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Hello, my friends!

“Please, Mr. Tim! Can you glue this?” Rashawn showed me the pieces of his Berlin Wall project. Many of the sixth graders had opted for that project. I got the hot glue gun out and began patiently putting a layer of hot glue on the edge of the cardboard. “Here, you guy, Rashawn. Go ahead and stick it on.” I handed him the piece and he carefully placed it firmly on the board. “Good job, buddy! That looks great!”

Over the next two hours several more kids came by each wanting me to put hot glue on their wall or their little soldiers.

I’d ask the kids questions, “So which side is which?”

“This is the good side, Mr. Tim. That’s the side on the West. Here they have paintings on the wall.” The kids would point to the graffiti they’d drawn.

“On the other side they didn’t have any paintings.. That was the bad side.” The kids looked grim at that time.

“Let’s put more soldiers on it, Mr. Tim.” They’d hand me another little soldier to put hot glue on. “How about this one?” She showed me another colored soldier . . .or was it? On closer inspection it was a caveman! “See, they’re throwing rocks!”

“Hmmm. Maybe that could work.” I wasn’t entirely sure if their teacher would overlook cavemen in Germany in the 1940s.

“They want to break down the wall, Mr. Tim.”

“And what about all the soldiers?” I asked.

“They’re to keep the bad people out.”

“What did the bad people do to be bad?” I questioned.

“I’m not sure Mr. Tim. I just know they were bad.

I began thinking about the walls around us. Kathy and I went to Jamaica back in the 90s. The apartment we had rented had burglar bars over all the doors and windows. I was horrified. Every view was blocked by these ugly iron bars over the windows.

The second night we were there we were mugged by a guy with a knife. I yelled and made enough commotion to scare him off and we were safe. But when I went home I saw those burglar bars in an entirely different way. They provided a sense of security. I didn’t really care about the blocked view!

Have you ever wondered about the people we lock out?

Pray for our neighbors! Love you! Tim & Kathy



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