



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

As I pulled into Azalea two families began waving at me frantically. I knew something was seriously wrong. Oscar, the maintenance supervisor at Azalea, called me over.

“Mr. Tim. We have a big problem. INS came into the complex this morning looking for a man living at Miriam’s house,” he explained to me in Spanish.

This was every undocumented resident’s nightmare: Immigration! Beating on the door!

“Did they find him?” I asked.

“No. They kept knocking and when Miriam answered they told her who they were looking for, asked for her papers and began looking through the house. They terrified the daughter.”

Jemillin is a fragile and very tender hearted second grader. She’s a daughter to me, too!

“When they couldn’t find the man,” Oscar continued, “they went to the front of the complex and stopped everyone coming in and out of the property. They arrested six men and carried them away in their van.”

“This is terrible news,” I said. Anna, the mother of several of the kids at the mission then came up to me.

“Mr. Tim. What about Daisy? Can I send her to school? What happens if they arrest her on the way to school? What will happen if I can’t find her?”

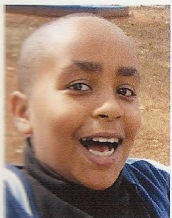
I shook my head in disbelief. How can this be happening? “Anna, I’m not sure what to tell you,” I said in Spanish. “I’ll make some phone calls and get back to you.” She nodded her head in understanding, her face racked with concern.

Later, I called Jean - a friend of mine who specializes in Immigration Law. “Jean, I have a family that is afraid that their children may be arrested on their way to school. What’s your take on that? Can they arrest minors?”

“Absolutely! If the parents are illegal, they are illegal. The INS can take children, parents, whomever they please. They have deportation centers full of families. Many times the father is taken leaving the families to fend for themselves.”

I knew she was right. I got in touch with my manager friends and families and told them what I had learned. Obviously, everyone was concerned. INS had come to Azalea several times since this first incident. At least eight families had left the complex during the night.

I went over to the mission. Jouvens, my partner at Azalea, said, “It looks like a ghost town.” I had to agree. In my Bible study that morning I read how we were supposed to take care of “widows and orphans and strangers in this country.” I thought about Anna’s fear of losing her children. From time to time I have church people yell at me about “helping all these illegals.” As one cop friend told me, “If we look hard enough, we can always find you doing something illegal.” All I know is God has called me to share the Good News. Whether they have a green card is the least of my worries. I want to keep them out of hell, not out of America.



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Today everything went wrong. From the time I was late waking up, to happenings at school, I didn't think things could get much worse. I was wrong! I've come to see that when I'm the most vulnerable that's when the evil one attacks. This time it was in the form of an eviction letter.

My partner Marc handed me the envelope. It was from La Sheryl, the manager of Spring Chase. According to the Housing Authority our program was "not what the community needed" and we had to have everything packed up by the end of the month. I couldn't believe it! La Sheryl was the one who BEGGED us to come and start work there. I ran outside shaking the letter and telling all the mothers what had happened. "NO! NO!" they wailed. "We need help for our children!"

The moms got together and tried to change the manager's mind, to no avail. The children drew up flyers that asked for help. This showed me that what we did was really important. Even the Muslim families wanted to help us! We'll have one last opportunity for the kids to hear the Gospel at the end of March. Please pray that some will come to accept Christ!

God has HIS timing! The good news is we're moving into another apartment complex, Kensington Station! With over 1,100 units it's the largest in the county. It's a small city. Most of the residents are African American and are much more open to the Gospel. Imagine how many people can come to know Jesus! I will be coordinating the After School program for our team. There are two churches and several other ministries working together to reach this community for Christ. My Dad is all about team building and Whirlwind is at the center of this effort! Please pray that the new work starts off with a bang! Our first event will be an Easter party on April 7th.

Thank you for all your prayers! I look forward to seeing what exciting new work God has planned for me now! I need your support now more than ever!

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