



Whirlwind Missions

Ashley's Dispatch

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Meet the fifth graders I work with at Azalea. There's Fabiola. She's always on time and in a seat right next to me. She's one of my biggest helpers and is always willing to translate what the mothers are saying to me.

Then there's Angel. He hates having his picture taken and loves to talk and tell jokes. He's smart but easily distracted.

Aylin usually sits right across from me. Math is her favorite subject and she dreams of becoming a cosmetologist. She's the fashionista of the group and always has her nails painted to match her outfit.



Then there's Jossie. She writes me the sweet letters and loves playing with my hair. She's always willing to help the little kids with their homework.

Sanjida and Rashawn are my Bengali friends. They are both super smart and hate when others copy their homework. They're probably the kids that need the least amount of help. They usually come to the mission with most of their homework done already.



Jocelyn is really smart as well. She's one of Miles' favorite. They even have a secret handshake they do when they finish studying. Jocelyn is a great big sister who makes sure her little sister, Darlyn, is on track.

The other day I was sitting around the table with all these fifth graders.

They kept asking me what my job was and I said, "This. Helping you guys here is my job."



"You get *paid* to do this?" They all raised their eyebrows in astonishment.

"Yep. But it doesn't feel like work because I really like hanging out with you all."

"So what do you do in the mornings?" Fabiola asked.

"I'm a missionary. I tell people about Jesus."

"Ohh. I wish you were a my teacher at my school, but I'm glad you're a missionary who comes to teach at the mission."

"Me too! Me too!" I said.

I love all of the kids that come to the mission but these group of fifth graders will always be some of my best friends.



ASHLEY and MILES

BIG NEWS!



Jesse moved into Azalea this month! He's been having a great time hanging out with the kids.

The other day the older boys brought him over some eggs and fresh peppers from their garden and they all enjoyed lunch together. Please pray for his safety and that he'll be able to develop even stronger relationships in the community.

