



## POVERTY SIMULATION PARENT LETTER

Dear Leaders/Parents,

Throughout scripture, God makes it clear that Christians are to care for the poor and needy (Deuteronomy 15:11; James 1:27). We are to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to those who are despairing. To our dismay, the message of caring for the poor has been lost in many middle-class American churches. **Mission Denver believes the best way to bring awareness is through exposure, education and engagement!** This unique experience is called a Poverty Simulation. Lasting for 40-hours, it is designed to help teach and train the participants about poverty, God's concern for the poor, and how we can fulfill his commandments by caring for the poor. We assure you this is a safe activity. No one has ever been injured during this experience. But, ALL have been stretched out of their comfort zones to face their own materialism and cultural values. And ALL have left changed.

Our goals are that each participant will:

- Have a better understanding about poverty (causes & overcoming)
- Be more grateful for the blessings they have
- Learn about God's heart for the poor
- Learn practical ways to reach the poor in their community

How do we do it? All students will be living below the poverty line as many families do in our neighborhood. That means that life as they've known it will change, (sleeping accommodations, food, clothing, items). With the combined impact of their daily life being radically changed, planned activities, times of reflection & scripture reinforcement, students come face to face with the realities faced daily by those caught in poverty. We would rather not reveal too much information; doing so would ruin the impact of the simulation. If you have additional questions that are not answered in the provided materials, please call David Cederquist at 303-986-4673. Please do not reveal any additional information to the participants; it really will take away from their experience. The more the participants remain in the dark, the better the experience they will have!

Mission Denver thanks you for allowing each participant the opportunity to develop in this vital way. Please pray that God will do amazing & life changing things during the Poverty Simulation!

Thank you,

David Cederquist  
Director of Mission Denver