

Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update July 2018



Hello, my friends!

SIXTY! The older I get, the younger that sounds! Still, it's quite a milestone! July 12, 2018 marked the occasion filled with happy times with family and enthusiastic work with our Summer Teams! It also marked the official release of my autobiography, Story Tim—Adventure Land! As I thought through the stories that have made up my life, I was struck by how many near misses I have had with death! Nearly burned alive covering a forest fire, hunted by lions, chased by elephants, struck at by spitting cobras . . . The list goes on and on! Surely my guardian angel has worked overtime!

It also made me reflect on my missions work. I served with the International Mission Board as a Media Consultant in Zimbabwe, S. Africa, Madagascar, Kenya and France. I've covered the Rugby World Cup in Johannesburg and the All African Games in Zimbabe. Rode the buses in France for three months talking to people about Jesus and traveled the back roads of Anatanarivo, Madagascar working with the International Sports Federation. Exciting stuff!

Yet Atlanta has proven to be the most incredible destination I could have ever imagined. I was married thirty-three years ago in the church that now serves as the HQ for Whirlwind Missions. Our ministry is over twenty years old. It reminds me of the saying, "They're not surprised if you're there, they're surprised if your STILL there! Indeed, I have seen MANY ministries come and go with the times.

I have loved working in the International Village. Over 145 different countries are represented and 761 language groups in the five mile area around Doraville/Chamblee. Wikipedia states that Buford Highway is "one of the most diverse areas in the world" and I believe it. In one day, it's not uncommon for me to speak Spanish, French, and Swahili! WOW! I'll greet people in Russian, Bengali, Amharic, Korean, Hindi and Mandarin during the week. What?!

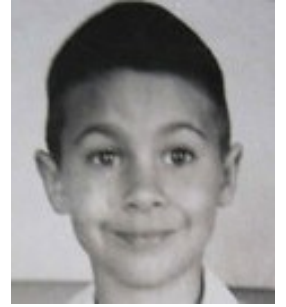
I remember coming back from Madagascar when Jesse was sick. I was angry that God would bring me back to "White Man Land." Never in my wildest imagination could I ever have imagined that a place like this existed! The ATL is truly UNIQUE! My Mom made a interesting observation on her last trip here. "You know Tim, one of your challenges is that people don't even had a frame of reference for what you're dealing with!" And she's right! How can I describe, Global Mall or Plaza Fiesta or Asian Square or the Buford Highway Farmers Market? I've visited twenty-five different countries and lived in six long-term. There is no place like Atlanta, and I'm proud to call it HOME. I could not have made it two decades here without YOUR love and prayers and financial support! Working with my wife, children and grandchildren in the International Village is a delight. THANK YOU for keeping me and the girls on the field. I love you for that! *Come visit me!* I'll take you on a Safari you'll never forget!

LOVE, TIM AND KATHY





Story Tim Adventure Land!



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