



Letters from the Mission Field

September 2016



Miles and I are about to board the plane to Austin, Texas. This will be Penelope's first flight. I can't wait to introduce her to her great-grandparents!

On September 10th we're hosting Whirlwind's Double Decade Dinner! I can't believe it's been twenty years since Dad first started this amazing ministry.

Dad always jokes, "They're not surprised when you're here, they're surprised when you're STILL here!"

I've been involved now for ten years and can only imagine how much Penelope will love the missions.

I first started as a junior in high school, only seventeen when I was running my first mission. I remember the first fight I had to break up between Kyrone and Kyle. Kyrone later become one of my favorites. Isn't it always the naughty ones who you love the most?

After SpringChase Apartments I served at Oakbrook apartments in Atlanta. That was my first group of almost all Muslim children from Somalia, Ethiopia and Egypt.

After rounding up the children, I remember one of the mothers, dressed in a dark burka, standing at the door. She shook her fist at me and said, "We don't want you Christians here!"

After months of working with her family, helping her children do well in school and teaching her how to write her mindset changed. I recall the day when we were forced to leave and she grabbed me tight and said, "Let the Christian girl stay!" AMEN!

Kensington was my third mission. By this time I'd already graduated high school and had started my journalism degree. I worked long hours going to school, then helping the kids at the mission before heading back for evening classes.

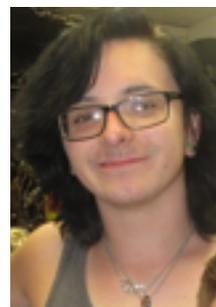
Dad and Jesse were working at Azalea, our oldest mission, and asked me to come bring a feminine influence. I did and Azalea has been my mission home ever since. I started with a group of rowdy fourth graders. Now my students are in eighth grade and headed to high school!

I love what I do and I'm so thankful for the ability to bring my daughter along.

A huge, sincere, bottom of my heart appreciation to YOU too! Because you make it all possible for our small Daddy Daughter ministry. Here's to twenty more years of service in the Village!



Love, Ashley, Miles and P





Penelope is our fourth generation missionary! She just turned NINE months old!

Everybody says the days are long but the years are short.

Right now her favorite food is salmon and Carmel pecan frozen yogurt.

She can climb on top of the coffee table and scare her parents to death!

I hope to report that she's walking next month!

She LOVES being part of The Show! She's already learning how to speak into the microphone.

