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"Amazing Grace in Action"



The K2K Jamaica Mission Trip was once again a huge success. Sixteen students and four staff from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School recently returned from Kingston, Jamaica, after eight challenging but amazing days together. The group returned with minds and hearts full with a life time of memories and experiences. As on past K2K Mission Trips, students and staff volunteered at various projects sponsored by St. Patrick's Foundation, including St. Monica's, a home for abandoned elderly persons, and at two remedial schools for disadvantaged children - Riverton Early Childhood Centre and St. Margaret's Human Resource Centre. The group also enjoyed a wonderful visit and discussion with the Archbishop of Kingston, Jamaica, the Most Rev. Charles Dufour. During the months leading up to the trip, the group collected wheelchairs, walkers and enough medical and school supplies to fill 16 large donation bags. These were donated to various schools and groups visited on the trip. A large donation was also made to St. Patrick's Foundation, with the monies raised from the school's bake sale in September, an E-Waste Collection in October and a 'Jamaica Fish Fry' in November.

All returned to Canada with many fond memories of their time in Jamaica and with a deeper appreciation for the challenges faced by the less fortunate in developing countries. Perhaps most importantly, they returned home with a greater realization of the presence of God in the poorest of the poor whom they met and worked with everyday. A big thank you to all our benefactors and donors, especially the Archdiocese of Kingston, the Sisters of Providence, the Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and other church and school groups who helped make this trip possible.

