



Whirlwind Missions

Outreach Update

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Hello, my friends!

One of my favorite things to teach people is how to interact with strangers. I call it the “Firehose of Positivity!” During our training session, I explain that the easiest way to be friendly is to compliment people. It’s always great to remark how nice a lady’s hair looks or that you like her shoes. For men, I normally mention that they look in shape or that they’ve lost weight. Of course the best compliments are reserved for people’s children. Never too much of that!

We practice this skill set when we go on Safari with the teams. “Safari” means going on a trip in Swahili, and usually has a feeling of a special experience or seeing something new. “Your goal is to smile or greet at least twenty people while we are here!” My Mom was in town recently and she said she “Smiles at every single person I see at the grocery store.” I’m not surprised!

We were in the Korean/Japanese aisle and I was letting the team try Pockys and Kiwi Gummies. I saw a Korean lady looking at candy. “Which one is your favorite?” I asked. This question is another way to interact with people.

“Oh, I like this one!” She pointed to a strawberry flavored candy. “That looks good!” I responded. “Want to try one of these?” I offered her a Pocky, which is like a chocolate covered pretzel.

“Sure! Thanks!”

At the same time, an elderly American couple came down the aisle. “You folks are looking great today! Love your hat! Want to try a goody from Japan?” I offered the candy to them.

“Sure! Wow. That’s good!”

“Glad you like it! You guys from around here?”

“No. We’re from San Francisco. But we live in Athens now. Do you work here?”

“No. I’m taking a group from Cumming to see some of the International Village. Most of our teams also work with kids who live in the apartments. They do recreation, give them a craft and a snack and tell a Bible story.”

“What a blessing you are to the neighborhood! God bless you!”

That kind of interaction is common. We regularly have a chance to pray with people and have led some to Jesus! Most people think of missions as something you do overseas or on a “mission trip.” The fact of the matter is that the three countries with the most non-Christians are China, India and the USA! Korea is sending missionaries to work here in the USA. I’m glad we have their help!

The first step in evangelism is building one-on-one relationships. Use your daily routines to make that happen! Opportunities are all around us. Start with a big smile and a compliment! Pray for our Spring Break teams. We will be sharing the Gospel with hundreds of people this month!

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