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Presentation's Camille Seger, left, and Caroline Seger visited with Sarah Obama, President Barack Obama's step-grandmother, in Kenya.

Presentation group works in Kenya

Students, alumnae and a faculty member from Louisville's Presentation Academy were part of a 13-member team that recently returned from a two-week mission trip to impoverished areas of Kenya.

They participated in projects that included the construction of a playground, and were granted a special treat with a visit to meet Sarah Obama, step-grandmother of President Barack Obama.

Eight members of the group were from Presentation Academy. They included a pair of incoming seniors and cousins Ca-

mille and Caroline Seger; four Presentation alums, Gwen Gottlieb '09, Samantha Hawtins '09, Allyson Ferry '07, and Brittany McGarry '05; and Gary Householder, chairman of the school's Social Studies department.

Meshack Riaga Ogalo, chief of the Luo tribe (third largest tribe in Kenya), accompanied the group on the visit with Obama. They spent about 15 minutes in a question and answer session, through her interpreter.

"Are you proud of your grandson?" one student asked. Obama responded, "Yes, but I am proud of all 26 of my grandchildren."

"Have you ever heard your grandson speak?" an-

other student inquired. "Yes," at the inauguration, but it was too cold and crowded," Obama said.

The construction of the playground at a Kenyan orphanage was one of several projects the Presentation group was involved in. The trip was made in conjunction with Hearts for Kenya, a Louisville-based non-profit organization.

Additional information about Hearts for Kenya can be found on the organization's Web site at www.hearts4kenya.org.

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