

Europe & MENA Newsletter

The Woodards

July / August 2016

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings from the Woodards!

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We have just returned from Kosovo for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of Phase 1 of the construction on the new Kosovo Leadership Academy. Praise the Lord for what He has done! Join with us as we rejoice over what the Lord is doing in this M country and pray with us for the fund raising for Phase 2 which is a 3 story educational wing of classrooms. What a joy to see Christ lifted high and a whole generation of young people impacted for eternity!



KLA Phase 1 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, July 30th marked the long anticipated ribbon cutting event for Phase #1. One of our teachers wrote, "This event of the new school building represents amazing efforts of so many, for so many years and of course, the faithfulness and provision of God."

During the ceremony, many of the global workers were able to freely express their heartfelt thanks to God and to give Him glory. Although we are not a Christian school (meaning we do not teach religion in the school), we are known as a school run by Christians and we have seen God pave the way to be bold about this. Praise God as many prominent leaders in the community and the country of Kosovo were present!"



Prayer Requests:

- KLA Students to trust Christ as Lord and Savior. Above anything else, our team is dedicated to serving the people of Kosovo so that lives are changed to the glory of God.
- Church planting is a vision and goal and KLA provides a wonderful entry-point for blessing the community. Pray for wisdom for the KLA team as they build relationships.
- Teachers for KLA both short-term and long-term. A science teacher is especially needed for the start of the fall semester.

- Provision of funds for the KLA building project. There is still \$1,115,000 that must be raised for construction to continue in the fall on Phase #2. The second phase includes construction of the shell for the entire 3-story education wing and completion of the first two levels for classroom use.

Give towards the KLA building project: Kosovo Leadership Academy

<http://www.abwe.org/give/online/name//Help%20Train%20Future%20Leaders%20for%20Kosovo%200757941%E2%80%9393002>.



Finishing up one school year, and starting the next!

While many both in the USA and Kosovo are preparing for the start of the 2016-2017 school year within the next month, we wanted to share with you some highlights from the final days of the 2015-2016 school year...

Last day of school homeroom reflection questions:

Q: "What would you tell a new student coming to the KLA?"

"Don't bother cheating."

"It's like family here."

"Don't be discouraged when you get a bad grade. Just keep working hard."

"Be prepared to EARN your own grades."

Q: What did you learn or are most thankful for this year?

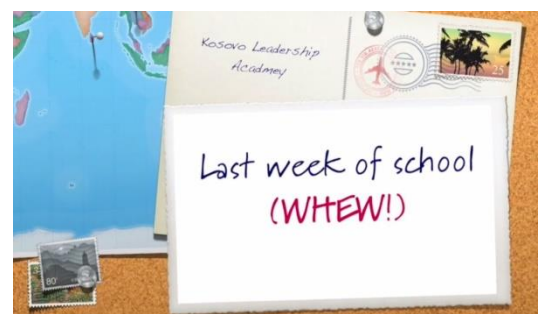
"That my character is important. I learned my character reflects who I am."

"I didn't know I could draw. I'm thankful I learned how to draw."

"I am thankful to the teachers for leaving their home and families to come here to teach us."

Click the link below to watch a video of the KLA's last days of school!

<https://dwellamongthem.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/final-week-v1-sd.mp4>



Dear Friend,

Hello, I am a student of the KLA. I am thankful you gave to build our school, the Kosovo Leadership Academy.

This school is the best school in Kosovo and I want to stay in this school because I never knew how to speak English. I was afraid, but when I come here I learned many words. Now I speak clearly and am not afraid. So I want to thank you for contributing to my school so I believe my school is the best school ever.

I thank you so much.

From Erblin

Visit the KLA Construction Site <http://kosvoleadershipacademyconstruction.blogspot.com/> for more project photos and updates!

In His Service,

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