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Hello ,

My name is Ron Holloway, and I am the new Chaplain at Ozark Adventist Academy. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about **a new incentive program that we launched at Ozark Adventist Academy called “Mission Starts Now” Challenge.** It is a 10-week challenge that goes from October 21, 2013- January 11, 2014, **and it is designed to encourage our students to be actively involved in “missions now” by participating in Bible studies, prayer groups, scripture memorization, and service, outreach, and evangelism in our local community.**

“Mission Starts Now” is based on a point system where students can earn up to 100 points per week over the course of the 10 weeks for a total of 1,000 points. At the end of the 10 weeks, whatever funds are received into the “Mission Starts Now” fund will be designated to the students, based upon the points that they accumulate, as a scholarship towards the Dominican Republic mission trip. The specific distributions will be done on a prorated basis and will be based upon the amount of funds received.

An example distribution range might be as follows:

- 1,000 pts may receive \$500-\$1,000 in sponsorship towards the mission trip or another school sponsored trip.
- 500- 999 pts may receive \$250-\$499 in sponsorship towards the mission trip or another school sponsored trip.
- 100- 499 pts may receive \$100-\$249 in sponsorship towards the mission trip or other school sponsored trip.

### **How Points can be earned**

Students have the opportunity to earn 30 points for participation in a group Bible study once per week, 20 points for 1 hour of service, outreach, or ministry once per week, 20 points for memorizing a doctrinal passage of scripture once per week, and 10 points for participating in a group prayer session once per week, for a total of 100 points per week.

Students can choose to participate in the same activity up to two times per week. For example, a student can participate in two group Bible studies and two hours of service in a week to earn 100 points for that week, or two group prayer sessions, one group Bible study, memorize two doctrinal passages of scripture, and participate in one hour of service in a week to earn 100 points for that week. Students will not receive points more than two times per activity per week.

An Ozark Adventist Academy staff member must certify that the student/s has/have completed the activity before points are awarded to them for the activity.

## **Here's how you can help**

As a way to extend our students mission experience internationally, we are asking for your help in sponsoring them to go on our international mission trip to the Dominican Republic in April (2-13) 2014.

Our goal is to raise between \$30,000- \$50,000 to fund the Ozark Adventist Academy "Mission Starts Now" fund which helps students who are committed to mission service here in our local community, with scholarship funds towards the Dominican Republic mission trip.

Right now we have 38 students who are interested in going on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic and the cost per student is \$1,750. Would you prayerfully consider donating to the Ozark Adventist Academy "Mission Starts Now" fund? Your gifts are tax deductible and will make a big difference in helping our students to go on the Dominican Republic mission trip next semester. Please make your checks payable to: **Ozark Adventist Academy: "Mission Starts Now,"** and send them to: **Ozark Adventist Academy, Attn: Chaplain Ron, 20997 Dawn Hill East Rd., Gentry, AR 72734.**

The upside to this whole initiative is that after the 10-week challenge is over, we pray that our students will decide to keep their Bible study groups, prayer groups, Bible memorization, and service/outreach initiatives going based on the "taste and see" experience that the "Mission Starts Now" program affords.

If you know anyone who is a supporter of Ozark Adventist Academy or someone who is looking for a worthy cause to give to for end of year giving, please tell them about Ozark's "Mission Starts Now" fundraising challenge. Ozark Adventist Academy is a part of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and all the funds given to the OAA "Mission Starts Now" fund are fully tax deductible.

Feel free to contact me directly at 479-736-2221, ext. 1210, 352-812-3283 or [jholloway@ozarkacademy.org](mailto:jholloway@ozarkacademy.org) for more information regarding this exciting program.

Yours in Christ,

Chaplain Ron Holloway