

Whirlwind Missions

Ashley's Dispatch

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"Here's the game plan. Mo, you and Jesse play with the kids while I sneak into the kitchen and nuke these nuggets." We all agree as we pull into Kensington. Jesse and my mom jump out of the car and start rounding up the kids in the direction of the playground. I quickly unload 3 family sized bags of chicken nuggets and rush down to the mission. It takes about 20 minutes to heat up all 100 of the chicken goodness. While the nuggets are cooking, I pray that this goes well. BEEP! BEEEEEP! The timer goes off, I sweep all the nuggets into one big bowl and head outside to tell the kids about Jesus.

"Kids, come sit on the hill. I've got something for you guys." The kids all plop down on the grass and stare eagerly.



"Do you know who this guy is?" I ask, pointing at the poster picture of Jesus teaching on the mountain side.

"Yeah! That's Jesus!" The kids all yell together.

"That's right. God sent Jesus down to earth to teach us. Everyone would come and sit around Jesus, just like you guys are sitting around me, and listen to what he had to say about heaven. Look at all the people around Jesus. There must be at least 5000 of them! It looks like it's getting late, they must be getting hungry. The disciples told Jesus to send the people home so they could go eat but He said, 'No go and see what food the crowd has.' So the disciples went out and found a boy, about your age Dajuan, who had 2 fishes and 2 loafs of bread. They took the lunch and Jesus prayed over it. Like this, 'Jesus, thank you for this food. Bless it in nourishment of our bodies. Amen.' Then Jesus passed out those 2 fishes and those 2 loafs of bread to ALL the people."

"That's a miracle!" One little girl gasps. "Now it's time to eat our snack!" I pass out a handful of nuggets to each child.

"Mmmm...this isn't a snack, this is a meal!" Dajuan yells out.

"Good, huh? And don't worry about the bill. Jesus already paid it. Now who wants to go play red rover?" I jump up, grab the kids hands and race to the tennis courts.

About 25 kids enjoyed lunch that day in the name of Jesus. Thank you for making that possible. With the summer break starting at the end of the month, a lot of the kids will be hungry for lunch. With your help, I look forward to continuing to serving them.

