



# **Service Learning: The Hope for Ariang Project**

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## **The Essential Question**

How can service learning and volunteerism inspire students to be more connected to their education?

## **Teacher Reflection**

Through this project we found our students gained a greater sense of empathy, sensitivity and compassion towards others in our community and our world. It is abundantly clear that the students truly understand the value of helping others.

## **Student Reflection**

This year we did a project that changed my life. This project was all about turning change into hope. I didn't know that the loose change you find would make such a big difference in South Sudan. In South Sudan there are so many adults and kids who are not educated. In our project we are making a difference by raising money for Hope for Ariang, an organization building schools in their war torn country.

-Anthony Valdez

One of the best projects that we did this year has impacted so many lives. This was our Hope for Ariang campaign videos and fundraising project. Our team will continue helping, because it not only helped others but helped ourselves. I am honored to have been a part of this project.

-Winzer Curtis

## **Project Description**

In the 'Searching for Identity: The refugee project' 8<sup>th</sup> grade HTM students gained a greater understanding of the world through connecting with refugees from South Sudan. Our students have started building relationships with members of 'The Lost Boys of Sudan' and care deeply about supporting them and their native country. In conjunction with the organization, *Hope For Ariang*, students are creating campaign advertisements to raise awareness and money for building a school in one of the war torn regions.