

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Are you a “numbers person?” Here’s a few statistics for you to think about.

1. The three countries with the **most** non-Christian are China, India and the USA!
2. In the last fifteen years the number of non-Christians in the USA has **doubled**.
3. 99% of the people living in apartment complexes are unchurched. The majority of Americans now live in multi-housing.
4. Over 80% of 16-25 year olds are unchurched in the USA.
5. The most conservative pollsters estimate that over half of the USA is unchurched. Many put this number at closer to 80%
6. Southern Baptists—the largest Protestant denomination in the world—baptized only 4,000 people in the whole USA in 2006!

I tend to think of our work in military metaphors—Special Forces, front lines and spiritual warfare. Our country, the leader of the free world, needs Jesus. More than ever we need soldiers. If you were the evil one, which would you prefer? Have all the Christians all in one spot or spread out in the community?

When I work with churches I have a very simple grading scale: if you closed your doors tomorrow what would the community think? Would they notice a difference? Are we merely carrying out our programs that only fill **our** needs with little or no regard to the non-Christians all around us?

Who can forget the heart breaking video from Virginia Tech? Two days after the shooting, I was in a meeting of the Faith Based Alliance to discuss the separation of Church and State in our schools. As regulation after regulation was read off as to why Christians could have no open presence within our educational system, my heart sank. Our young people need a message of hope! Where are they going to find that? In our media? In government? In money?

Now, more than ever, we need to be open about how Jesus is making a difference in our lives. At Whirlwind Missions we share the Gospel in the most difficult areas of Metro Atlanta. With your prayers and support we will continue to “Take the Church, To the People!” We are making a difference, but the job is immense! This month Metro Atlanta went over 5 million people. That’s 5 million reasons to have a sense of urgency! We continue to expand ministry into more parts of Atlanta. Last year we saw over 300 people accept Christ through our work at the missions. But we are just scratching the surface. Please pray that God will continue to raise up soldiers in this battlefield. Go to whirlwindmissions.org and click on the Blogs to read daily reports from the field.. And PRAY till something happens!

Please support our ministry!

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



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Ashley's Dispatch

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Ever since the sad happenings at Spring Chase I've been working at Kensington Station, an apartment complex with nearly twelve hundred units! This place is so big it has its own mini-mart and lake! I am very excited to be working with a new group of kids. Being primarily African American they are much more responsive to learning about Jesus!

The first day of the after-school program I had the attitude that time was limited so I immediately started teaching about Jesus. The kids loved it! The next day I came and a little girl named Kyana ran up to me and handed me a dollar. Surprised, I asked her, "What's this for? This is free you don't have to pay me." She laughed and said, "Oh, I just had so much fun yesterday I thought I owed you something." I thought to myself, "WOW imagine how much we've already touched their lives!"

A few days later I made a poster board with the John 3:16 Bible verse for the kids to learn. I told them they could see these words in the Bible. One boy, named Trayvon, looked at me and asked: "What? How do you do that?" I showed him and the rest of the kids how to find verses in the Bible. It was amazing to see how excited they were. To them it was like a treasure hunt to find what Jesus had said.

The next day the same boy, Trayvon, wanted to lead a service for the kids. He only got as far as "We gather here today..." before everyone wanted to be the preacher. The whole thing was pretty cute to watch. I've never had this happen. Working with Muslim kids they never want to get up and preach to each other. The past two weeks have been really fun. I'm looking forward to leading these kids to Jesus.

We've also started an adult computer class where I have enjoyed teaching a man named Mr. Bells. This has also been a fun experience for me. He is fluent in French and having lived in France I love to hear the language.

Please pray for my new kids, they mean so much to me already. See the new Kensington Station kids online at the Whirlwind Missions website under Photo Gallery then click on missions! They're some cuties.

Love,
Ashley





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