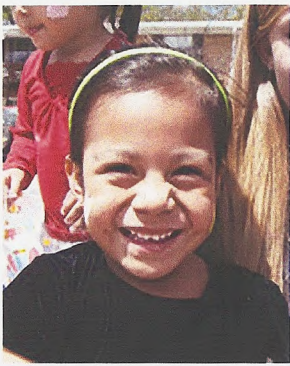


# Whirlwind Missions

## Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

Last week, I watched a report on CNN that was very interesting. It focused on Iceland. There were ten banks in the country. Nine of them had gone bankrupt. Only one had survived—and thrived. The leaders of the bank were women! The reporter asked the ladies what they had done differently. The director replied, “We didn’t invest if we didn’t understand what they were talking about. And we looked for long term returns, not immediate gains.”

I’ve seen the difference between men and women. When it comes to missions, I prefer the ladies. Women are all about relationships. It’s not unusual for the girls on the teams to be sitting on the ground, talking to the kids, scribbling with sidewalk chalk and saying, “I love your hair, tell me about your family. . . “ While the guys are sticking to the schedule and “getting something done.”

In fact, when I coach the teams that come to help us I have to tell the guys that they need to be “more like chicks.” They need to realize that getting to know the kids IS the mission! Ladies are about making relationships and long term results. Sharing is about caring, not hitting them over the head with a Bible.

American culture is about instant everything. If scientists could make a microwave that was a “Hyperwave” that cooked even faster, do you think it’d sell? I give regular talks to my partners that are involved with church planting. I tell them, “If you go to your city with the idea that you’ll give it all you got for three years, and if it doesn’t work out you’ll try something else—you’re almost guaranteed to fail. Go there planning to retire there!” It’s all about relationships, and longevity. People aren’t surprised when you’re there. People are surprised when you’re STILL there!

Perhaps there’s a friend at work that you’ve been praying for, that they would come to Jesus. You pray for years and years, then suddenly they ask you about your faith! It’s such a shock you don’t even know what to say. Nahum said, “In whirlwind and storm is HIS way.” When things are the toughest, THAT’S when they start to look up! And that’s exactly when you need to share how Jesus helped you through YOUR rough times!

My Dad is retiring this month from full time ministry. He’s 78! After his retirement party, Ashley and I are driving them back to Atlanta so they can help us do missions. How many people do you know that speak Swahili fluently? My folks! My Dad is a true pastor. He’s not only a great preacher, he truly loves people, and they know it! I like to think he learned that from my Mom! Love on people in the name of Jesus. That’s the women’s way.



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## Ashley's Dispatch

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Mama and Jesse drove with me as we headed to Kensington. First Baptist Atlanta was having an Outreach Event there and as we arrived you could smell the hotdogs cooking and hear the kids laughing. We pulled up and I jumped out to greet the people. I got a group of volunteers together and we started walking around the complex in search of people. My opening line whenever I saw some was, "Hey! You look like you would enjoy a hot-dog!" I'd smile real big and shake their hand then send them in the direction of the party. Mr. Kelly and I seemed to have walked the whole complex so we headed back to get some food ourselves.

I got back and a few kids ran up to me. "Ashley! We need to go get our friends." One girl jumped on my back and we were off! The kids and I knocked on doors and gathered more friends before heading back to the event to get our faces painted.

The party was in full swing. There must have been 100 people there eating hotdogs, getting their faces painted and talking to the church members. I made balloon animals and took pictures. The volunteers did a great job of witnessing and 5 people got saved! A young girl named Ashley was one of them. Mr. Tim lead her over to me and she told me about her profession of faith.

Mr. Tim asked her, "So what will you say when you're at the gate of Heaven and they ask you why you should be let in?"

"I will say because I love Jesus and he died for my sins so let me in!" Ashley replied.

I laughed. "Right on girl! Make sure you visit me at the After School Program so you can learn more about Jesus with us."

Ashley nodded then smiled and ran off to tell others about Jesus.

Please be praying for the new believers at Kensington.

*Ashley*

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