



# **Whirlwind Missions**

*Ashley's Dispatch*

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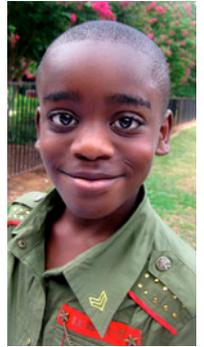
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Woo-hoo! We're jumping back into the new 2010-2011 school year. I've been having a lot of fun getting to know all the new kids, their personalities, their strengths and weaknesses and their favorite snacks. But my favorite part of is seeing all the old kids return.

After working at Kensington for three years, Mama and I have developed a long lasting relationship with a lot of the community. One family comes to mind, The Johnsons. Over the years we've helped buy shoes for this family, provide school supplies and on one occasion I gave them a week's worth of hotdogs until Mama Laura's food stamps came in. Without us I know the kids would go without.



When we first got to Kensington, Cory was only one and in diapers, now he's four and about to start school. Cory was born with a heart defect and has severe asthma, but he will still get out there and play football with all the older kids. Please be praying for Cory's condition to improve.

I remember Timothy as a chunky little first grader getting off the bus. He had a speech problem and didn't talk much. After these years of working with him he's more social than any kid out there and you can't get him to be quiet. One day, Timothy and I were starting to work on his spelling words when I realized how smart he was. He could write those words correctly the first time. Now three years later he's lost all his baby fat and is at the top of his class.



Then there is Gracely, the older sister. She was so tall and shy. I remember her hanging from the monkey bars and never wanting to do homework. She hated reading because it was hard for her. Today, years later, my mom sits with her on the picnic blanket and they read together. Mama is so encouraged to see how much she has improved.



I've been bounced around a lot in my five years of ministry but I'm in it for the long haul and it's only when you're there year after year do you really get to see people's lives improve.

Thank you SO much to everyone who gave school supplies to Whirlwind Missions. It's been such a blessing being able to give out the supplies to these kids who don't get anything new all year.

