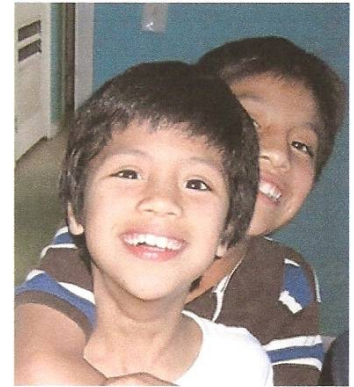




Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update March 2011



Hello, my friends!



As Jesse and I arrived at Azalea, my car was met with the usual crowd of children clamoring to be heard.

“Mr. Tim, Mr. Tim!”

“Hello, kids!” I reach into the back seat and pull out a big plastic container.

The children know what this means! Donuts! Every month they help us label the envelopes that carried this letter to your door. They enjoy doing the “stickers” and I always give them a treat for their hard work.

“OK, kids! Let’s do the name labels!”

The children take their seats and immediately start yelling.

“I need some Mr. Tim! I need more Mr. Tim!”

I hand each child a little stack of envelopes and a row of name labels. “Put these right in the middle.” I carefully put a label on the envelope and show them the example. “That’s easy, Mr. Tim!”

We all sit down at the tables and begin to work. Fahim, one of the kids from Bangladesh is new to the mission.

“What are these for, Mr. Tim?” His chubby, little brown face smiles at me.

“Well, Fahim. Every month, we send a letter to our friends who support what we’re doing here at the mission.”

“Support?” His English isn’t very strong yet, since he’s new in the country.

“That means they help us. They send us money so we can help you guys. See these table and chairs?”

“Yes.” He nods thoughtfully.

“These sweet folks sent their money so we could pay for them. Remember when it was so cold?”

“Oh, yeah.” He made shivering motions.

“If it wasn’t for their help we wouldn’t have any heat. Remember when we gave you those school supplies and back packs?”

“Yes!” He looked at his bag.

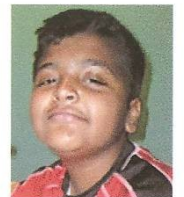
“The people we’re writing to gave so you have what you needed for school.” He looked at me intently.

“What happens if they don’t give?” He seemed quiet concerned.

“Well, I reckon our lives would get a lot harder.”

He nodded his head and told me, “Tell them ‘Thank You’ for me, Mr. Tim.”

“Thank YOU from Fahim, my friends!”





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