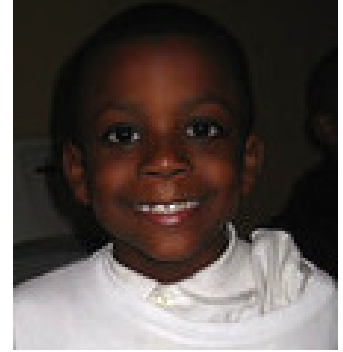


Whirlwind Missions



Ashley's Dispatch

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"Ok everybody, it's time for me to go do my homework now." I told the kids as I got in my car to leave.

"Ash-a-ley, I didn't know you were in school. What grade are you in? Dajuan asked. "I'm in college. You would call me a Sophomore because I've been in school for two years."

"Oh that's cool. Tell me about college!"

"Well, I go to Georgia Perimeter College. It's right up the street from here. I know people that go to my school and live here at Kensington too. On Mondays and Wednesdays I have to be at school by 10 o'clock."

"Ugh! Lucky!" Dajuan moans.

"Yeah that's the great thing about being in college, you get to make your own schedule. So, on Mondays and Wednesdays my first class is Geology. That's the study of the Earth. I have a really cool professor named Mrs. Zeigler. She's always cracking the class up and actually makes learning about plate tectonic interesting. After studying rocks I head to my next class, Religion with Dr. Flato. He's a young teacher who drives a Saab, drinks Coke Zero and loves to talk philosophy. It's very interesting talking about all the different religions because of all the unique people in the class. We have students from Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, India and Mexico. Right now we're studying beliefs and rituals."

"That's neat. I believe in more cookies at snack time! Is that all your classes?"

"Nuhuh. On Tuesdays and Thursdays I go to a Life Choices class and to CPR Training. My Life Choices class has a really soft spoken teacher named Mrs. Rose. She's very smart about teaching us how to keep our bodies healthy. Today we had a Fitness test where we exercised for 3 minutes, did as many sit ups as we could in 1 minute and then found out our BMI, Body Mass Index. Mrs. Rose is helping me plan my own workout routine designed just for me."

"So what's CPR?" Dajuan asks furrowing his brow.

"CPR is Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. That means helping someone breathe if they've stopped breathing. In CPR class we learn how to help people in an emergency. Today we practiced breathing into a manquin."

"I hope we don't have an emergency like that here."

"Me either," I say "But if we do I'll know what to do."

"Whew! You make college sound more fun than elementary school. Maybe I should go there instead."

"You can! You have to finish elementary school first though."

"Ash-a-ley, will you still be here to help me when I'm in college?"

"I really hope I can be." We hug and I climb in my car to go study.

I just started my third semester at GPC and I'm really enjoying it. Besides the class I've mentioned I'm also the new Opinions Editor and Columnist for The Collegian, our school newspaper. I'm enjoying this new responsibility and I've learned a lot about InDesign, a computer program real world newspapers use.

Thank you to all my supporters and please keep praying for me to be able to balance my school life, ministry, friends and family.

Love,

