find a postage-paid envelope you can use to donate by check or credit/debit card. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you support Regent today. To make a gift by phone, call 800.335.4409. Visit regent.edu/give to donate online.

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By the Numbers

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Regent students spent their spring break serving people in the Washington, D.C., area.

1,177

donors supported Regent University with their financial gifts in 2011.

801

student thank you notes were received during this year's "I ♥ Friends & Alumni" appreciation campaign.

100,000

dollars is the fundraising goal for the first annual Nehemiah Walk.