

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Do you like team sports? To me, building a team is the most important part of ministry. The only way to reach more people for Jesus is to have a larger team! Summer is a special time for me because that's when Churches from all over America come to help us "Take the Church, To the People!" In June, we had several hundred people working in apartment complexes in seven cities around metro Atlanta.

What we're doing is dangerous. Last week we had murders in two of the complexes where we have work. These acts of violence are almost always gang related or domestic disputes. When it gets hot, tempers flare.

I had a briefing at one of my complexes with a touring choir. I had the team and kids from the mission around me. I asked the team, "How many of you guys have heard gunshots?" They looked at each other and shook their heads. I asked the same question to the kids at the mission. Every one of them raised their hands!

In that same mission, after the choir had sung, they broke up into one on one groups and shared the Gospel bracelet. It's a simple tool for sharing your faith which describes colored beads and how to ask Christ into their life. Over twenty kids prayed that prayer that afternoon!

I had one of my directors call me this week and told me, "We had a shooting last night at the apartment complex. One guy is dead, the other in the hospital. Do you think we should move the team?" I replied, "If there's ever a time when we needed to me there it's now!" He agreed, and so did the team.

You may be wondering, "Why would Tim put his family and these teams in the line of fire?" Frankly, when we're doing ministry in these complexes it's safe. The bad guys come out at night. They're not wandering around the complex in broad daylight. That's why I can feel ok about putting our team there.

However, I do believe that God send's His heavenly army of angels to stand beside us when we're in these complexes. He puts His shield of protection around us. But the families that we work with LIVE there. They are targets for violence. The work that our team is doing is absolutely critical in these complexes. I doubt those gang bangers had heard the Gospel.

I'm glad to see the economy is doing better. Praise the Lord for that. If God has blessed you in an unusual way this month, consider being extra generous in your giving. Your support keeps missionaries on the front lines. We need your help!



Take the Church, To the People!



Please support our ministry!
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Ashley's Dispatch

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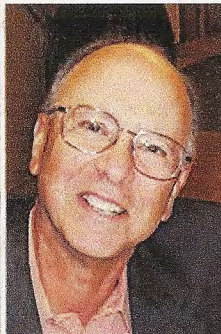
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Every summer I take a trip to Texas to visit with my grandparents Nana (Peggy) and Babu (Al Cummins). This summer trip was different. Daddy and I boarded the plane and flew to Texas for Babu's big retirement celebration. After over 50 years of ministry in Africa and the States, Babu deserves some time off! His last sermon on Sunday was bittersweet. There was a good congregation that laughed with him as he talked about times gone by and what his hopes for the church were. After the service, friends and family alike joined together to celebrate. There was a cake to feed 500, (it was so big the lady could hardly get it in her car!), witty advice, "When you retire, you go to church on Sunday, take out the trash on Monday and every other day is Saturday," and lot's of "we'll miss you."




On Tuesday, we loaded up the Buick and started the 1,000 mile trek back home. Daddy drove and Babu was copilot with his map while Nana and I enjoyed reading in the back. We stopped at the best country catfish restaurant in Mississippi, ate pizza in the hotel while watching an NCIS marathon and cracked jokes about Babu's new retirement watch. Three days and two nights later, we finally could see Stone Mountain's peak at the end of the highway.



Nana and Babu stayed at the Mountain Park First Baptist Church mission house. The same mission house that my family lived in when we first got back from Africa 13 years ago. On Sunday, we all enjoyed Ian and Ruthie North's commissioning at Clarkston International Bible Church. It was there in the pews of the old church, surrounded by generations of missionaries, that I realized that how important it is to be involved for the long run. If I can't finish the mission task, then I pray that my children and my children's children will still be involved witnessing to the lost people!



We are only scratching the surface of the needs people have. Please pray for the involvement of families in the mission field!



Love,
Ashley

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