

Volunteer has unusual encounter

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Contributor

Jordan King's service in Africa had a surprise ending — one involving socks.

The 24-year-old Farmers Branch resident did volunteer work as a counselor in Zambia, serving orphan children through the nonprofit Family Legacy Missions International. A former Mary Immaculate Catholic School student, she said attending the school helped to prepare her for a lot of things.

"I've learned that even simple acts that don't take much time or effort can dramatically impact someone else's life," she said.

As part of her work, King and her co-counselors were asked to sift through hundreds of boxes of socks and shoes donated

from places all over the world to find footwear for the children in their groups. King selected one of the many boxes and opened it, then reached in to pull out socks. Much to her surprise, she found herself holding several pairs bearing the Mary Immaculate Catholic School logo, from her former school, nearly 9,000 miles away.

"I am not sure how those socks got into this box, donated from someone associated with Mary Immaculate, but I do know without a doubt that it was no accident that I looked in that particular box," King said. "It was a comforting gift from my Lord to show me a piece of home at the end of a long trip."

Rosemary Martinez contributes to neighborsgo.com on behalf of Mary Immaculate Catholic School, which is located in Farmers Branch.

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—C.I.

Dear C.I.,

Here are some points to bring up:

- Anything you put on the Internet is free game for everyone to see. Right now something may seem funny, but think about a potential employer seeing it when



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you start looking for a job.

- Never take a picture or record anyone for any reason without him or her knowing. This may sound innocent and funny, but it can be so harmful and is just mean.

- Be kind to others and never forward any pictures, videos or e-mails to anyone without their permission.

- Tell your children that you are on their computer and phone often, making sure they are not damaging their reputation in any way. Then actually take the time to do it.

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