

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

I felt the familiar vibration of my pager on my right hip and wondered who had called. It turned out to be a message a pastor can only dream about.

"Hello, Mr. Tim. My name is Elia. I saw the drama at the mission last night at Azalea and I want to know how to become a Christian. Please call me." Elia spoke with a halting, Bulgarian accent. I reached for my phone and called her.

"Hello, Elia? This is Tim."

"Pastor Tim! Thanks you so much for calling me."

"My pleasure."

"I need to talk to you right away. I live at Azalea Place Apartments."

We set up a time to meet later that afternoon. Needless to say I was excited. How many times do I get a phone call saying "I want to become a Christian?" Talk about a home run! I arrived at Azalea a few hours later. Elia was waiting for me on the corner near the office. She is a young woman with short, dark hair and brown eyes. We sat down on the retaining wall near the street.

"Pastor Tim, I saw the drama that you had at the mission and I want to become a Christian. I have had a problem with depressions, and I need Jesus in my life." Elia looked serious. "I got married a year ago. My husband beat me. Now I am living here at Azalea with the other Bulgarians. I have not always been a good person . . ."

"Elia, I want you to know that Jesus loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. It doesn't matter what has happened in the past, He died to take away all your sins. We believe that there has to be a time when you ask Jesus to come into your heart. You do this by talking to God—we call that prayer. Would you like to pray now?"

Elia nodded fervently. We bowed our heads and she repeated my words while I prayed, "Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. I'm sorry for the bad things that I have done. Thank you for dying on the cross for me and taking away all of my sins. Please come into my heart right now. Amen."

She opened her eyes shining with joy. "Thank you, Pastor Tim. Thank you."

I pointed up. "Don't thank me, thank Him!" We smiled together.

"Can you baptize me?"

"Of course, Elia." We made plans to baptize her later in the year after we'd done some counseling. Several other young people and adults have also talked to me about getting baptized. This is what the missions are all about: meet people's needs, build relationships, share Christ and disciple believers.

I want to thank you again for your continued prayer and financial support of our ministry in the International Village. God is blessing Whirlwind Missions in unbelievable ways. In the last month we have been given three new apartments. We now have 21 missions and have work at 35 properties. It is really incredible to work for the King! Pray that God will raise up leaders for our new missions. Pray for the new believers—the harvest is ripe!



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