

Whirlwind Missions

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Hello, my friends!

It was a typical message for me. "Tim, I hope you're doing well. Our youth group wants to have a mission outing. Can you set us up something for February 22? Call me back. Thanks!"

Within a few minutes I had called them and told them where the group would be going (Clarkston), which complex (Willow Branch), and what people groups are represented (Somali and Bosnian.) The church was going to have to travel about thirty minutes to get to the mission. Our strategy at Whirlwind Missions is to connect a church with a local complex. My goal is to make it easy to get involved. Travel time is an important factor. Unfortunately, I hadn't started any work in that community. My next call was to a partner of mine who is the director of World Relief in Atlanta. "Howdy, Barbara! What's happening, Sister?"

"Hello, Tim! Great to hear from you. How can I help?"

"Barbara, I need to start work in Conyers. Who can tell me where the immigrants live in that area?"

"Give Larry a call. He's the pastor of the Alliance church in Conyers. He should know."

She gave me his number, I said goodbye and called Larry. "Howdy, Pastor. My name is Tim Cummins. I'm a missionary in Metro Atlanta, and a friend of Barbara's at World Relief. I've heard that you are THE connection with the immigrant population in Conyers."

"Nice to meet you, Tim. We've been working with one community here that has Hispanics, Indians, Bosnians and Africans. We haven't been able to do much there, though."

"Would you mind showing me around?" I asked.

"Sure!"

We set up a time to meet and the Pastor and his Director of Missions went over to the complex. It wasn't my traditional set up. All of my work is in apartment complexes. This was a housing sub division of about 120 houses. "I don't know, Larry. I've never worked in a sub-division before." The pastor nodded his head and looked a bit disappointed.

"Let me take you to the complexes then." We drove over to several apartment complexes . . . all were upper scale. I kept thinking of Hunting Creek—the housing center. We drove back to the church and I dropped my new friends off.

"I'm going over to Hunting Creek to talk to the manager. Be praying for me." They waved good bye and I drove back to the complex. I knocked loudly on the door and was buzzed into the office. A long-haired, young man in his 20's stared at me suspiciously. "Howdy! My name's Tim. I work with churches in this area setting up after-school programs and English classes. Are you the manager?"

"No, but I can get him for you." The man walked to the back office and soon came out with the owner—a trim man in his 50's with slightly graying hair and a big cigar in his hand.

"How can I help you?" He spoke with a very strong European accent.

"My name is Tim Cummins. Where are you from?"

"Germany."

"Oh! Wie gehts?" I asked in my stumbling German, which means "How are you?"

"Es gehts mir gut," he replied and smiled broadly. "Sprechen Sie Deutsche?"





"Ein bischen," I replied that I spoke a little German and said a few other introductory phrases. He was obviously impressed. I reckon he didn't see many people that spoke German. I told him about my missions throughout Atlanta. Klaus was interested.

"I came to this country in 1996 with nothing. Now I own this whole subdivision. I want tenants that are good people. I think you can help me."

I nodded my head. "Klaus, my work is with immigrants and refugees. I'm sure you remember what it was like when you first came to this country."

"Very hard," he replied in a thick German accent.

"In order for us to make an impact on this community, we need to have a place we can work out of. Do you have a house we can use?"

He thought for a second and then said, "Yes. I can fix you a nice place where you can have your classes. I think this would be very good for the residents."

Talk about a home run! I had just met this man twenty minutes ago and already he was promising me a free house! We serve an awesome God!!

This week I was also given another apartment in Norcross, which is in Northern Atlanta. Your prayers are making the difference in our mission work. I am SO glad that you are on the team!



"Take the Church, to the People!"





Christmas Outreach at Willow Branch
with Peachtree Corners Baptist Church



Please support our ministry!
Make checks to the North American Mission Board designated to **Tim A. Cummins #5993**

Stay on the Team!!

I appreciate your support of our ministry SO much. It is people like you that make the difference in communities like Conyers. To make the best use of the money given, we regularly verify our mailing list. Unless you SEND BACK the slip at the bottom, you will not receive any more Outreach Updates.

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YES! I want to stay on the team!

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