



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

I knew I was in trouble when I started around the curve. I was on the last two miles of my bike ride and felt incredible. I seemed to be one with the bike as I pumped the pedals even faster. As I turned the corner, I saw a car coming. Better slow down. I tapped the brakes and my back wheel locked up, sending me skidding towards the center of the street. That's never good. I flew off my bike as it went directly under the oncoming car, crumpling my back wheel.

I quickly jumped up to check how I was as well as to drag my bike out of the way of cars. Surprisingly, the car didn't even slow down. As far as I know, they could have been looking at their phone and not even noticed what happened! I was bruised but still alive!

In my life, I've nearly been killed multiple times. I've been shot at, punched, hung out of helicopters and nearly burned alive covering news. I was nearly eaten by a python, struck at by King Cobras, chased by elephants and spit on by spitting cobras! What a life I've led! Because of my recent near death experience with my bike, it has made me savor life even more!

Christmas always brings me back to new life. Baby Jesus! This year I'm able to imagine being in Bethlehem and seeing the place where Jesus was born. Wow! We are celebrating new life in our family with the birth of Everly recently! What a blessing Ashley's girls have been to me!

Last weekend, Ashley and I took two churches on Safari to experience part of the International Village where we live. We focused primarily on the Hindu/Indian population. We took them to the third largest Hindu temple in the world which is about five miles from my house. We also enjoyed Indian food before taking them to another Hindu temple where I explained more about what Hindus believe.

It's always fun to take people to see these sites! When you walk into a temple with gods with elephant heads and eight arms it's eyebrow raising stuff! I explained the difference between Works and Grace religion. Christianity is the ONLY grace religion: Jesus did the work for us! HE gave us new life! In Hinduism, what YOU do determines how you will be reborn in the next life. What a difference!

We are living in the Post Church era. As our church population continues to decline, it's more important than ever to share the Good News that Jesus died to save us from all the bad things that we do! We should never assume that people understand what Christmas is about. It's miraculous! GOD became man! And He did that because he LOVES us so much! Now that's worth sharing. As we celebrate Christmas, be sensitive to opportunities to give the gift of the new life! Listen for prayer requests and pray for them! We never know when our time might be up!

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