



# Letters from the Mission Field

## January 2015



All the kids are crowded around the door. There must be seventy of them shouting, "Mountain Park! Mountain Park!" Along with, "Let us in! Let us in!"

Tonight's the Christmas party and everyone's eager to have some fun.

We start with cookie decorations. Each child get a sugar cookie, they carefully spread the butter cream icing before dumping red and green sprinkles all over it until you can no longer see the cookie.



Once full of sugar it's time for the Christmas story. Pastor Paul, from Mountain Park First Baptist Church, and Dad tell the story. Because half of our youth group are Muslim from Bangladesh, they explain some major characters. They talk about how Mariam (Mary) is the only woman mentioned in the Koran, and how Isa (Jesus) is mentioned twenty two times. Then they tell about evil King Herod who killed all the babies and the three wise men who brought gifts to baby Jesus.

All the kids nod along and shout out answers to questions like, "How long ago was Jesus on earth?"

"21 years ago?!"

At the end of the story we pray. One little girl asked me, "Is it OK to pray to your Jesus?"

"Yes! He's one of your holy prophets too!"

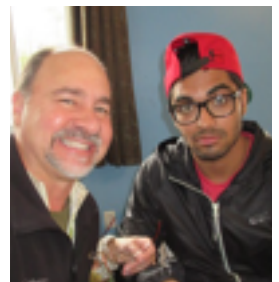
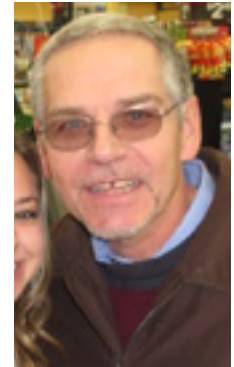
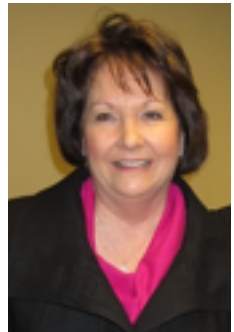
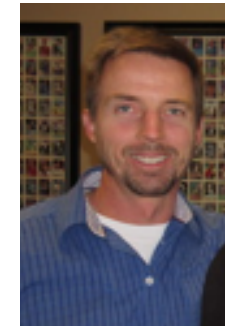
After the prayer it's time for TOYS! The kids all draw numbers and line up in a mob outside. Ten at a time they go through the "toy store" we'd set up in the back room.

Everyone picks three things they like. The feather masks and bouncy balls were some of the most popular choices.

Thank you so much to our Mountain Park FBC family! They provided over 265 gifts for the families at Azalea. These are some of the only gifts these children will get this Christmas.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year to YOU! The Whirlwind team is very excited about the new things happening in 2015. At the top of my list is eating lunch with the kids at school and field trips to Stone Mountain and Fernbank!

Our family leaves for our annual road trip to Texas Thursday, December 18th. Please be praying for safe travels there and back.



Ashley & Miles

**THANK YOU MOUNTAIN PARK FCC!**



**CHRISTMAS 2014**