

# **Whirlwind Missions**

## Outreach Update

May 2013

[www.whirlwindmissions.org](http://www.whirlwindmissions.org)



Hello, my friends!

Excitement filled the air as the teams gathered in the parking lot. Ashley and I shook hands eagerly with each person and told them to join us in the church for a briefing.

“It’s great to have you guys here today! It’s important that we TAKE THE CHURCH, TO THE PEOPLE!” The congregation cheered at that familiar saying. “Today we’ll be hosting an Easter Egg hunt. It’ll be fun and easy. I just want to make sure that the story of Easter is clearly explained to the kids and families there. I’d like for you to say your version of this presentation. OK?” The teams nodded in agreement. I suddenly went into overdrive of enthusiasm and energy as I recalled the last time I’d done this.

“GREAT to see you kids! I’m going to tell you a story. But it’s a TRUE story. How many of you like stories?” Almost every kid raised their hand. “Do you know who created this world?”

“GOD!” the children shouted.

“God loves you VERY much! Did you know that?” Most of the children nodded. “And did you know that God is perfect?” More nodding. “But God can’t be around sin. What are some things that people do that is sin?” The kids shouted out, “Cheating,” “Lying,” “Stealing.”

“That’s right kids. Those bad things that we do separate us from God.” I held my two hands together and separated them suddenly. We needed some way to get back to God. What happens when you do something bad?”

“You get in trouble.”

“Yes. If you do bad things you have to pay a penalty.” The kids understood and nodded. “That’s why Jesus came. When he died on the cross . . . This very weekend . . . He paid the penalty for all those bad things we do. He took all those bad things away. Do you guys understand?” The kids nodded that they did.

“Now let me ask you a question. You see this ball?” I lifted a soccer ball up off the ground, “If I put this ball in front of Ricardo and tell him it’s a gift, and if he doesn’t pick it up and walks off, is it HIS?” The kids all shook their heads, “NO! If he doesn’t take it, it’s not his.”

“It’s the same for Easter! Jesus gave a gift of eternal life. BUT YOU have to pick it up!” The children were riveted on my every word. “Now if you’d like to accept this gift, you need to talk with God. We call talking with God, ‘prayer.’ If you’d like to pray with me you can.” I said a word or a phrase and paused. Many of the children repeated what I was saying.

“Jesus.” “Thank you for loving me.” “Thank you for dying on the cross for me.” “And for taking all my sins away.” “Jesus.” “Come into my heart today.” “So I can live for ever with you.” “Amen!”

“How many of you kids prayed that prayer for the very first time?” Nine children raised their hands! PRAISE THE LORD! He is RISEN!

*Pray for the new believers! Love you! Tim & Kathy*



# Take the Church, To The People!



*Please support our ministry! Make checks out to  
The North American Mission Board,  
Designate to Tim A. Cummins Acct# 5993*