UPDATE: JULY 23, 2009, MISSION GROUNDS FIRE

Special Update for friends and supporters of the St. Sava Mission in Jackson.

On Thursday, July 23, 2009, there was a fire on the undeveloped land behind the KSS Hall at the St. Sava Mission. Thankfully, no harm or injury came to any people, and no Mission buildings or facilities were damaged.

Starting at Camp Road on the west, near where the planned Mission Blvd. Extension is to be constructed, the fire was wind-driven, moved quickly, and burned at least 11 acres. The fire burned from Camp Road west to east, behind and past the Mission’s KSS Hall, down towards Clinton Road on the east.

St. Sava Diocesan Summer Camp staff and administrators promptly and safely evacuated the children from the Camp grounds, taking the back way through the fields to the Sutter-Amador Hospital. As reported by Reverend Stephen Tumbas, Summer Camp Director, “Hospital staff called all of them into the cafeteria, offered them cool drinks and snacks and treated the few who were scraped and scratched by the trek through the wild grasslands.”

Local and State Firefighters were on the scene within minutes of the outbreak of the fire, had it contained in forty minutes and nearly extinguished in two hours.

Everyone was back at the Camp within two hours. ‘Thank you’ goes to Summer Camp and Hospital staff for their efforts, and the Fire Departments for their quick response and control of the fire.

The Foundation has requested more information from the City of Jackson on cause of the fire. We will provide updates after we receive them.
MORE PHOTOS: JULY 23, 2009, MISSION GROUNDS FIRE

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