



Whirlwind Missions

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Hello, my friends!

Every morning, before I take the teams to the missions to do evangelism, I take them on a safari in the International Village—home to over 145 different countries and 761 languages!

On Wednesdays I take them to Global Mall and Madina. I teach them something about Hinduism and Islam. We then observe the “puja” or prayer of the Hindu priests. Prakesh the priest, is a friend of mine. I’ve brought hundreds of guests through the temple to get an up close and personal look at his religion.

When you walk in the door, after taking off your shoes, the first thing you notice are the idols in the front of the room. Shiva stands nearly four feet tall and looks to be made of gold. There are four other dieties that surround him. I motion the kids to sit near the stage so we can watch what happens.

Prakesh brings out the offering to the gods. He carefully pours the mixture of milk, honey and yogurt on the statue as he prays softly, “Om mane padme om.” You can see the focused concentration on his face.

I glance over at the teams. They stare in wide eyed amazement.

An elderly lady comes in and walks around the crowd of kids to get to the front. She takes out an offering and slowly begins to chant. In a few minutes she stands up and walks to the side of the room. Prakesh continues with his prayers the whole time this happens.

After the ceremony, I debrief the kids. They are astonished by what they’ve seen.

“I can’t believe people really do that, Mr. Tim! Worshipping idols!”

“It really made me think.”

“They’re not stupid, it’s just the way they were raised to believe.”

“How can we reach them for Jesus, Mr. Tim?”

I listen to their comments and nod my head. “How? PRAYER! That’s how! Let’s pray for them now. LORD, we ask for wisdom as we seek to understand how to reach Prakesh and the people we saw in the temple for you. They are so far away from you. It seems impossible. But we know NOTHING is impossible for YOU! AMEN!” One of the kids came up to me and said, “I’m going to pray for you, Mr. Tim. You have a HARD job!” I smiled and said, “Thanks, sister!”

Last night the chairman of my board, called and asked me, “Want to go to India on a mission trip?” What better way to learn how to reach them than to go to the source?





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