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### **Montessori – More than we can imagine!**

The scriptures tell us that God has plans and actions that are greater than we can imagine. I now find that scripture even more compelling in Christian Montessori than ever before. At the beginning of our Montessori journey we are wowed with just the educational possibilities. As our experiences expand we begin to see changes in the actions and characteristics of the child that are amazing.

As our confidence grows our desire to meet all of the child's needs – especially the spiritual needs – leads us into a whole new realm of Montessori. It is no longer just about education. It is no longer just about independence, normalization or character formation. It becomes a doorway to eternity where we profoundly touch the child's spirit and introduce them to a life in the Creator – the life they were born to live.

When we reach this point in our Christian Montessori journey (looking at the privilege of leading children to Him) we get a glimpse of Dr. Montessori's inspiration, "I feel that God gave me this method in order to advance the kingdom of God ...". Our secular Montessori friends bring children all the way up to this spiritual doorway but without Jesus they may put their hands on the doorknob but cannot open it or lead the children through it.

The privilege that we have been given in our daily work not only changes and impacts our children in time but helps form and guide their eternal destiny. It is more than we can imagine.