



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

My sweet wife Kathy has this month's note!

July 12, 2009 was the birthday of my beloved! Born of Peggy and Al Cummins, "Timothy" means "One who honors God." Can you think of a better description of TAC? I know you love my husband! He popped out into the world 51 years ago. In July, 1958 Sputnik was launched, starting the Space Race. Tim was born in Karnes City, TX—Uranium capital of the world!

July always means Tour de France for our family! We love it and watch it every day!

July means HOT. It's always hot at the missions with our summer teams. End of July marks the end of our teams and onto the school year.

August will mean more work, more school, more children and more opportunities.

Wow! I'm looking forward to the new faces and new conversations. More love and time with my family and friends is always a priority!

August is here and soon it will be cool again!

Weather is a big part of meeting needs in the community. Many women and young families walk. If it rains, they walk strollers with umbrellas. When I meet the children at the bus, weather makes a difference.

Thanks for your prayers during ALL seasons, and all kinds of weather! And THANKS for praying for my husband! And please pray for the many children that accepted the Lord in the last two months!





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Ashley's Dispatch August 2009

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It only makes sense that my first preachin' gig would take place around horses. I've always loved horses and the easy going people that surround them. So when Ms. Rebecca Hampton, another MSC Missionary on our team, invited me to come speak up at Cowboy Church, I was more than just a little giddy. This was going to be my first sermon! My preaching debut. But where do I even start? My Dad helped me get started by giving me topics, "Ashley Angel, why don't you do a sermon about the armor of God?" Perfect! I began my search in the Bible, reading all of Galatians and Ephesians, taking notes and copying scripture. As I began to craft my sermon I tied in stories about the kids I work with at Kensington.

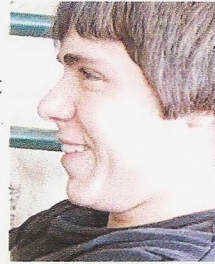
"I remember the first day I started working at Kensington. Here I was this little white girl in the middle of the ghetto. I drove through the big iron gates and pulled up to a crime scene. Police were taping off the area with yellow caution tape and a forensics team was cleaning dried blood off of the asphalt right where the kids step off the bus! I walked over to a group of parents and asked them, 'What's going on? What happened here?' One of the parents replied nonchalantly, 'Oh there was a drive by shooting. One gang member was selling dope on another gangs territory. Gang warfare.'"

I looked into the audience and told them, "Well let me tell you what folks, gang ware fare isn't the only battle going on in our community there's also spiritual warfare!" I leaned in and asked the listeners, "Do you know what spiritual war fare is? It's the evil one, the powers of darkness, trying to persuade and tempt you to do wrong and go back to your evil ways. It's Satan hitting us where it hurts, attacking our family, friends, cars, wallets, whatever so that we lose faith in God." The cowboys and girls nod their heads. I swear a horse even whinnied in agreement.

I go on to tell the crowd about the Armor of God, "But God has prepared us for the battle that's ragging outside. He's given us the Sturdy Belt of truth. It reminds us not to buy into the false lies of this sick society but to know the truth. Jesus is the truth! Only through Him will we have complete satisfaction. God's also armed us with the Lasso of Faith." I whirl an imaginary lasso over my head as I talk. "It comes down to that crucial moment when someone asks us a question of a spiritual nature when BAM! The evil one attacks us. Spiritual warfare at it's finest. But stay strong! Because with our lassos of faith we trust in God to speak through us and win that someone over to the kingdom."

I pause for a minute and scan the people. "God has put Cowboy Hats of Salvation on our heads to show us that when we believe in him we are saved and have a place in Heaven. "Let me tell you about KK. She's this pleasantly plum first grader who always has her hair in tight cornrows and never wants to start her homework. Mama calls her my 'special project' because even at age 7 she can't read and doesn't know her letters. We were reading down at the clubhouse when she started to get frustrated. She pops her thumb in her mouth and began pouting. I say, 'let's take a break' that lifted her spirits. Out of nowhere she begins telling me this story about her father. 'My Daddy is in prison and I pray for him. I ask God to please get him out of jail.'" We go on to talk about what it means to pray and that she can pray to have Jesus come into her heart. At the end KK does pray to accept Jesus into her life.' This was the first day of eternity for KK. She put her Cowgirl Hat of Salvation on and is ready to live a new life in Christ."

"Amen!" The ranchers cheer. I press on. By now I'm really fired up, "God has also provided us with Boots of Readiness! We need to get out of our comfort zones and see what it feels like to get out into our communities and be soldiers for Jesus! If you have your boots of readiness on I want this side of the room to say 'Take the church!' The left side screams it out. And I want this side of the barn to say, 'To the People!' "To the People!" They all yell out! Amen! That is what God is calling us to do. I finish with a prayer and we are dismissed to eat grilled hotdogs and brownies.. It was a great experience for me. I drew closer to God when I studied His word and I really felt His power as I conveyed what I'd learned to others. As Paul in Ephesians 6:13 said, "Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will be standing firm." Come on Christians, put on your armor and stand firm for Jesus.





Take the Church, To the People!



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