

Hey, this is Colten Lee. I just wanted to thank you for the overwhelming support with the measles campaign.

Over 450 people die each day from the measles, see MeaslesInitiative.org. America is seeing an increase in measles cases because it is believed that parents have skipped the vaccine with their children, and those unvaccinated people traveling to our country may not be protected. The MMR vaccine, which protects against measles, mumps and rubella, is usually given to infants 12 to 15 months old at well check-ups, with a second shot given when Kids are four to six years old, before Kindergarten. Not getting the vaccine has proved to be costly as well. A recent outbreak cost about \$300,000 for 9 infected people. ([Unvaccinated behind largest U.S. measles outbreak in years](#), Steven Reinberg, HealthDay, published on USA Today.com on 10/21/2011 12:04PM) That same amount of money could have vaccinated 300,000 people! There are low-cost vaccinations available in Provo at the Utah County Health Department, please call 801-851-7000.

About 6 weeks ago, I set a goal to help the Red Cross vaccinate 4 villages in third world countries, or 800 people from the measles. I worked really hard to get \$256 donations, and then I asked for your help.

I wanted to thank each person who gave so much to make this goal possible. THANK YOU! When we all give a little, we give a lot.

I wanted to especially thank Chloe Camsat who took the initiative to raise \$30 on her own, also a special thank you to Mrs. Bichsel's class for 51 vaccinations and to Mrs. Taylor's class for 47 vaccinations. Many students gave more than \$1, thank you. Thank you also to Eathan Allsup and Colton Lindsey for volunteering for more than one hour cutting hundreds of red circles to give the school "the measles", making signs, and helping to post those throughout the school. Thank you to Joshua King, Jon Bae, and Mrs. Sorensen (and daughter) for your extra efforts to help the campaign. Thank you to many teachers for your support. There were also so many other students and teachers who went the extra mile in giving and/or helping me to reach my goal and I want to tell you thank you again, your giving was awesome. There is a lot of good that goes on at Freedom Academy!!

I especially wanted to thank my mom for being the best mom ever! Thanks mom for standing out in the cold with me while we held posters and waved at people to donate, buying the poster materials, for collecting donations, and driving me to places.☺ Mom, you are the bomb.com, I love you. ☺

If YOU want to **BE HAPPY** every day, then you can if you:

1. **Serve others. Give a little—it makes a big difference!**
2. **Be Grateful or Thankful for something everyday**
3. **Smile!**

I am thrilled to announce the final number from your generous donations. Freedom Academy has saved over 4 villages from the measles by vaccinating **837 lives!** That is like preventing death from a school about the size of Freedom Academy. [The American Red Cross received more donations from Freedom Academy than from any other school in Utah](#), beating a Park City high school by over 300 vaccinations.

Thank you again!

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