



## Letters from the Mission Field

April 2015

Hello Friends!

These past two weekends we've hosted some great family teams! These are always our favorite because who doesn't want to see their kids telling others about Jesus? Dad and I pack the block party bags with kickballs, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles, crafts, snacks and a Bible story for about \$30. This weekend we included colored jelly beans to use to tell the Salvation Story.

Imagine your in the backyard at Azalea Place apartments, our mission where we serve everyday. All the kids are gathered around and you feel like you've been transported to Guatemala or Bangladesh. The kids are hugging on you, tugging on you and playing with your hair while Bengali mothers sit nearby with their colorful blue and gold saris blowing in the wind.

"Now it's time for the Bible story!" The leader calls and hands each child a handful for jelly beans. He holds up a red jelly bean. "Does anyone know what the red jelly bean stands for?" Most of the kids know that the red stands for Jesus' blood and that God loves them. "God LOVES ME!" The little voices shout out.

"That's exactly right! God loves us but we do bad things. What does the black jelly bean stand for?" The kids call out "SIN!" Then they name examples of sins. Even the Bengali moms on the sidelines are holding up their jelly beans learning the colors.

"Mahiya, did you know that God loves you even when you do bad things?" I ask. "No way! Even if I murder someone? Won't God love me just a little bit less?" She asks.

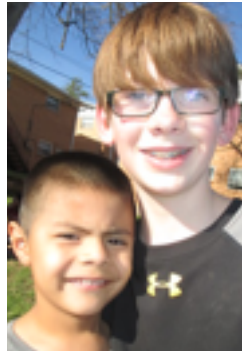
"Our God loves you SO much even when you're naughty. There's nothing you can do to make Him love you less. Isn't that awesome?"

"Wow! Yeah that is AWESOME! Can I eat my Jelly beans now?" She asks popping the candy in her mouth.

Thank you SO much for believing in Whirlwind Missions. We've had an amazing Spring and even more conversations just like the one above. My favorite moment this Spring was Adit, one Muslim boy, yelling, "I want to be Jesus! I want to be Jesus!"



Love, Ashley and Miles







It's wonderful to serve with the whole family!  
Thank you for making us a part of your family.

