



Whirlwind Missions



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As my car swung into the parking lot, I was swarmed with kids! “Mr. Tim!! Mr. Tim!! You’re back!!” That always makes me feel great! “What did you have Mr. Tim?” They gazed at me in rapt attention. “Well I had an inner ear problem that made my head spin like this,” I made swishing around and around motions with my hand. Their eyes got wide. “That sounds really bad!” “It was kids. Then I got some kind of flu that made me cough and spit up green stuff.”

“GROSS!”

“No kidding. Plus I always felt like I might fall over.” They shook their heads in disbelief.

“That’s terrible, Mr. Tim. Got any candy?”

So much for bedside manner. “Sure, but let’s get your homework done first.” They were less enthusiastic about that idea.

For about three weeks I was stuck in bed. Thankfully, we had ice storms and NO one was getting out. That made me feel less guilty.

I’ve never been that sick for that long in my life. It got to be really depressing. I must admit there were times when I was in bed that I cried like a baby feeling sorry for myself.

I did a lot of reading. One book mentioned the idea of practicing your visualization skills by creating a special place in your mind. It could be anywhere in the world at any time. So I have a beautiful house on top of a cliff looking out at the ocean. I also made a chapel with wonderful stained glass and prisms that made rainbows all over the room.

And I invited a guest! I had a fireplace and Jesus hung out there with me! I spent at least two hours every day I was sick in that chapel talking with HIM! “Father, I’m so TIRED of being sick.” “I know, son. Don’t worry. You’ll feel better soon.” “But WHEN?” “Soon.” “Why do I have to be sick, Lord. This sucks.” “Son, when you’re weak, that’s when you depend on me the most!” “That’s true, but surely there’s an easier way to learn that!” “Tim, you’re normally a super fired up guy, right?” “Yep.” “And when you’re full of energy and at top health, who do you depend on?” I paused, “I reckon me.” “Now you’re getting it. Remember this song?” He began to sing “Lean on Me.” I smiled, nodded my head and thought, “He’s got a great voice.” “Love you, Father.” Love you, too, son.”





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