



Whirlwind Missions

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“ I don't have much more time to talk to you, because the ruler of this world approaches. He has no power over me but I will do what the Father requires of me, so that the world will know that I love the Father.” John 30-31

Free choice. Jesus had free choice to either obey the commands of his Father or go follow his own path.

What is the path my Kensington kids will be taking? With approximately 7,000 students dropping out of school a day. Will one day my kids be quitting too?

These drop outs are the ones who fall through the cracks. They are left behind teen mothers, neglected children or kids who are just bored with their surroundings.

To bring it even closer to the complex, in Dekalb county, where Kensington is located, the drop out rate is 54%. Will Dante, Tray and Traniuqa be in those percentiles?

I'm fighting hard for that not to happen.

I'm showing Pastor Lipsey the reading corner inside the mission when we hear the kids hooping and hollering outside, “WOOHOO!”

It's the last day of school. You could have known from the excitement in their voices.

The kids rush down to deliver the news.

“I passed! I passed the CRCT!” Dianglo bounces around telling everyone his accomplishment. A chorus of “ Me too! Me too!” follows.

I have no doubt that the after school program affected the scores on their tests and will continue to for the rest of their lives. Our tutoring program reinforces the skills they learn in school while also enhancing the whole child by teaching them life lessons from the Bible. The kids are getting the extra attention that they need to learn how to succeed and make the right choice. Learning from upbeat study card games and cookie math to how to read using the Bible, the kids STAY interested in learning!

With summer here I can't wait to teach them even more about the Bible through our Beach Party VBS that's taking place poolside and preparing for the next school year! Pray for my kids!

♡ Ashley



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Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Our God is the God of timing!

Last week I went to check on our mission at Westwood. One of our new missionaries will serve there to help us reach that village for Christ! I wanted to introduce Keith and Cornelia Harrell to Carol, the manager.

“Howdy! Good to see you!” I said as I shook Celia’s hand. “Is Carol here?”

“Carol’s not here any more. In fact, tomorrow the whole complex will be sold,” Celia stated.

“Sold? Like a new owner?”

“Yes.”

“Wow.” Keith and Cornelia looked concerned. “Who bought the property?”

“Sabra management.”

That sounds familiar, I thought. “We’ll I hope everything goes well for you in your new location. I’m going to show the Harrells around the mission upstairs.”

We marched up to the second floor to look at the room where we have the after school program.

“Let’s pray for our mission here,” I told the Harrells. “Lord, we ask a powerful blessing on this complex. Give us favor with the new owner. Help us to lead many of the families here to you.

Bless the Harrells in their new ministry here. Amen.” We opened our eyes and nodded in agreement.

“Let’s go to see the other missions in the area.” I got my phone out when we got to the car. I called my friend Theresa at Chamblee Heights. “Howdy, Theresa! How you doing?”

“Great to hear from you, Tim! Super busy. We’re closing on a new property tomorrow.”

“Would that be Westwood?” I inquired.

“Yes! How did you know?”

“I’ve had work at that property for over five years. When they told me that Sabra had bought Westwood I thought that might be you!”

“It sure is. That’s great news, Tim. I’ll make sure to tell the owners!”

I sighed in relief. “Looks like we be working together even more closely! Give my love to Zvi and Gideon!”

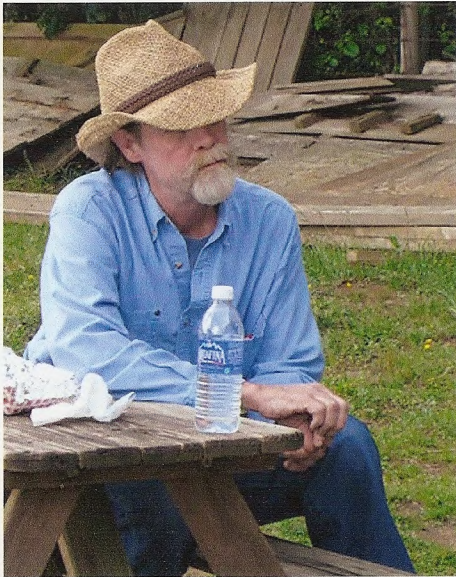
We hung up and I turned to Keith. “Looks like we’re good to go. The new owners are great partners of mine. I work with them in three other locations.” Keith looked relieved and excited at the same time. God works things out EXACTLY.

As many of you know, our family has been living at the Lamb’s house and at hotels for the last three months. This week we were told that the hotel was 100% booked and we would have to leave. I was astonished! We figured we’d move over to Kathy’s sister’s house. The day Jesse and I were packing up to leave we got a phone call from our friends at FBC Mountain Park.

“Our mission house came open this morning. The missionaries there have moved back to Japan. You’re welcome to stay there.” What an answer to prayer. What great timing. THANKS to our great friends at the church! We stayed at their house when we first came back from Africa 12 years ago. And now we’re back! God’s timing!! It’s great to work for the King!



Take the Church, To the Cowboys!



Rebecca Hampton is one of the missionaries on our team. She works in the mountains of N. Georgia with the cowboys and farmers that live there. She also mentors a group of nearly twenty young people. Pray that God will continue to grow her ministry!



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