

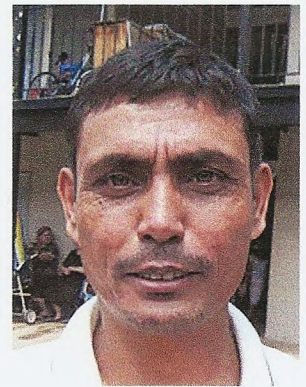


Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Ashley and I recently did a shoot with the video crew from the North American Mission Board. The story was on the multi-generations of Cummins that are involved in missions! The producer asked me some basic questions.

How did your family get involved in missions? I was raised in Nairobi, Kenya the son of Southern Baptist missionaries. I was called into full time Christian service when I was in High School. After Baylor, I went back to Kenya to help my Dad who distributed drought resistant corn and drilled water wells. While there, I met my sweet wife Kathy Doverspike who was a two year missionary called a "Journeyman."

We came back to the USA and started seminary and got married! Amen! After Seminary, we moved to Savannah where I worked as a Field Producer and Chief Photographer for WTOC-TV. I was also the Assistant Pastor at the Savannah Baptist Center. Soon we were appointed as missionaries to Rwanda with the International Mission Board. We served in France, Kenya, S. Africa, Zimbabwe and Madagascar before coming home to Atlanta, GA due to an emergency medical situation with Jesse. (He's fine and getting better every day! Keep praying!)

I became the Outreach Director for the Chamblee-Doraville Ministry Center in the International Village in 1996, just weeks after the Olympics concluded. In 2001, we started our own ministry **Whirlwind Missions—dedicated to "Take the Church, To the People."** We focus on educational programs, to develop relationships in the community and lead them to Jesus! Since our beginning we have seen over 1,000 men, women and children from dozens of countries come to Christ!

Why are you so passionate about what you're doing? I am just like the people I serve. I was born in one country and raised in another. I know what it's like to have a sick child and not be able to understand what the doctor is saying, or have to be airlifted out of a country and not being able to get visas. There is no safety net below us. We work in communities that depend on the help we provide. Lives are being changed! That constantly fuels my passion.

Why did your family get involved with missions? Since their births, my children have been involved with missions. Their earliest memories are of living in Madagascar and Kenya. Our family thrives on a challenge. We enjoy getting to know people from many different cultures and countries. I love my job!

Do you have something you'd really like to get across to our audience? Get involved! We are ALL missionaries. Be sensitive to the needs around you and share love! Thank You!!



Take the Church, To the TV!

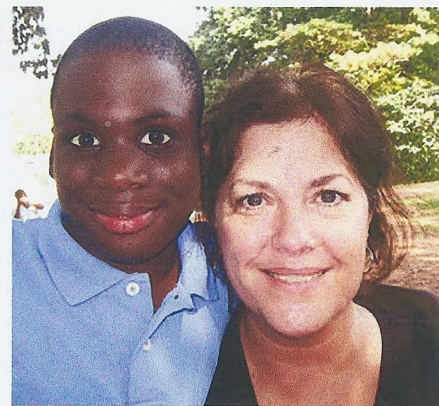
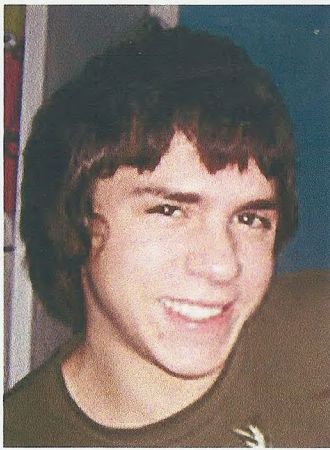


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Ashley's Dispatch September 2008

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My life just got busier. I started classes at Georgia Perimeter College last week. Now my days consist of going to morning classes, mission work and evening classes. 7:00 a.m. comes too early. I roll over to hit the off button of my alarm that chimes like bell towers.

I pour some hot chai in an old IHOP mug and climb back into bed to read my Bible. I'm determined to regularly read even on mornings when I've stayed up late working on online Spanish or Math homework. After splashing cold water on my face, I'm perked up enough to I pick out an outfit that says, "I'm someone you want to know" or "I'm classy, yet cool."

My first class is Math that starts at 9:30 a.m. Professor Chowdury is from Bangladesh so I greet him in Bengali saying, "Kah mohn ah sen?" Listening to an Indian accent, I've learned about multiplying and dividing fractions and dealing with all rational and irrational numbers. Math is the class I've found the most useful when helping the kids at the after school program. I know what a composite or prime number is and I don't have to look it up in Angela's fourth grade math book.

After math, I head across a courtyard filled with students of all nationalities. I see brightly colored saris, African print dresses and turbans twisted tightly around Asian heads. The smell of curry from someone's lunch fills the air.

English is my second class of the day. Mr. Mac has that familiar looking face of someone you know but can't quite place. He teaches a lesson on paragraph development and throws in scenarios about his life back down south Louisiana.

My favorite class is Public Speaking. I love talking. The excitement of going up to the podium and talking about myself is awesome! As my Daddy would say, "You can't beat that with a stick!" At 3:30, I'm in the parking lot dodging fellow students as I head to Kensington. I can really relate to the kids not wanting to do homework now that I have my own to do! After all the kids have been tutored, I jump back in my truck waving goodbye to my kids as they chant, "Ashley's going to schoool, Ashley's going to schoool."

I find a parking place on campus and slide into Spanish class just in time to hear Senora Maria say, "Okie doke," and "Hola, Buenos dias," in her Southern drawl.

It's 7:00 p.m. when I finally pull into my driveway and collapse on my bed.

Please pray for me as I get to know my classmates. Pray that God will continue to send me opportunities to share my faith. There are so many Muslim students here. It's an incredible mission field. I really appreciate your support in my new endeavor!

