

## Moment for Mission

I recently promised to share with you some of the stories and anecdotes that paint a powerful picture of our mission in action.

Naming these offerings as a “Moment for Mission” I assumed I’d have enough material to send you something every month (or so) that vividly captures our efforts to “inspire and equip our students for meaningful lives of leadership and service.”

While I vow NOT to overwhelm your inbox going forward, I know you share the same sense of Viking Pride that I do and though this is my *second* Moment for Mission in *only* a week – I hope you’ll enjoy:

It will be a long time before any of us forget this picture:

At the September 16 game between the Vikings and the Union Yellow Jackets, a player from Union halted the game with what looked to be a very serious injury. Offering their assistance, and a host of prayers for healing, Coach Chris Miller, his staff and his student athletes circled around the opposing team to stand in solidarity.



After learning this week that Union’s Will Horlacher is absolutely fine and will go on to play football again, Coach Chris Miller and I were touched beyond measure to read the following words from our own Rhonda Palmer who lives in Union and teaches math at SHS and the note below from Laura Horlacher, the mother of the player we *all* prayed for.

*“All of the family and friends who came to the hospital to check on Will could not get over Coach Miller's move to make sure that our players were by his side. As I stood there dressed in my Viking apparel, one by one they came by and were in awe. This was an awesome display of affection and in return, the Union fans blew up social media on that evening and all weekend, to thank District 7 and specifically, Coach Miller.”*

*It is no secret at home that I love D7, now the people in my hometown understand why!*

*We are AWESOME!*

*Rhonda Palmer*

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*Coach Miller,*

*“I want to commend you, your team, and all of Viking Nation for the manner in which you addressed the incident. I am convinced the prayer that blanketed Will in those initial moments helped him get through the pain and certainly gave us the outcome of being able to walk out of the hospital with my son to play football another day. All of these events were according to God’s perfect plan and Will's testimony will be stronger for it. Please know and relay to your team, football is a game and injuries happen but what we take away from it is the difference between participants and champions.”*

*Laura Horlacher*

*Parent*