

"Take the Church to the People!"

## Outreach Update September 2001

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Hello, my friends!

I'd like to share an email I received from a friend of mine last week, her name is Susan.

"I taught Backyard Bible Classes at 3 of his apts. this summer, for 2 weeks each, and I saw how Tim runs that ministry. He is like a whirlwind, dashing back and forth between apts., manager's meetings, placing teenage mission groups at many apts. (I heard 16 one time.), putting out "fires", moving picnic tables from one apt. to another, arranging block parties, playing with his Spanish praise band, checking on me every day. I told him that he didn't really need to do that, because the Lord sent me a wonderful lady to help, and we were OK. But he always came by, even if he couldn't stay long, just to let us know he was there for us. It made us feel really cared for. He is passionate about the people he ministers to and seems to have boundless energy. He is the heart and soul of that ministry. I just wanted you and Ken to know what a spiritual treasure he is. If there's any way we can help him out, I know you will."

I'm not putting her letter in to make me feel good, but because Susan's letter to me started something truly incredible.

If you know anything about me you know I am passionate. Pastor Ben Lehmann once told me, "I like you, Tim, because you have a 'Fire in your belly.'" And that's not from eating too many jalapenos! I am an easily excitable person—and when you work for the King it's exciting!

For the last four years I have made the Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center my home. Honestly, I've always had a problem with the "Center" part of the name. It made me think of a building. If you've heard me preach, you know I tell my friends we have to "Take the Church, To the People!" In the last year it has become clear to me that the Center's strategy for helping the community and mine are very different. 99% of my time is spent in the apartment complexes that have become my second home. Since March I have held 19 Outreach Events either in a complex or at the Buford Highway Flea Market. In all those times I have had little or no support from the rest of the staff at CDMC. I was frustrated with this. Thank God for the volunteers from my supporting churches!!

Last week I had a dream. Jesus came up and gave me a coin. He asked me, "How many sides are on that coin, son?"

"Two," I replied.

"Rub one side until it's gone."

I started to rub the coin vigorously.

"How many sides?"

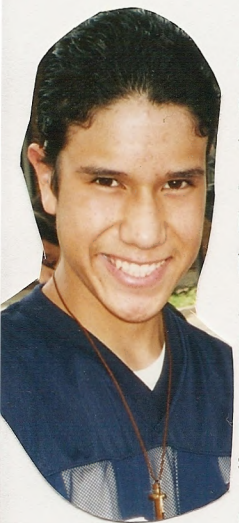
"Still two, Lord."

"Keep rubbing."

I kept on rubbing until I began to see light through the coin.

"How many sides, Tim?"

"Still two."







# Whirlwind Missions



"Keep rubbing."  
I kept on rubbing until . . . .the coin disappeared.

Then Jesus told me, "Son, what happened when you erased one side?"  
"Both sides disappeared."

"Tim, we are in a spiritual war and you are in my army. You are in the Special Forces unit. You go behind enemy lines, do whatever it takes to set up a position and wait for reinforcements. Most of my army is in the base camp: heavily fortified, sending you supplies and personnel. Both sides are absolutely necessary."

I had to agree. Without your help, how could I do my work? Without base camp the enemy would kill me off in a day. I depend on you. There was no getting around it.

Now back to Susan's letter. . . Do you remember what she called me? A **whirlwind**. On August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:03 a.m. the Father woke me up with a dream about Elijah being carried off in a whirlwind. He told me, "Get up and do a study on whirlwinds." When he tells me to do something, I do it. For nearly three hours I followed one reference after another. It was an incredible experience. Soon I'll have my new web site up and you can see all of them in the order I read them.

There were references to whirlwinds and connections to "chariots of fire." There were mentions of a "Standard being lifted up on the mountain" and to "All nations being gathered in the valley of decision." Do you know where the largest single rock in the world is? Stone Mountain, Georgia! And did you realize that Chamblee is home to 145 different countries and 90 different languages? Where I am working is unique in all of the world. Nowhere on the planet is there such diversity in such a small area. Only one other time in history has this happened. At Pentecost. In Acts 2 the Bible says, "There were devout Jews gathered in Jerusalem from every nation under the sun."

My friends, until last week I had never really analyzed what the Father has done in this area. I'm just a missionary kid in flip flops walking around telling people about Jesus. I'm not really a numbers person, I'm a people person. But the fact of the matter is that as of this week the Father has allowed me to start work in 26 different apartment complexes in Metro Atlanta. In 2000 one tenth of the volunteers for the North American Mission Board came through my missions. In one week we mobilized nearly 1,500 volunteers and had backyard Bible clubs in 15 complexes simultaneously!

What is happening is the largest outreach of its kind in the world. Those are the facts. But this is not a Tim thing, this is a Jesus thing! Without your financial support, prayers and presence on the field there is no way this could have happened. I didn't do this, we did this **TOGETHER!**

The bottom line is you can't keep a whirlwind in an office. If you do, the building will be blown away. The Father has led me to start a totally new organization based on the work that we have accomplished together in the last four years. It is called "**Whirlwind Missions.**" God spoke to Job out of the whirlwind. And He will speak to the suffering people again.

The focus of this ministry is Outreach. **All our work will be directly in the community.** I believe that we are living in the last days. I have seen an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a very unusual way in the last several years and especially with our **young people**. Guarding the base camp is not enough for these eager believers. They want to join me behind enemy lines, doing whatever it takes to bring people to Christ. In the last two weeks I have had three young people that want to live and work in these apartment complexes making a difference. And they've already started!

My mission is to "Take the fear out of Outreach." For the last four years I've been teaching English as a Second Language, supervising After-School Programs for kids, organizing Outreach Events and planting Churches. It is my passion to reach people for Christ. Since beginning work in the International Village, over 200 people have accepted Christ. These new believers were





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either Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus or Catholics. This has happened because of your prayer support and because volunteers were willing to "Take the Church, to the People!"

What does this mean for Tim Cummins and his family? Bottom line is even a missionary has to eat so I pray that you will continue to support our ministry financially. For the last four years I have been part of the North American Mission Board. Although I am counted as one of their missionaries I receive no funding from them. All my support has come directly from people like yourself and from churches where you are a member.

With this Outreach Update you'll find an envelope. It is addressed to the North American Mission Board. I have had an account set up with them since joining their operation four years ago. I've always asked you to send money straight to CDMC. Until "Whirlwind Missions" gets accredited with the IRS as a non-profit organization (within the next couple of months, God willing) continue to send your support but send it directly to NAMB. Under the designated section you must write:

**For Tim Cummins account 5993. That is my official missionary number with them.**

The North American Mission Board's program is in place to assure you of my being financially responsible with your funds. Soon I'll have new envelopes made and I pray that you will continue to help us move the ministry onto bigger and better things.

The last two weeks have been the most exciting in my life. I have never seen the Father open new work like He has recently. Let me give you just one example. This summer I started work at a complex called Huntingdon Station. The assistant manager there is a woman from Colombia named Carolina. She told me that her brother is working at another complex about 10 miles away called Westwood. Their activities director Patricia called me from Westwood and asked for help. I wasn't able to call her back so the next day I went to see her.

When I pulled up into the parking lot, I saw a Vietnamese woman walking towards the office. I thought I knew her so I called out, "Hey Kimi!" Sure enough it was her. I asked her what she was doing over here since she was the manager of another apartment complex I worked at right next to Huntingdon Station called Wintrace. She told me that she was now working here! I couldn't believe it. What was the chance of that?

Two days later I had a meeting with three other pastors (including Publio Sance the leader of the most dynamic Spanish church in Georgia), Roderick Zanders—the supervisor of three complexes owned by the new management (who is also a born again believer and was an All American linebacker for S. Carolina Gamecocks), my manager friend Kim, Patricia and a young man who is also a Mik from the Philippines named Ian North. Ian's grandfather is a legend in missionary circles and is an incredible young man. Roderick invited us to start work in all three locations, each has an activities center where we can teach ESL and after-school programs and one of the complexes "Oakbrook" has 716 units! I didn't even know they had complexes that big in Georgia! It covers well over 10 acres. Incredible!!

The Father has clearly confirmed to me that starting this new mission specifically dedicated to helping churches get involved in the community is of Him. I firmly believe that one day seminars will write about the work that you are have been involved in since the beginning. I am dedicated to continuing my work at the missions where I pastor in Chamblee and Doraville, and expand our emphasis into training young people and churches to lead expeditions from the base camp out behind enemy lines.

I'll be honest with you. I don't have much money in the bank. But as my good friend John Beam used to tell me, "Tim, I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future." So I am confident that the Father will continue to take care of me just as he has for the last four years. I am in your hands. And in the Father's . . .

