



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

When I grew up on the mission field, I called the adult missionaries "Uncle" Harold or "Aunt" Betty. It helped the MKs have an extended family. I'm delighted to have Ian & Ruthie North rejoin our team in Atlanta. I'm their "Uncle" Tim. Here's their story:

"After attending high school in the Philippines, where my parents serve as missionaries, I landed in Atlanta. A friend from a local church introduced me to another Missionary Kid named Tim Cummins. This meeting changed the course of my life. Tim immediately put me to work running an activities center with over twenty four kids from at least six different countries. One Sunday, I spoke to the high school youth group to ask for help, and one of the volunteers caught my eye right away. As we were gathering kids for a Bible lesson, I saw Ruthie skipping along with a cluster of fifteen kids surrounding her. One hung around her neck and one gripped each hand, and she was laughing and asking them where their friends lived. I was in love.

Ruthie and I joined forces to lead regular community events, recruit volunteers, and throw a Christmas party for over seventy children of immigrants and refugees! We began dating at that time and when I moved to Chicago to study at the Moody Bible Institute, she took over work at Westwood Mission in Norcross.

Ruthie joined me at Moody the next year and we were married the following summer. We were barely able to afford textbooks, school fees, and keep our cat fed. To make ends meet, we both took jobs that later turned out to be perfect preparation for the ministry. I worked with best-selling authors at a PR firm in downtown Chicago while Ruthie started making jewelry and selling it in Chicago's Wicker Park neighborhood. After six years in the freezing cold of the Midwest, we felt called to move back to Atlanta and get involved with Whirlwind Missions again. When I called Tim, he already had a community in mind for us!

Ruthie and I live at Huntington Creek: a 100% Spanish-speaking apartment complex made up of Guatemalans. Ruthie teaches a class of Bhutanese refugees how to make jewelry and start a business. I am developing a storytelling ministry, working with churches and media to raise awareness of the plight of immigrants and refugees in this area. Just yesterday, I had the privilege of listening to a chief from Darfur. The details he told were horrifying. I pray that God will use me to reach these people for Christ and stop the genocide!

We are shaping these ministries while running an exciting afterschool program for the kids in our complex and working to pay the bills! Our lives are full of new challenges and we are thankful for the network of prayer and financial support that keeps Whirlwind Missions at the cutting edge of God's work in the international community.



Take the Church, To the People!



Please support our ministry!

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Ashley's Dispatch

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Recently, Daddy and I went to Duluth for the Unite (a group of evangelical churches) meeting. The topic of the day was Sex Trafficking.

Sex trafficking, child sex slavery, human trafficking trade whatever you want to call it is the exploitation of children. These children are "consistently victimized, manipulated, starved, drugged and threatened into... forced labor. They are often sold into prostitution and beaten unmercifully." (Street Grace). Atlanta is one of the top cities, second only to Las Vegas, where child sex trafficking is taking place. Atlanta is in the ten cities globally! Girls and boys as young as nine are lured in by pimps. They are then trapped and threatened with death. Last week, two young Mexican girls were found held hostage in dog cages!

Cheryl DeLuca-Johnson, the director of Street Grace (an organization that helps to mobilize churches and conquer this issue) went on to tell about the horrors of the child sex trafficking. "On Thursday, Friday and Saturdays an average of a hundred twenty nine girls will perform about fifteen acts of sex for money." A pimp with four girls can make up to \$600,000 in a year. Sex trafficking now rivals the drug trade in Atlanta. Mrs. DeLuca-Johnson made the point that we need to mobilize the churches and change the reputation of Atlanta. We need to show that our kids are "not for sale."

One way that Whirlwind Missions is doing that is by taking the kids off the streets and getting them involved in after school tutoring and mentoring programs. Help us keep these children from being victimized!

On March 3rd, the Street Grace team will lay down 300 white roses attached with hand written notes at the Capital to represent the children who have lost their innocence. Three bills are being considered in the Senate but if they don't pass within the first forty days then it doesn't pass for the whole year.

Please be praying for this event. As Chip Sweeney, leader of UNITE said, "This issue has been happening during our watch. We need to be an effective player and stop this issue because only through Christ does real hope come."

Thanks for supporting our work with the children at the missions. It is making a difference!



