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Students and Faculty Reflect on Past Mission Trips at Dimensions

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — As a faith-driven university, Gardner-Webb places a particular emphasis on the spiritual growth of its community. During the 2011-12 academic year over 100 students and faculty members were able to participate in mission trips on both local and international levels, traveling to countries as far as Nicaragua, Romania, and Brazil. The Dimensions program will offer the opportunity for the University family to share in these experiences as the participants reflect on their journeys, both spiritual and transcontinental. The program will take place Tuesday, Sept. 25, in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center's Paul Porter Arena at 9:25 a.m.

"A Dimensions program is set aside each fall to celebrate and look back on what God did through the various mission trips sponsored by the University," said Tracy Jessup, vice president for Christian Life and Service and senior minister at GWU. "It brings me great joy to see our students committed to and involved in the global mission of God."

The 2012-13 mission trips will also be formally announced. According to Christian Life and Services, the office that sponsors Gardner-Webb's mission trips, the school's community is encouraged to spread the message of God's love to the world regardless of one's field of study. The trips provide students with a number of valuable experiences, including personal growth, cultural understanding, and a sense of personal ministry.

Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual, and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. Dimensions programs are held on Tuesday's at 9:25 a.m. in the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). More information is available at 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for career success and for engaged, responsible citizenship in their professional, civic, and spiritual communities.