

# Whirlwind Missions

## Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Prayer works! For me, prayer is not a strategy, prayer is THE strategy! You guys must have been doing some serious praying because May was an AWESOME month!

Last month our team from First Baptist Atlanta, Dr. Charles Stanley's church, mobilized over one hundred and seventy people in fifteen different apartment complexes simultaneously! What an evangelistic effort it was!

My partner from FBA, Derrick Posten, did a fantastic job of leadership training and recruitment. The teams were eager and ready to "Take the Church, to the People!" We fed around two thousand people, played games and shared the Gospel using an amazing new tool called the "EvangCube." It's shaped like a cube and folds out in many different directions. Each way shows an aspect of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. It's a powerful tool for sharing the basics of the faith!

The most amazing part of the month took place in Clarkston, Georgia—the Muslim center of the whole Southeast. Over thirty five people from Islamic families prayed to receive Christ. That is absolutely amazing! God is at work in a very powerful way!

Now the real work begins: discipleship. With the help of our partners and with your prayers, it is our goal to lead these new believers along the Christian path and help them become vibrant members of local churches.

As a special treat, I thought you would appreciate the Missions Messenger from April that is produced by my partners at First Baptist Atlanta. It highlights much of our work here in Atlanta reaching the world for Christ!

On May 24th, Ashley and I will be in Georgetown, Texas celebrating my father Al Cummins' retirement from the Worship Place in Sun City. My Dad is my hero and has taught me a LOT about what ministry and being Pastor is all about. The following week, we'll drive back to Georgia with my folks. They'll be hosted by my home church FBC Mountain Park, where they'll be the Missionaries in Residence for a couple of weeks helping us on the mission field right here in Atlanta! My parents are some of the few people I know that speak Swahili well! Pray for their ministry here, that all THREE GENERATIONS of Cummins will have a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit in June as we minister to the hundreds of people groups represented in our area! Thanks again for your support. We can't do it without you!!

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!  
LOVE, JW

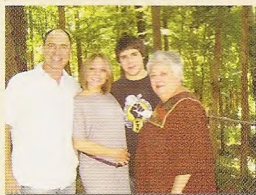
Yahoo for missionaries!  
Ashley



# Spotlight on Career Missions

## FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARY REPORT... Taking the Church to the People!

Tim Cummins (Whirlwind Missions/Atlanta, GA)



As director of Whirlwind Missions Inc., Tim Cummins sets up outreach programs in apartment complexes around metro Atlanta. The ministry hosts outreach events and evangelism initiatives within these complexes, as well as provides after-school mentoring and English as a Second Language classes.

Statistics show that 53% of Americans live in some type of multi-housing. Within 85, 285, and Memorial Drive there are over 700 apartment complexes. "According to the North American Mission Board (NAMB), 95% of the people living in these apartment complexes are unchurched," said Cummins. "Very few of the residents have transportation, so if they are to be reached with the Gospel, we will have to take the church to the people!" Many are coming to know Christ as their personal Savior, and the following highlights demonstrate how God is blessing this ministry:



- Whirlwind Missions covers Norcross, Chamblee, Doraville, Tucker, Atlanta, Duluth, Clarkston, Conyers, Lawrenceville, Lithonia, Tucker, Sugarloaf, Avondale Station, Roswell, Gainesville, Scottdale, DeKalb County, Gwinnett County and Fulton County.
- Whirlwind Missions has expanded their partnerships with the Police departments and has ongoing work with the DeKalb PD, Chamblee PD, Doraville PD, Fulton PD and Gwinnett PD.
- Tim is the supervisor for 26 missionaries with NAMB. These missionaries serve in a wide variety of innovative ministries including literacy, computer skills, crafts, and mentoring.
- Tim's website ([www.whirlwindmissions.org](http://www.whirlwindmissions.org)) has over 91,000 photos posted which include virtual tours of every mission, pictures of volunteers and outreach events.
- In 2008, Whirlwind Missions hosted over 3,400 volunteers from churches and ministries (including over 1,000 volunteers in 32 locations during one week in the summer).
- In 2008, 10% of all volunteers mobilized by NAMB from across America came through Whirlwind Missions in Atlanta.
- In 2008, Whirlwind Missions saw over 200 people accept Christ!

For many years, First Baptist Atlanta has been a significant part of the ministry of Whirlwind Missions through annual events such as Impact Atlanta as well as through church members who volunteer throughout the year. "When you think about how many people from around the world are right around the corner from us, it really is extraordinary," said Cummins. "We need to make reaching people around here a priority, and FBA is right in the middle of an 'international village' where there is so much potential."

## IMPACT ATLANTA



Every year many people are introduced to Local Missions through Impact Atlanta which will take place this year on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. In conjunction with Whirlwind Missions, we



will host cookouts in local cross-cultural apartment complexes. We will give out balloons and Gospel tracts, serve food, and host Easter egg hunts where we will share the true meaning of Easter. For more information about Impact Atlanta, contact Derrick Poston, Minister of Outreach, by email at [derrick@fba.org](mailto:derrick@fba.org) or by phone at 770-234-8523.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAITH PROMISE MISSIONARIES...

Please tear off this bookmark from the Missions Messenger and place in your Bible as a weekly reminder to pray for our Faith Promise missionaries.

### April 5

John and Lois North – Australia

#### Prayer:

- Lois' relationship with her brothers who don't know the Lord.
- John is speaking at a large Easter Convention April 9-13 in New Zealand. Pray that God will use these messages in a powerful way to stir up the spiritual lives of many believers.
- We are starting a monthly podcast called Life2Life to help Australian believers more naturally share Christ in their daily relationships with non-churched people. Pray that many will subscribe and be influenced by this tool.
- Our family is the foundation of our ministry. Please pray that God will meet with us in our family devotions and grow us as a family that loves Him above all things.



### April 12

Gary and Penny Seithel – England

#### Prayer:

- Praise for "GSUS Live" that Gary & Penny have been involved with in the Brentwood high schools. Pray for the thousands of students interacting with God's Word, to have the seed grow in good soil. (Luke 8:12 & James 4:7)
- Pray for our quick trip over Easter break to visit churches and family in GA & SC – that we will be an encouragement and be refreshed.
- Pray for Sandy and Matt to finish their college careers well, find great jobs and have His guidance for their next steps. Please pray for Brett (13) and Nathan (12) as they are growing in their faith but struggle with the reality that so few their age even care about God.
- Pray for the next "On The Move BBQ" evangelism outreaches as we are currently recruiting and training teams for Bury St. Edmunds from May 13-16 and Brentwood from June 24-27.



# M I S S I O N S

Messenger

## Pray for ATLANTA

### POPULATION:

5,278,904  
(2007 est.)



### COUNTRIES:

145 different countries are represented within a 5-mile radius of 85/285 (U.S. Census)

### LANGUAGES:

761 language groups are represented within a 5-mile radius of 85/285 (Office of Head Start)

### UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS:

2,700 unreached people groups from around the world are represented in Metro Atlanta (International Mission Board)

### TOP THREE COUNTRIES WITH MOST NON-CHRISTIANS:

China, India, and USA  
(International Mission Board)

### PRAYER:

Pray for the many organizations and individuals committed to sharing the Gospel in the Atlanta area; pray for the impact of churches in the city, that they would be increasingly effective in reaching out to meet the needs of the community; pray for the life-changing ministry opportunities to those who are facing challenging situations.



## LOCAL Missions, GLOBAL Impact!

One of the most fascinating aspects of FBA's World Missions Ministry is its strategic combination of global and local missions, designed to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit – "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). While our Faith Promise missionaries and 20+ short term teams are taking the Gospel message to the remotest parts of the earth, we have an opportunity to do ministry right here in Georgia. "Local Missions is a vital



part of fulfilling the Great Commission," said Derrick Poston, Minister of Outreach. "There are so many unique avenues to reach a wide range of people with the Gospel message in the Atlanta area." On Sunday, April 19, FBA will host a Local Missions Fair as part of our Spring Missions Emphasis, where over 30 local mission agencies will be on hand to display their ministries and volunteer opportunities. Many of our church members are already involved, and you will be able to meet some of them and learn how you, too, can be a part of these important initiatives. These local missions agencies will give you a greater awareness of the vast challenges in the Atlanta area and effective ways in which we can reach our communities with the Gospel message, while also addressing their basic needs. The various organizations represent a wide spectrum of possibilities for potential involvement. These range from the Atlanta Pregnancy Resource Center and



the Cobb Pregnancy Center, ministering to women who are struggling with the issue of unwanted or unplanned pregnancy, to the Family Heritage Foundation involved in helping new immigrants adjust to life in America, to the Samaritan Health Center of Atlanta focused on providing basic health care to the underprivileged segments of society, to the Spanish Community Outreach and English as a Second Language programs. Each avenue provides opportunities to serve the people at their point of need and to share the Gospel in creative ways.

While it is encouraging to see so many agencies involved in local outreach addressing specific problems, there is tremendous need to expand the scope and capability of each ministry so that more lives can be touched. Depending on your unique skills and resources, you can minister in a wide range of settings – in apartment complexes touching the lives of young people, in medical clinics bringing relief to the hurting, in homeless shelters caring for the underprivileged and in so many other ways.

"The goal of local missions outreach is to bring wholeness to broken lives by ministering to their spiritual, emotional and physical needs," said Poston. "It helps you to look beyond your personal comfort zone and be sensitive to the real needs in the community, and to sacrificially use your time, talent and resources to reach out to hurting people." As you browse through the different displays, prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you to do. God is at work, around the corner and around the world... it is time to get involved!

Spring Missions Emphasis and Local Missions Fair

Sunday, April 19, 2009

"For the Sake of His Name"

"...for His name's sake they went forth..." III John 7a

Questions?

Or, want to get involved?

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