

Kenya Trip leaves impression with Ensworth seniors

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A summer trip to Africa has a profound effect on Ensworth seniors Megan Moseley and Rebecca Hanai.

The two students were part of Ensworth's service learning trip to Kenya, where they immersed themselves in the culture and helped on several school construction projects, including installing solar panels throughout a school, setting up a computer center and building a new classroom.

"It was amazing to see how appreciative they were of the work we had done for them and to see that we can make a big impact somewhere as far away as Kenya, Africa" Megan said. "I went to Africa thinking I would be making a huge impression on these people, but I left with a huge impression having been made on me."

The African trip is a collaboration between Ensworth and Colorado-based World Leadership School, which helps K-12 schools develop innovative global education programs by building long-term, family-like relationships with partner schools and communities in Latin America and Africa.

"Going on a service trip to Africa truly puts your life in perspective and lets you appreciate every little thing we have in our lives," Rebecca said. "I feel so blessed to be able to go on a trip like this...I learned a lot about myself and the type of person I want to be. I learned that life isn't about money or the materialistic things. It's about love, family, happiness, and giving back to the community."

Megan, Rebecca, and other students who were part of the trip will talk about their experiences during a program hosted by Ensworth's Diversity Council. Also speaking will be Ole Petanya Yusuf-Shani, who worked closely with the World Leadership School and the Ensworth group in Kenya.