



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

It was after 7:00 pm and time to close up the mission for another day. I went into the kitchen where I had a couple of video game consoles. “Alright, boys! Time to head to the house!”

“Mr. Tim, Grimsly has homework,” Brigidio said.

“What?!” I said incredulously. I had asked the boys several times if they had anything they needed to do and they all insisted fervently, “NO.”

“He has the ‘All About Me’ poster due.” Brigidio clarified.

“Are you kidding me, Grimsly?”

“I don’t have to do it, Mr. Tim.” Grimsly asserted.

“You don’t have to, or you don’t WANT to?” I asked.

He just grinned. “Grimsly, this isn’t funny. This is a major grade for you. How are you going to overcome a ZERO?” He just smiled and shrugged his shoulders. “I think it’s time to go talk to your Mom. I’m sure she’ll want to know.”

“No, NO, Mr. Tim. I’ll do it.” He got up slowly from the chairs in front of the TV and walked back into the school room.

I held up several sheets of poster board. “Which color do you want, son?” He pointed out the bright orange piece. “Good choice,” I said, trying to help build him up. “OK. Where is the paper from your teacher telling you what has to be on the poster?”

“I lost it.”

“Fortunately, I think Sheni has hers.” I reached over and began to read out loud. “Name eight things that you like. Name six interesting facts about yourself. Include a photograph of your family.” I called over to Juan, Grimsly’s brother. “Dude, go to your house and bring back a photo.”

“We don’t have any.”

“NONE?”

“No.”

“Then you’ll have to draw a picture.” I could tell this was going to be a long night. “Tell me some things that you like.”

“I dunno.”

“What’s your favorite food?”

“Not sure.”

“How about pizza?” He nodded and wrote that down. About an hour and a half later we were finished. We admired the work he had done. “It took us a while, but looks like you did a great job!” At least it had everything the teacher had asked for.

“Thanks, Mr. Tim.”

“You’re welcome, Grimsly.” The smile on his face was worth the trouble.

Love, Tim and Kathy



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