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Distinguished SSPP Alumna Reflects on Missionary Work

Celeste Gregory '97, who is presently a missionary with Catholic Relief Services, has been Skyping this past semester with two of Mrs. Gina Hovland's Theology courses in the 9th and 10th Grade about her personal experience working in Sudan and Darfur. Through Skype, Celeste has maintained an ongoing dialog with the students, discussing why she chose to become a missionary, the challenges and joys of the ministry, and answering their questions. The focus of her missionary work in Sudan and Darfur has been to help the farmers to become more self sufficient.

Celeste visited the high school recently and shared a slide show and more detailed information about Darfur, the struggles of the people there, and the difficulties of working with a developing nation. She asked for us to pray for the people of Sudan and Darfur, especially as they struggle to remain one nation. When the students asked why she wants to stay for two years, she replied, "There is immense joy and satisfaction in this type of service. The people I work with every day are very welcoming. And, I get to see the world."

Celeste will continue Skyping the second semester with 11th & 12th grade classes. With CRS she is able to supply seeds and small hand tools for their use, but what she is sharing with us may also plant the seeds of service in our students as well. We are very proud of Celeste, her accomplishments, and her commitment to living her faith!



Celeste Gregory '97, next to the prayer board in the high school highlighting her missionary work in Darfur and Sudan.