

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

I start off many of my stories with, “As my Daddy would say . . . “ I’m amazed by how much influence my parents have had on me. I grew up in Kenya the son of missionaries. My actual “blood kin” extended family lived ten thousand miles away in the USA. But I had no shortage of relatives!

On the mission field, the MKs (missionary kids) referred to the grown up missionaries as Aunts and Uncles. In a true sense, I am closer to my missionary family than I am to my extended family in the USA.

This week I had the privilege of spending time with those missionaries. I was invited to lead the music and speak to my MISSIONARY FAMILY. What an amazing experience that was! Twenty five other MKs also came to the reunion. How great it was to hang out with some of my best friends, many of whom I hadn’t seen in thirty years!

I thought a lot about what I should preach to THAT group who are literally heroes of the faith. I decided to focus on how they’d helped and mentored me. These missionaries LOVED people! I think so many times we get caught up on the newest strategy or workbook and forget that the real mission is loving on people in the name of Jesus.

Our family went to the mission fair at Perimeter Church recently. They are such great partners and it’s wonderful to spend time with that church family. After three hours or so I had to sit down. Ashley just kept on going: sharing, laughing, loving on people! It was great to see! I mentioned how well she did with the crowd. “I learned it from you, Dad.”

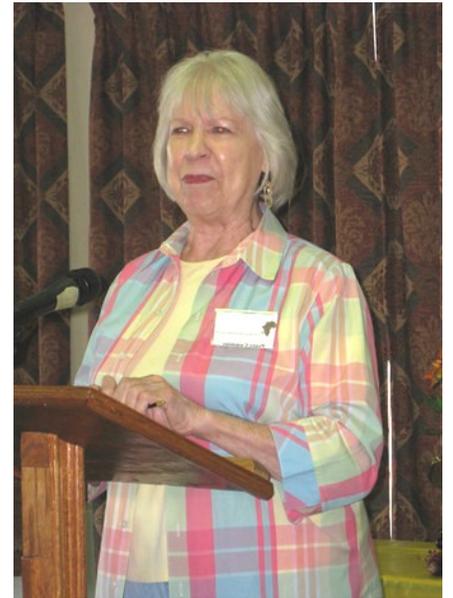
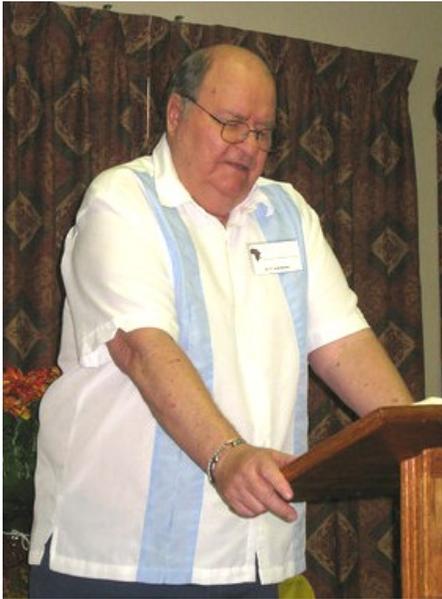
I was at the mission yesterday and Miguel came up to talk with me. “Mr. Tim! I have good news. I’ve been accepted into Dekalb Tech and I’m going to start studying to be a Police Officer!” I told him how proud I was of him and made sure he had the school supplies he needed. He’s like a son to me. I remember baptizing him along with Ashley and Jesse!

Another of my young men came to see me recently. Jouvens was the Assistant Director for the mission at Azalea for years. He’s been working construction and retail all around the country. He’s originally from Haiti. We were reminiscing about the old days when he was just a kid at the mission. “My life would have been very different without you, Mr. Tim.”

I often tell people, “You’re either part of the solution or part of the problem.” I want to thank YOU for helping me be part of the the solution. I’ve become an Uncle to kids just like me: growing up in a culture far from home.



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