

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

"Mr. Tim, I need your help!" Navila, a lovely brown-eyed Bengali 4th grader ran up to me. "Whatcha need?"

"I have a project. I need to make a fish." With hand motions she described to me how she wanted it to look.

"Here's the poster board and scissors. Draw it out first and then we'll put it together." Navila immediately began folding, drawing and cutting. I continued helping the other dozen children sitting around the two long tables in the mission. Soon she had the shapes cut out and began coloring.

An hour later I heard, "Mr. Tim, where's my fish?" I glanced over at her. "Someone took my fish. I went to the closet to get some more colors and when I came back it was gone."

Immediately I glanced at Alan who was sitting right beside her. "Ok, Alan. Give Navila her fish."

"Why you blame me Mr. Tim? I didn't do nothin'."

"Yeah, right. Now give her her fish." I insisted.

"I didn't take it. Mr. Tim." Alan said, sincerity dripping from his lips.

Navila and I began searching the whole mission, checking garbage cans, drawers, everywhere we could think. The fish was gone. "Well, honey. I guess we'll just have to start over." Navila was on the verge of tears. A moment later Telma walked into the mission. "Hey, Telma, have you seen Navila's fish?" She glanced at Alan and I knew they had done something with it.

"Ok, Alan. Give me that fish and give it to me NOW!"

"I don't know what you're talking about it," Alan insisted.

"Telma, go get it." She got up from the chair and went to the back room, followed by Alan. She went to a shelf, pulled out a dictionary and opened it up. Navila's fish flew out.

"I didn't do it, Mr. Tim. I just saw where Alan put it." Telma pointed at Alan.

"Dad gum it, Alan. I knew you took it. An hour ago I was helping you find information on the internet for a project you had on cars. What would you think if we had done all that work and then someone jacked it? How would you feel? And yet you rip off Navila's fish, watch us wandering around the mission looking through garbage cans, and still say nothing?" I picked up Alan's back pack and hurled it out the door. "You're banned from the mission for a week. Now go home and think about what you did." Alan sulked out the room and stood right outside the door, testing my resolve. The other kids applauded.

"Thank you, Mr. Tim," Navila came over, fish in hand and gave me a big hug.

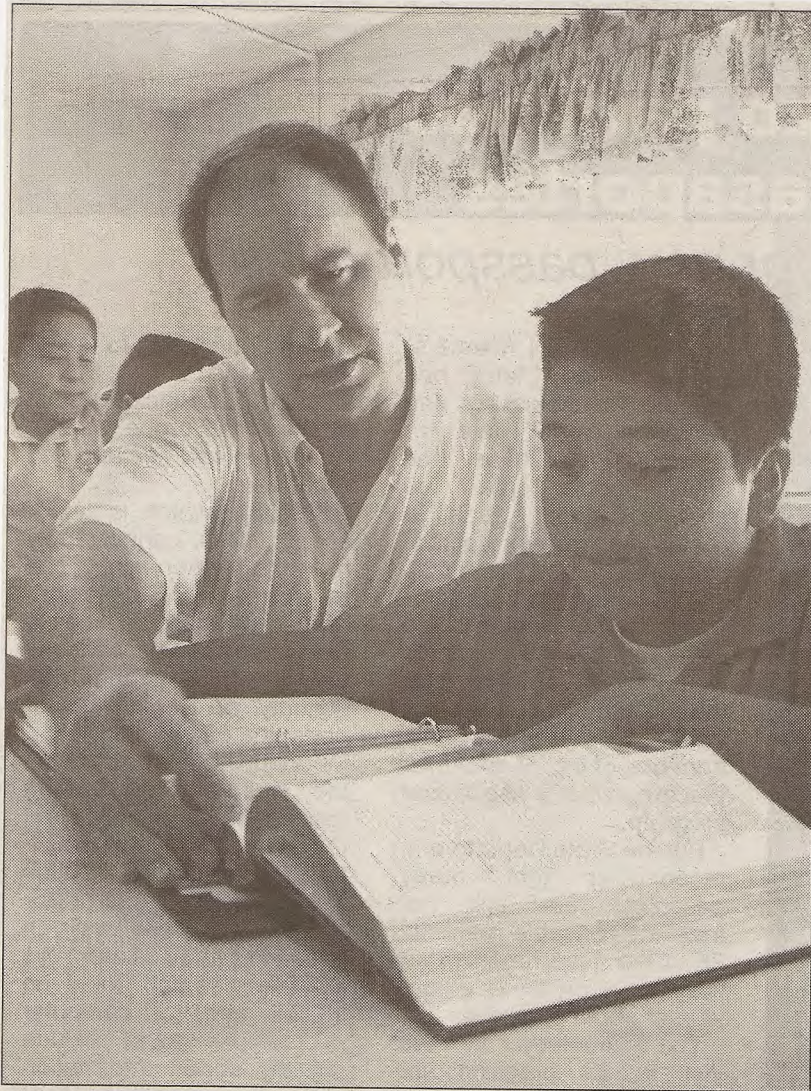
Mission work is extreme. It's full of glorious highs like this summer when Alan asked Jesus into his heart, and lows when he terrorizes one of the little kids. Our missions are expanding dramatically around Metro Atlanta. This week I was given the green light to start work at Oaktree apartments. At 1122 units, it is the largest complex in Georgia and one of the largest in the USA. I was also named the *Missionary of the Year* by the North American Mission Board. Even though it's exciting to be given awards and open new work, the thought of all those "Alans" burdens me. Pray that God will raise up more warriors, willing to join HIS Special Forces behind enemy lines in these neighborhoods. Pray that God will give me patience as I work with these troubled youngsters and their parents. *The following article is from the Atlanta Latino newspaper---that's Alan with me!*

Please support our ministry!

Make checks to the North American Mission Board designated to Tim A. Cummins #5993

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Tim Cummins (izq.) de Whirlwind Missions dirige varios programas de ayuda a la comunidad hispana. Su ministerio forma parte de la gran campaña UNITE.

Tim Cummins (left) of Whirlwind Missions directs several outreach programs for the Hispanic community. His ministry forms part of the widespread UNITE campaign.

405-2256 o a las oficinas principales al 678-405-2420. También puede obtener información en www.uniteus.org.

English

At the beginning of October, several Christian churches in north Atlanta will join forces in projects and prayer through a community-based faith and works campaign called "Unite."

The first phase of activities will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 and Sunday, Oct. 5, during the "Compassion in Action Weekend," a series of activities coordinated by the participating churches.

One of the ministries or projects of the Unite program that will benefit the Hispanic population will be led by the Whirlwind Missions group under the guidance of Tim Cummins.

"We work on site in many apartment complexes in the cities of Doraville, Norcross, Chamblee, Roswell, Marietta and Conyers, primarily with immigrant tenants, tutoring children through after-school programs, teaching English to adults, organizing community events and helping people with spiritual needs through counseling," says Cummins, who has organized this kind of program in more than 50 subdivisions throughout northeast Atlanta.

For him, bringing these services to one's community is simple.

"After the people who are interested in our ministry call

us, the first thing I do is talk to the property managers, who usually are very interested and open, especially if they have a clubhouse or a designated space that can be used for our purposes," says Cummins.

The next step is to coordinate the volunteers. In some cases the work is distributed on a constant, daily basis, while in others volunteers are needed only two or three days per week. According to Cummins, it depends on the availability of the volunteers.

The second phase of the Unite program will take place on Sunday, Oct. 12 in the Gwinnett Arena. It will include a mass celebration for all those who participate in or benefit from the services of the churches involved in the Unite program. At this event, called "Heaven on Earth," spiritual leaders will guide the public through prayers and blessings. One collection will be carried out to help finance the program, and another will raise funds for food to be distributed among the less fortunate.

Other Unite projects underway seek to serve Atlanta's Hispanic community with a particular focus on improving communications between parents and educators.

If you would like to request the services of the Whirlwind Mission group, or volunteer for the program, please call Tim Cummins at 770-332-0784 or visit the Web site at www.uniteus.org.

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