



# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update February 2017



Hello, my friends!

FAMILY is a big word. When people talk about family they normally mean relatives. This weekend I was taught a larger definition.

My friends at Main Street Baptist Church hosted a luncheon for out of town guests before my Dad's funeral. I saw three groups of friends: Relatives, missionary families, and church families that came.

I found it interesting my relationship to the three groups. In Kenya, when I was growing up, we called the missionary families we worked with as "Uncle" Boyd and "Aunt" Sid. These missionary families in a real way became my kinfolk. My "real" Uncles and Aunts were 10,000 miles away. As I saw my Aunt Hazel and Uncle Joe, Uncle James and Aunt Molly and so many others, from the mission field, it was if my REAL family was here.

And then there were my church friends. It was incredible to see people from my High School youth group! The service was held in the sanctuary where Dad had preached hundreds of times. It was really amazing to see friends who had known me when I first surrendered to the ministry. I can remember my friends Charlie and Jodie Steger when they were my High School SS teachers! Good times.

Of course it was terrific to see my cousins and real life Aunts and Uncles, but it just wasn't the same. I'm sure a big part of that is due to living so far away from them. I was around my church and missionary family a lot more.

The USA is becoming more unchurched every day. Many young couples and families just don't see the need for church. They don't understand the family nature of the church. They don't know what they're missing, and that makes very lonely.

The #1 reason that people go to church is because someone invited them.

It all starts with relationships! It is so important to be sensitive to people's needs and offer to help and pray for them. Many church people have forgotten what it was like to really feel alone, as if no one cares. I believe this is so important. Evangelism is telling people the good news! Sharing the Gospel starts by loving people.

In just one week, I had three of my missionary Uncles die as well as my Dad. Life is fragile. Take the opportunity to tell your relatives how much you love them! And God loves them, too!

**LOVE, TIM AND KATHY**





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