



Whirlwind Missions

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Hello, my friends!

Christmas is always a favorite time of year! I remember when I was a kid in Kenya. My parents had hidden two bicycles in the crate that we took to Africa for my brother and me. What a great present to be in Africa and get a new sting ray bike! I loved that bike with its' wrap around handlebars and banana seat. What could ever be a better present than that?

Nearly fifty years later, I finally got the ultimate gift!

This weekend, we had a terrific team from West Side Baptist Church hold a basketball clinic for us. Pastor Ben Lehmann is one of my all time favorites. He's a real fireball with a tremendous gift for evangelism.

The church bus pulled into the parking lot at Azalea place around 1:30pm. It was in the low 50s and I wondered what kids would even show up. We don't like cold weather. The group did a great job of knocking on all the doors of the apartments and letting the families know the party was ready to start.

The HOPE team from West Side uses basketball as a way of making relationships with the residents. Pastor Ben played basketball while in college. I've seen him make over forty free throws in a row! He explained to the kids how to shoot. "Watch my feet, see how my right foot moves?" The kids nodded and smiled.

He then took them through some bounce back practice. Two kids competed against each other to see who could get the most bounces back. It was great fun and each winner got a brand new ball!

The group then presented the Gospel message. Each person on the HOPE team explained one part of the message. They brought out a big cross for everyone to see and explained what Jesus did for us. It was a very powerful presentation and even though we were all cold, no one left.

Finally, Pastor Ben led the kids in the prayer of repentance. I watched with my eyes open praying for my kids to accept Christ. "Now if you prayed that prayer and meant it, go to that table and some of our HOPE team would like to talk to you." FIVE of my Muslim kids accepted Christ that afternoon! Several of those children I'd been praying for for YEARS. They are like my own kids! What JOY I have in my heart as I think about their decision! Truly the best Christmas present EVER!!

Pray for our new believers! Love you! Tim & Kathy



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