

# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update December 2007

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**The key to joy is giving thanks! So many people have blessed me!**



I'm thankful for my dad, Al Cummins. I've learned the importance of loving people and being a real pastor from him. I'm thankful for my Dad's sense of humor. It's good to know when to laugh. I quote my Dad all the time.

I'm thankful for my mom, Peggy. She taught me about enthusiasm and being sensitive. Her beautiful smile always fills me with warmth. I'm thankful for her hospitality to people and concern for them.

I'm thankful for my brother, Jim. He taught me how to have fun!

I'm thankful for my wife, Kathy. She taught me how to be generous and be serious about a relationship with Jesus.

I'm thankful for my daughter Ashley. She kept the family together during hard times. Her passion for the people she works with is inspiring. She's so creative! I'm constantly amazed by what she comes up with. Thanks for all your help, Ashley!

I'm thankful for Jesse. He teaches me something every day. He asks me hard questions like, "What does the government do for us for our taxes?" He reminds me to think for myself.

I'm thankful for Carl Barrington. He taught me the importance of integrity.

I'm thankful for Fred Sorrells. He showed me what passion is all about. He taught me to keep the lines of communication open.

I'm thankful for Paul Sutton. He taught me that being creative could inspire Christians to be better. He taught me to lead from the front.

I'm thankful for Sam Bandela. He showed me that the whole world has come to us.

I'm thankful for Tito and Lester Ruiz. They're part of the best band I've ever been in: CRUZ! I love their talent and passion for the Lord!

I'm thankful for Chip Sweeney. He showed me that teamwork is always the best course.

I'm thankful for Jon Paul. He taught me to be wise with money and trust the Lord!

I'm thankful for the teams that come to help us "Take the Church to the People!" Recently, we had a child, her mother and her grandmother come to Christ in one day!

Most of all I'm thankful to Jesus. He is always there beside us. He came as a tiny baby to a world that still needs him today. He is the ultimate missionary, giving his life for those he came to save. He showed me that anything is possible with faith. Jesus rocks!

I'm so thankful for the people that have come into my life. Thanks for being on the Whirlwind Missions Team!! January 1, 2008 we will mobilize over 750 Campus Crusade students in over 70 apartment complexes around Atlanta. Pray for that!





“Take the Church, To the People!”



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## Ashley's Dispatch

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The weather has been so mild that my Mom and I have been working with the kids outside at the park. While the other kids were off sliding and playing tag Dominique and I sat doing math problems. I wanted to tell her about Jesus, but how?. I looked through the holes in the table at the trampled ground below and saw something red and shiny. I tugged at the bead and a bracelet that had 6 different color beads came up.. Dominique looked over at me and my treasure. "Oh! I want it!" She urged me to give it to her. I tied it to her tiny wrist and asked her if she knew what each color represented. She didn't. Her eyes locked with mine as I prepared to unlock the secret of the bracelet.



I pinched the first bead, "This is gold. Think of Heaven, Glory and God." I moved to the next bead. "The blue one represents forgiveness. When you give your heart to Jesus and ask him to forgive you of your sins he will because he loves you."

"Ok." Dominique shook her braided hair and her colored clips clapped together.

"The green one stands for everlasting life. If you ask Jesus to come into your life you'll have a place to live when you die."

"What place? A grave?" Dominique's face crinkled confused.

"No, HEAVEN. With angels and Jesus."

"Oh..." Her lips pursed together in understanding.

"This bead is all white. It stands for purity. Clean and free from sin. Do you know what sin is?"

"Nope."

"Sins are the bad things that separate you from God like stealing or cheating."

"Oooh." She squinted her dark brown eyes and nodded.

"The red bead stands for the blood of Jesus when he came and died for your sins." She gave a grossed out face.

"The black bead here is sin. See how far it is away from the first gold bead, Heaven? When you ask Jesus into your heart you go to Heaven when you die. If you don't then you live in Hell."

"Ugh! I don't like the black bead. I want to be like this one." She pointed at the white bead.

I asked her to go over the beads with me again and she seemed to get it.

The whole time this was happening I was thinking, WOW! Thank you Lord for giving me an opportunity to share my faith. What are the odds that we'd be sitting and find a Salvation bracelet right there sticking out of the dirt! I get chills just thinking about all God's wonderful miracles—Like Christmas! Thanks for your support!!

*Merry Christmas! Ashley*

