



Whirlwind Missions

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Hello, my friends!

What a great time I've had this month! I always enjoy hosting teams and this Spring break season has been wonderful! Perhaps my favorite was a team from one of our local churches Roswell United Methodist. This was a group of very enthusiastic high schoolers. They did a fantastic job of taking the church to the people!



It reminded me of MY high school days over thirty five years ago! One of my first mentors was a wonderful man named Paul Sutton. He was a summer missionary at our church First Baptist Georgetown and then became our Youth Director. He took a real interest in me, showed me how to study the Bible and taught me how to share the Gospel.



I can remember during lunch time at my high school I had a religious survey form that I would ask my friends if they wanted to take. It asked them about what they thought about God and how that influenced them. At the end, I would share with them a simple illustration called The Bridge.



It starts out with a diagram showing man's relationship with God. "In the Garden of Eden God could talk freely with Adam. But sin came into the world and stopped that communication." I'd draw a snake at that point and a gulf between God and man. Then I'd say, "People try to get to God by doing good things like telling the truth, being honest or helping people, but you can see it doesn't get to God." I'd draw arrows across that chasm and describe those good works. "Then God sent his son Jesus to make a bridge." I'd draw the top part of the cross. "God made the way for people to get back to Him."

My friends at that point would normally nod their heads in understanding. Then came the climax. I'd draw an X on man's side and an X on God's side. "Which side are you on?" They'd point. "Which side would you like to be on?" The almost always wanted to be on God's side. "You do that by inviting Jesus into your heart. We can pray that together right now if you'd like." I lead many people to Jesus with this simple tool. As I think about those High School students getting their first taste of sharing Jesus with others, I thank God for sending me Paul Sutton. Lead someone to Jesus this Easter!



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