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Teacher's Book Review**



***Kisses from Katie*, Katie Davis
Reviewed by Ms. Mouchbahani, September 10th, 2013**

At the end of this summer, I went to Las Vegas, Nevada, to support my husband at MAGIC - a world-wide shoe trading show. Although I love the artistic element behind fashion, there are aspects of this industry that clash with our ethics. At the malls, I was surrounded by stores like Gucci, Prada, Bulgari, and Chanel. \$2000.00 for a blouse? Are you kidding me? In stark contrast to this, I later found myself at the airport staring at a book on the shelf called ***Kisses from Katie***, a self-written, personal account of philanthropy by Katie Davis. Now talk about juxtaposing worlds! I was instantly drawn to this story about a teenage American girl who goes on a volunteer trip to Uganda before starting university and finds herself compelled to go back - indefinitely! She develops school and feeding programs, decides to adopt 13 children of her own, and develops an organization called Amazima ("truth" in Lugandan). As I flipped through the pages, I was moved and deeply inspired by the purity in her voice, the wisdom beyond her years and her awe-inspiring faith in God. She views her work as simply her calling from God - it is what she was meant to do. She challenges us to give of ourselves to others and work everyday to give more, and to receive less. I recommend this true, loving story to anyone who is ready and open to filling her heart with immense joy, faith, and inspiration to love God, to love others, and to give, more than ever before.