

Whirlwind Missions



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Hello, my friends!

As soon as we enter the parking lot my car is swarmed with kids.

“Mr. Tim! Mr. Tim!”

“What’s happenin’, BABY!?” I call out in my usual quiet, sedate way. “Who’s ready for some EDUCATION?!”

Jesse grabs his keys and opens up the door. The kids push their way in and scramble to grab a seat. I start passing out various pencils, marker boards, crayons and general good cheer.

“I’ve go SO much homework today, Mr. Tim!” Jhan remarks.

“I reckon we’d better get after it then, eh? And by the way, you look awesome today, bro. Really like that shirt!”

One by one the kids continue to stream in.

“Wow, Aylene, your hair is incredible.” I continue, “Nice lookin’ shoes, Maria! Love your new glasses, Melissa! You look amazing today, Mustak!”

The kids settle into the usual rhythm either working with Kathy, Ashley, Jesse or me. We split into different areas to spread the work load. Nur, one of my Bengali friends asks me, “Mr. Tim, why do you always say nice things to people?”

“Don’t you enjoy hearing people tell you ‘You look great?’ And by the way, you look GREAT!”

She smiled and nodded. “Yes. I guess I do.”

“It’s important to help people feel good about themselves. It’s easy to encourage people, don’t you think?”

“Doesn’t seem like a lot of people do that, Mr. Tim.”

“Maybe not, but that shouldn’t stop US from doing it, right?”

“I guess so.” She seemed less than convinced. “I’m just stupid with this homework.”

“You have done GREAT work today, Nur. Every day you keep working, keep trying, and your efforts are really paying off. You are an amazing student and I feel confident that this is going to be your best year EVER!” I smiled and nodded at her with complete assurance.

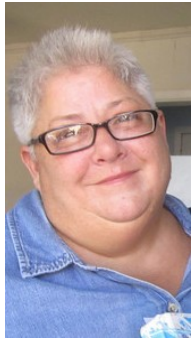
“THANKS, Mr. Tim!”

“Now get back to work, Nur. FOCUS!” We laugh and she continues working on equivalent fractions.

Words have power. Some people use their words to hurt. I can still remember mean things people told me back in third grade! But words can also have amazing healing properties. One of my favorite books in the Bible is James. He has a whole chapter on controlling the tongue and how difficult a job that is. But it’s worth it!

Get in the habit of saying affirming things to people. Just a simple compliment can be worth SO much! And it’s free!

And by the way, I dig you, baby! You’re an amazing piece of business and I LOVE hanging around you! You are AWESOME! Get the picture? Love you!





FBC Jonesboro was one of my favorite teams this Summer! They had a fantastic choir and really showed what it meant to “Take the Church, To the People!” Earlier this month, Ashley and I went to Jonesboro to visit with the team. We had a chance to share with them and get them fired up about changing their school for Jesus! We thought you might like to hear what we had to say!

The DVD is our message to the kids, and to YOU! We hope you enjoy it!

