

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

One of my favorite pastors once told me, "It's hard to have faith in God and a big bank account at the same time!" In these hard economic times seems like we have to have more faith than ever!

Whirlwind Missions acts as a safety net for many people. Below us is homelessness, jail, gangs and death. Some may think that only a few people "fall through the cracks." It's been my experience that for the immigrant population the cracks are bigger than the floor!

Imagine for a second that you are Santi, a refugee from Bhutan that has lived in Nepal most of your life. In your home country, the government threatens Christians with death. You live in a small mud hut barely having enough food to feed your family. The cold Nepalese winds chill you to your bone, but still you're happy! You have found Jesus!

Santi worked with our missionaries in Nepal for years helping them plant churches. Nepal has been a closed country to the Gospel until recently. Because of his great work hundreds of people have come to faith in Christ. He is one of the few refugees that speaks good English!

One day his case worker in the refugee camp told him, "Santi, you and your family are moving to America!" Imagine his joy, and his fear. "What will this new country hold for us?" They are loaded onto an airplane and in less than two days land in Atlanta, Georgia: home to over 145 different countries and 761 language groups!

I met Santi about two months ago and heard his call to missions. "I want to start churches here in America so many of my Bhutanese brothers and sisters will come to Christ." I helped him start the process of becoming one of our North American Mission Board missionaries. My prayer is that he will be appointed in May! Until then, he has to earn a living. He travels over an hour to work at Chic-fil-a. He makes minimum wage and only works 30 hours a week. How can you pay your bills on minimum wage?

One of my partners owns a lawn service. He is a fine Christian brother interested in helping refugees start their own business. This week, I introduced Santi to Chuck. It is our prayer that Santi will learn the lawn care business and be able to hire other Bhutanese refugees—in particular the other deacons and pastors!

When you support Whirlwind Missions your money makes a difference. By keeping great missionaries like Santi on the field, we are able to reach the unreachable! How can we share in Bhutanese, or Arabic or Somali? By supporting foreign pastors! The world has come to us!



Take the Church, To the People!



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Ashley's Dispatch

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Every day I hear, "I'm hungry, Ashley." Most of the kids only get one hot meal a day. I can't help but feel sorry when I'm sitting beside them and hear their stomachs growl. Hungry kids don't think well. They can't focus and they get frustrated more easily. I decided to fight this problem and started making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

I went to our local grocery store and stocked up on the jumbo size jars of jelly, peanut butter and bread. Miles and Jesse helped me spread the jelly, cut the sandwiches in half, and place them on trays.

The next day, I took the sandwiches and served the kids. They were so eager, taking two sandwiches at a time and still coming back for more. One girl said, "Who made these sandwiches? This is the best PB&J I've ever had!"

The kids ran around with peanut butter smeared on their faces and jelly drops on their shirts. They don't have much so it's easy to make them happy!

We've been passing out the PB&Js for about a week now. Not only have their stomachs been filled but their hearts too as we continue to tell them about Jesus and his unconditional love.

Another great thing that has come from the sandwiches is respect. It's like the old saying, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you." The trouble makers now see me as not only the "white girl" that makes them sit down and do their homework but also as the one that feeds them and helps takes care of them. Their attitudes have changed and they treat me with admiration and love!

The children are now able to focus more on their education and not have to worry about when their next meal will be. It's all thanks to you! Your support made the food possible!



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