



# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

I don't see how the news could have been any worse. The TV anchor stated, "Tragedy tonight as a young boy was gunned down in his house in Chamblee." Of course my ears picked up whenever I hear Chamblee. "Sure hope it wasn't any of my kids."

The next day I went to a Property Managers meeting and talked with my friend Ernesto who is a detective with the Chamblee Police Department. "We're sad to report that Chris was shot during a gang retaliation against his older brother."

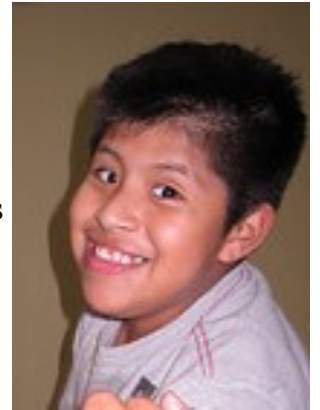
It turns that that Chris, an 11 year old sixth grader in Chamblee Middle school was minding his own business when a rival gang member came to his house. His older brother was a known gang banger with Sur13. His brother had stolen some marijuana from them and they were out for revenge. They came to Chris's house, and shot him through the window, mistaking him for his older brother.

Chris used to come to the mission to help us put labels on the envelopes for letters just like this one. He was a super nice kid that never caused anyone any trouble and was always helpful. Nothing like his older brother.

The kids at the mission were totally freaked out. "I can't believe Chris is dead! He sat beside me in home room," Rebecca told me. "Why would someone do something like this?" Clinton asked. I didn't have a good answer.

It did raise important questions. "What happens when we die, Mr. Tim?" Shadin was concerned, his Muslim faith didn't give any assurance of what happens. "Well, bro, Christians believe that Jesus came and took away all our sins, so that when we die we know we'll be in Heaven with him." "That's not what we believe," he stated with a worried tone. "Is that where Chris is?" "I hope so. He knew how to get there. He told me he'd invited Jesus into his heart. I pray he was telling the truth."

If your parents, grandparents and everyone in your village was a Muslim, wouldn't you be? That's your culture. That's what you become. You wouldn't even know you had a choice. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share a choice with the people in our village! Pray for the kids in the mission that even in tragedy can come VICTORY!





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