



# Project Timothy Revisited:

To the World With The Word

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“Project Timothy – the best thing that’s happened to me in my life so far.” Those were the words spoken by one of my partners in Project Timothy I to Antigua. This particular quote is from Andy Jacobson. But just about everyone I’ve met who has been involved with Project Timothy has similar feelings. What makes this *project* so great? That’s what this paper is intended to display.

Since the beginnings of Project Timothy are well documented in a Senior Church History paper<sup>1</sup> written by Jonathan Brohn in 1996, this paper will look into what’s happened since that first year. Project Timothy truly has exploded, going from what was the result of a brainstorm in President Mark Schroeder’s<sup>2</sup> head to the booming success it has become in the lives of all those who have participated. Hence we begin our journey: Project Timothy Revisited: To the World with the Word.

### **ANTIGUA (1993-2000)**

The section of the world reached by Project Timothy that is nearest and dearest to this writer’s heart is clearly this first one, Antigua. Antigua is a little island (approx. 7 miles x 13 miles) in the West Indies. It boasts of 365 beaches for the 365 days of the year. Not surprisingly, tourism is now its primary industry. But far more impressive than the palm trees or the sea breeze on those perfect 85-degree afternoons, is the work that the Spirit has done in the hearts of the Christians there. This was a theme that ran

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<sup>1</sup> Jonathan Brohn, Project Timothy: The First Year. WLS Essay File 2613.

<sup>2</sup> President Schroeder is President of Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI, which was Northwestern Preparatory School at the time Project Timothy began.

throughout the 19 surveys filled out by previous partakers of the Project Timothy – Antigua experience.

Included as an appendix to this paper is a copy of the three different surveys sent out. If it wouldn't be for the sheer bulk of paper generated by the nearly one hundred returned surveys, I'd like to include all of the responses as an appendix. It is truly a heart-warming experience to read through how this brief mission vacation affected the lives of so many in such a strong and lasting way. Why did it affect them? Well, there are several reasons. Let's look at those.

### *The Work*

Reading through the surveys, it seems that the work remained pretty much the same through the eight years of Project Timothy represented here. The students arrived on the island and were welcomed with open arms. After getting acquainted with the island to some degree, they were set to work. The first week generally consisted of preparing the materials for VBS, making plans for teaching, and advertising. This advertising took many forms. Some painted and put up signs around the island. Some handed out flyers and canvassed door to door. During Project Timothy I (1993)<sup>3</sup>, we even had to break up a basketball game and take back the backboard. (Some neighborhood kids had found a new use for one of our wood VBS signs).

This phase of the work itself was a learning experience for many. This meant that the students had to get into the neighborhoods and interact with people of a far different culture. First of all, most of the students were teamed up with members of the Antiguan

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<sup>3</sup> Just to give you some background on Project Timothy I, I'll quote Pastor Kehl's response to question #3 on the survey sent out to the host pastors:  
Question: "Is it true that the group that went to Antigua in 1993 was in fact the greatest PT group ever?"  
Answer: "**Absolutely, beyond the shadow of a doubt!** (But don't tell the other PT crews!)"

youth group, so there was communication that way. Also, they got to see first hand where the native Antiguan were living. In some cases, the family *house* (loosely translated: shack) was no bigger than what we would call a small tool shed. Many of the students spoke of how overwhelmed they were at the content and happy attitudes they found in the face of such poverty. “They were all so happy-go-lucky even though they don’t have all of the luxuries that we have. I used to take so much stuff for granted, but after being in their culture, I am much more thankful for the things I have.”<sup>4</sup>

This first week of interaction also meant that the Prep<sup>5</sup> teens got many opportunities to share their faith. Following the example of the Antiguan youth and feeling the power of the Spirit giving them strength, many of the respondents indicated that they became far less timid to talk about Christ. Tim Bourman (Antigua ’99) talks about his Antigua experience this way: “I became better friends with people and I was more ready to express my faith.” Clark Schultz, one of the chaperones in 1997, describes his group’s readiness to share Christ: “Down there, away from that so called *what’s cool* attitude, the teens really let their Gospel light shine and really blew me away on how mature, spiritually and mentally they were. In other words, they were not embarrassed at all to talk about Jesus and to share their Savior with their Antiguan counterparts as well as the little ones they taught.”

That brings us to the next phase of work – the Vacation Bible School. This was the primary intent in starting Project Timothy in Antigua. Having wanted to expand the

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<sup>4</sup> This quote is from a survey completed by Holly Hartmann, who went to Antigua in 2000. Similar sentiments are expressed in many of the surveys.

<sup>5</sup> Throughout the course of this paper, the name Prep will be used to describe both high schools that have existed on the same campus in Watertown, WI – Northwestern Preparatory School and Luther Preparatory School. For references prior to 1995, it is Northwestern Prep. For references after 1995, it is Luther Prep. For generalizations covering the whole span of PT years, it is both.

mission work to the *other side* of the island, when President Schroeder contacted Pastors Kehl and Henrich, they saw Project Timothy as the perfect boost for that idea. In the first several years of Project Timothy, the teens from Prep and the members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Antigua conducted a separate Vacation Bible School<sup>6</sup> on the *other side* of the island in a village called Liberta. That VBS was held in one of the public school facilities.<sup>7</sup> After experiencing Antiguan public transportation<sup>8</sup> and doing some extensive advertising in that area, the Project Timothy crew didn't know what to expect for enrollment. Over 90 students showed up the first day of VBS in Liberta in 1993. By the end of that week, the **average** daily attendance was 130.<sup>9</sup> Thankfully we had prepared materials optimistically. The next years saw those numbers go nowhere but up. In working with those students, the Prep teens were not merely spectators. "The main thrust of the work was and continues to be having each (Prep) student be in charge of a VBS class with an Antiguan youth (shared teaching)."<sup>10</sup>

After several years of the experiment in Liberta, it was decided to narrow the focus back to the area around St. John's church, and the VBS in Liberta was dropped. This meant that the VBS at St. John's could be expanded and improved. By 2000, 275 students were being reached daily with God's Word in that Vacation Bible School. That had tremendous impact on those involved, but we'll save that for the *Continuing Results* section. As for the work, it seems that the PT students helped out quite a bit. Pastor

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<sup>6</sup> This was in addition to the annual VBS, which was already well established on St. John's Church and School property, which took place later in the summer.

<sup>7</sup> The reader should not think that this public school had any resemblance to what we know as public schools in the USA. The bathrooms looked like they had been out of order for a decade or so. And in competition for understatement of the year is this: The classrooms were not what we would call conducive to learning.

<sup>8</sup> And my wife thinks *I'm* a bad driver!

<sup>9</sup> Statistics for 1993 are from the survey response by Pastor Mark Henrich.

<sup>10</sup> Pastor Mark Henrich.

Henrich describes that amazing number of students this way: “It is wonderful to be able to have 275 children in VBS with a support staff of 40 and not feel like I have to run around like a chicken with my head cut off. Things run surprisingly well and I do surprisingly little during VBS week.”

The last phase of work naturally is the cleanup. Traditionally, a church workday is scheduled for the last Saturday the Project Timothy group is on the island. Over the years, students report helping with things like painting the school and church, washing sidewalks, cleaning classrooms, moving supplies and even using the hose to help clean some of their fellow workers.

### *The Play*

That leads us into the next topic. Of course, it would be hard to take a group of teens to a tropical island, team them up with a group of teens there and expect them not to have some fun. I remember going to one of those 365 glorious beaches just about every afternoon and doing things like bodysurfing, swimming, tourist watching, snorkeling, para-sailing, cliff-jumping and the like. I remember going to Carnival (THE big festival on the island in the city of St. John’s) with some of the teens from church. I remember camping out overnight on a beach with that same group from church. I remember walking from the Henrich house to the beach at the bottom of the hill (after our chaperone had gone to sleep) to go moonlight swimming while listening to the calypso music coming from the resort nearby. I remember the catamaran trip around the island on the Berntson’s boat. I remember the trek through the rainforest. I remember relaxing on Shirley Heights taking in the most glorious view of nature these eyes have seen while

the steel drum band played. I remember *dialect*<sup>11</sup> lessons from Shemeke, Tony, René, and Polly.<sup>12</sup> I remember some awesome conversations that opened my eyes to the world outside the Midwest. I remember the friendships I made that are still going strong. And I'm not the only one who remembers things like these. Survey after survey came back with some great stories. For the sake of space, I can't relate them all to you here. But one thing was consistent about what made this experience so memorable and fun. "Most of all, we remember the people God blessed us to encounter."<sup>13</sup>

### *The People*

One of the questions on the survey sent out to all of the previous participants in Project Timothy read this way: "Is there one person that had a major impact on your life? Who and why?" I have to say that reading the responses to this particular question was the most rewarding. Being a part of Project Timothy I, I remember many of the people mentioned. And with some of them, it is exciting to see how they've grown in the faith. For others, it's great to see that they have stayed as strong and involved as they have.

Surveys mentioned adult members like Emmanuel Gordon, who worked his tail off doing yard work. He'd walk with his little mower all over the island to get to the houses he worked for, seemingly never resting, and always ready to give us a big smile.

Surveys mentioned the two pastors involved with Project Timothy in Antigua. Participants admired Pastor Kehl for his heart for the people. They appreciated how

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<sup>11</sup> While English is the primary language in Antigua, it has developed along very different lines, so much so that at first hearing, it sounds as if it is a foreign language. Dialect is what they call it when they speak this quicker style of English, which includes several words unknown to American English. In Antigua, you can usually tell right away "who be bang water, mon," (who the foreigners are).

<sup>12</sup> These are just some of the members of the youth group of St. John's, Antigua, who made us feel so welcome.

<sup>13</sup> From Angie Scharf's response.

much fun Pastor Henrich had sharing God's Word. After all, "around the Midwest you don't always see a pastor having such a good time."<sup>14</sup>

Surveys mentioned particular students, like this one described by Mark Schroeder, "At the end of the week of VBS a little girl came up to me and gave me a big hug and said, 'Thanks for telling me about Jesus, he seems like a really nice man.'"<sup>15</sup>

But, by far, the majority of the surveys mentioned youth from the youth group in Antigua. They talked about Tony, the leader, who Cari Pieper describes as "amazing...a very inspirational guy!" They mentioned Shemeke, the girl with the "best smile in the world."<sup>16</sup> Julie Hayes says: "I think about her every once in a while and remember what a wonderful person she was. She was an example of a Christian that I wanted to be like...She showed every day that God was number one in her life." They said that Suzette "taught me the most. It was because of her unceasing desire to talk about Jesus and the way she approached people on the island. She was totally confident and extremely outgoing."<sup>17</sup>

### *The Continuing Results*

Being around and working with people like that can't help but have an effect. And for many, that effect was profound. All but one of the surveys (which indicated no change) described an increased interest in the ministry resulting from this experience. In this section, I'll let the students speak for themselves. On the surveys, I asked three questions related to this topic: "Did your participation in Project Timothy affect your desire for the ministry? If so, in what way?" "How did your Project Timothy experience

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<sup>14</sup> From Thomas Engelbrecht's response. He went to Antigua in 1998.

<sup>15</sup> Mark Schroeder was a student at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, when he went on Project Timothy in 1997.

<sup>16</sup> Andy Jacobson was part of Project Timothy I in 1993.



affect your life as a Christian teenager?” “What did you learn about yourself that you didn’t know before?” Here are some of the responses to these questions.

Marcus Spiegelberg: “It (the Project Timothy experience) showed me how the Gospel works through people. It even works through gringos, like me...You don’t have to be a theologian to share the message of Christ!”

Sara Parsons: “It really taught me many things as a teenager. The people in Antigua were so laid back and mellow. They didn’t let things bother them as we tend to do here in America. They didn’t need much to get by. They were content with what they had, and compared to us...it wasn’t much at all.”

Mark Schroeder: “It made me appreciate things that I had taken for granted before. Growing up in a Christian home, going to a Christian day school and high school, and being able to go to church every Sunday are things that a person sometimes forgets about.”

Thomas Engelbrecht: “It showed me that there are many ways to help out in the ministry, even as a teenager.”

Abigail Flister: “Adults have a tendency to downplay how much they (teenagers) can actually accomplish. I think that PT helped all of us realize that we could have an effective and useful place to participate in the work of the church. I realized that what I did affected more people than just me. My actions affected the church in Antigua, LPS, synod (WELS), and myself.”

Julie Hayes: “I think it made me realize what I had in the opportunity to daily worship God, especially going to a Prep School. I often took those opportunities for granted. Some of the youth in Antigua had no support from their families and would walk to church activities on their own.”

Cari Pieper: “Their faith encouraged me in mine. I realized I had so many opportunities lying at my feet that I took for granted. And I began to seize them and acknowledge them more.”

Sara Parsons: “Once I had all thirteen of the students in my class hanging on to my arms and wrists and legs, I knew that this is what I wanted to do. The experience really helped motivate me and it’s something that I often look back upon when I feel like maybe the work load is too much or that there may be something else out there for me to do. The children’s excitement is something that I will never forget. I realize that there is nothing that will be more rewarding than sharing the Gospel with children in my classroom someday.”

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<sup>17</sup> From Marcus Spiegelberg’s survey, Project Timothy 1995.

Clark Schultz (a chaperone): “Too often their (teens’) involvement gets poo poo’d... Give them some ownership (of *real* work) and watch the Lord bless their efforts.”

Clark Schultz (again): “I know that the students came away from it with a greater appreciation for mission work, love for their Lord, and a love for each other. With that type of results, I can’t see any down sides.”

And these results weren’t just evident in the Americans who traveled on Project Timothy. Pastors Kehl and Henrich both emphasize what a blessing it has been for their church and the people of Antigua. They speak obviously of the Word being spread. They describe the excitement of welcoming and sharing in fellowship with Christians from so far away. Pastor Henrich says, “the biggest benefit is in the fellowship with our Antiguan youth. Our VBS is very much totally youth led. It has helped us to develop youth leaders in our congregation. The greatest benefit is that PT has had a direct influence on leading several of our youth to pursue serving the Lord in the full-time ministry.” He reiterates later: “I think one of the main purposes of VBS is helping to train our own leaders in the joys and responsibilities of carrying out the Lord’s ministry.”

I would like to go on and on about all the wonderful things that happened during Project Timothy, all the quality Christian people there, and all the great things it has meant in my life. But, in fairness to the other Project Timothy locations, and in order to keep this to a readable length, I’ll move on. But I’ll always look back fondly on those days spent sharing God’s Word, doing God’s work with God’s people in Antigua.

### **ST. LUCIA (1993-2000)**

When Project Timothy first started in 1993, it consisted of only two locations. Antigua has already been covered. Let’s look now at the other - St. Lucia. St. Lucia is a

little island in the Caribbean, 15 miles long and 20 miles wide at its widest points. It boasts the Grand Pitons, “two very steep points of rock jutting skyward from the coast. They look a lot like the mountains behind the helicopter ride in the first Jurassic Park movie.”<sup>18</sup> Also noteworthy in St. Lucia are the black sand beaches, the rainforest, and the sun. As a mission, the people there are served by missionary Joel Jaeger, who’s been there for all of the groups coming on Project Timothy. Eric and Stacy Landwehr joined him in 1997 and have been there working since then.

### *The Work*

The work done by the Project Timothy participants in St. Lucia is very similar to that in Antigua. The first week is generally spent getting ready for VBS, advertising, canvassing, and experiencing the island while getting to know the local youths. The second week is spent teaching VBS. After that it’s time to clean up and also do some follow-up work with some of the families of students who attended. In recent years various community service projects were also undertaken. “In recent years we have added at least a half day of servant projects, doing such things as roof repair, painting, casting cement, cutting brush, etc. at homes of elderly and handicapped people.”<sup>19</sup> Jonathan Zietlow reports building an addition to the home of one of the members, and several of the students spoke of building the handicapped accessible ramp for one of the members in a wheelchair.

However, the bulk of the work remained the Vacation Bible School. And that was amazingly successful. Through the years, hundreds of students have heard the Word

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<sup>18</sup> Benjamin Lawrenz, writing in Preptalk vol 11, No. 1. September/October, 2000.

<sup>19</sup> Pastor Joel Jaeger in his survey response.

of God thanks in part to these Project Timothy participants. Pastor Jaeger reported these numbers for students enrolled per year:

1993: 176  
1994: 232  
1995: 219  
1996: 178  
1997: 167  
1998: 170  
1999: 151  
2000: 147<sup>20</sup>

### *The Play*

Of course with all that work, there was also some play going on. As with the Antiguan experience, many of the afternoons were spent on the beaches swimming, snorkeling, playing beach volleyball, or relaxing in the sun. Those who visited St. Lucia also report doing the tourist thing and bartering with some local merchants. They toured the Pitons, checked out the volcano and took a tour of the rainforest. They inspected the ruins of some British forts and also did some cliff jumping. One group even rented four-wheelers and toured the island for a day that way.

### *The People*

But none of that would have been nearly as fun if it weren't for the people involved. In the survey responses to the question of which people stood out most in the mind of the participants, the answers again varied widely. The youth were mentioned, particularly Bramdeo Ramgolam, who is now in his second year of a 5-year pastor track at Martin Luther College. His love for the Word and courage to speak were mentioned. Mark Schewe describes him this way: "willing to volunteer to do ANYTHING! What a

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<sup>20</sup> "In 1999 & 2000 our enrollment was down significantly because the Carnival celebration was changed to the same week we held the VBS. In 2001 we will be one week later, so we are planning for an increase in enrollment." - Pastor Joel Jaeger.

good guy!” Joel Seifert particularly appreciated Egbert, who became the enforcer, keeping his classroom orderly.

The workers in St. Lucia also made the surveys several times. The Prep students looked up to the Landwehrs for their hard work for the Gospel and their ability to overcome adversity. Time and again, Pastor Jaeger was praised for his work ethic and love for the people. The students really learned much from those they worked with.

But even greater lessons seemed to be learned from those they taught. More than half of the surveys included names of students who would never be forgotten. They mentioned children like Elisha and Kern, who showed up every day on their own. They spoke of Delvin, the nine-year old who got himself ready every day and left his house where everybody was “strung out on Ganga” in order to hear more about Jesus.

Particularly touching are these two stories related by Mandy Pederson and Mark Schutz.

A little boy named Winslow. He just loved VBS and when I was leaving he was so sad. He sat by me at church and put his arm slowly around me and put his head on my shoulder. I was so happy to have touched someone’s life like that.  
– Mandy Pederson

It was our last day to look around in the public market in Castries... One of my little boy students came running out of nowhere in the open square, still wearing the Jesus necklace we had made earlier that week in VBS. “Mr. Mark, Mr. Mark,” he said with watery eyes, “Do you have to leave now? When will I see you again? Are you ever coming back?” This was not the easiest thing to explain to him. He didn’t really understand the world beyond his small island. He was sad and couldn’t tell me his address, that I might be able to write him. I gave his sad, skinny, sweaty frame a hug and told him to keep seeing Pastor Jaeger and keep coming back to VBS each summer. As he walked back to his mother (somewhere in the open market) and I walked the other way, I could still feel his sadness and his appreciation for the message I brought to him about Jesus. From this little boy, what I received was simple yet, wonderful. The Holy Spirit reached him through the Gospel. This boy, this soul, was hungry and I had to go. “It’s the small things in the ministry that make it worthwhile.” I had always simply heard this- then, in that square in Castries, I experienced it!  
– Mark Schutz

The people of St. Lucia have truly touched the hearts of these teens from America. By far, the most common survey response dealt with a family who must have invited the Project Timothy students over to their house for dinner year after year. Every year, the students were amazed at the poverty from which these people gave their best to feed and entertain their guests. Every year the teens report their awe at the way that God used this blind man and his family in the church's work - so faithfully and fearlessly.

### *The Continuing Results*

An experience with people like that doing work like what is described above certainly is not easily forgotten. And it hasn't been. "Maybe they won't look into the mirror of experience just yet, but the images are there filed away. We may not have discovered the island of St. Lucia like Columbus. But we have discovered new things about life, St. Lucia, and our personal perspectives. All these things are given to better equip us to bring every nation, tribe, language, and people together through Jesus."<sup>21</sup> Again here, I'll let the students describe in their own words what they've discovered, what this experience has meant in their own lives and in their own work for God's kingdom.

Mark Schutz: "I saw what Pastor Jaeger did, and I saw how he loved doing it. After doing it- I loved it, too. Even the difficult parts of the ministry can't add up to the joy of bringing hungry souls the Word of God."

Mandy Pederson: "I have wanted to do mission work in another country ever since." "I truly believe we had THE best PT group ever."<sup>22</sup>

Matthew Schulz: "I feel that I have a better handle on the challenges that would face me outside the bubble of our synodical schools."

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<sup>21</sup> Benjamin Lawrenz in *Preptalk* vol. 11, No. 1. September/October, 2000, (8).

<sup>22</sup> After extensive research it seems as if this statement by Miss Pederson is inaccurate. While her group may be close, the above quote by Pastor Kehl (cf. Footnote #3) makes it absolutely certain which group was number one.

Rene Finke: "I saw how little the people of St. Lucia had. It made me appreciate all the conveniences that we enjoy here."

Kelly Bertoni: "Now I want to teach high school or be a missionary." "America is not the epitome of all." "God helps me be a good leader."

Jonathan Bourman: "It gave me new insight into the attitude of a servant."

Jessica Schuetze: "God will be with me every step of the way and I don't need to think I have to do something. God is just using me as an instrument to share his Word. It made me more confident in my teaching abilities."

Adam Bode: "Digging into the Word for teaching purposes certainly helped me in my Christian life. It also helped me be more sensitive to another culture."

Jessica Koelpin: "I burn easily on islands."

Peter Korthals: "I gained an appreciation for foreigners in our own country after experiencing what it is like to be part of the minority."

Steve Prah: "I had never really appreciated the fact that there were people out there that had never heard of Jesus or God even in the most general sense." "I realized how lucky I was to have Christian parents who loved me and took care of me." "It opened my eyes to the ministry more than I would have imagined."

I think one of the chaperones to St. Lucia sums it all up pretty well. "It gave them a real taste of what the Gospel can do, of what God can use them to do. I think they saw that it tastes pretty good."

### **GERMANY/CZECH REPUBLIC (1994-1996)**

In 1994, for the second year of Project Timothy, it was decided to expand the effort and reach more of the world with the Word. The result of that decision was the sending of a third group of students to Europe. This trip was somewhat different, being more mobile in nature. The trip started in Germany with a tour of some of the key Luther sites such as the Wartburg castle, the Castle Church in Wittenberg, the Black Cloister,

along with a tour of the Buchenwald concentration camp from WWII. Then, during the second week, the work began.

### *The Work*

After traveling to Plzen in the Czech Republic, the groups slept and then got up to get on the bus. It was off to the Bible camp in the woods about thirty kilometers south of the city. Here between 40 and 65 children came each year to learn about their Savior. “Our activities were not too different from an American summer Bible camp: singing, Ping-Pong, volleyball, arts and crafts, swimming, campfires, hiking, devotions, and Bible stories.”<sup>23</sup> Nate Kieselhorst and Randy Bode, two of the chaperones to Plzen, teamed up to describe the work done by the teens this way, “Our kids were expected to teach, be counselors, supervisors – perhaps a bit more than they were prepared to do. In other words, they did a lot of work.”

Once the Bible camp was over, it was back to the city life. The group hit the two largest cities, Plzen and Prague and blanketed them with fliers telling about the church and school. Since English was only familiar to a few (although all the kids at Bible camp had some English ability), this handing out of fliers<sup>24</sup> in the native language proved helpful.

### *The People*<sup>25</sup>

The students worked closely with the missionaries and volunteers from *Thoughts of Faith*, an ELS<sup>26</sup> mission effort, as well as with the WELS<sup>27</sup> missionaries and

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<sup>23</sup> Prof. Martin Moldenhauer. “Project Timothy goes to Plzen in the Czech Republic.” Preptalk Vol. 6, No. 1, September/October, 1995. (6).

<sup>24</sup> Mark Luetzow guesstimates that in 1995, over 2000 fliers were distributed. Other than that, there were no real solid numbers on flier distribution available to the author.

<sup>25</sup> Since the play aspect of the trip was already alluded to in the first paragraphs of this section, there is not a separate *The Play* section for the Czech Republic. I apologize for any inconvenience.

<sup>26</sup> ELS is the Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



volunteers. The surveys reported surprise at the blatant rejection of Christ that they saw in some of the area people. Randy Bode and Nate Kieselhorst reported the story of a 13-year old boy who didn't believe in Jesus, "even after a week of camp and other past contacts with the mission, he believed that if he didn't lead a good life, he would go to hell."

But that certainly doesn't describe all the people. The surveys told stories of children with a great desire to hear what they hadn't heard before, this wonderful message of how Jesus has saved them and paid for their sins. The participants spoke in glowing terms of the people working at the mission there. Melissa Schultz describes Heidi Lemke and Sarah Swift (two teachers at the school in Plzen): "They were so nice and loving...They had excellent attitudes and truly trusted that God would take care of them during that time."

#### *The Continuing Results*

Again, this work with such caring people in the midst of such utter disregard for God's Word certainly engrains itself on the cranial gray matter of teenagers. Mark Luetzow says that he learned that "the Gospel is really a message for the world. It gave me the ability to get out with the message, and not just out to other parts of the US, as previously thought, but OUT to the world." Joel Stuebs reports, "I was able to see the Word in action in a foreign country which was not as financially blessed as our country, yet they were happy to receive the Word and found comfort in it." And, as in so many other examples, this experience affected Nathanael Bourman's ministry aspirations, "It made me more serious about my desire for the ministry, and I was able to experience some of the joy of the ministry before I will actually enter."

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<sup>27</sup> WELS is the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

When I asked Melissa Schultz for one experience that stuck out in her mind, she replied, “there isn’t really one experience that sticks out above the rest. The whole experience was just awesome. It is something I will never forget. I had the best time with the group I went with. I was so blessed to have the opportunity to do this.”

### **EL PASO, TEXAS (1995-1998)**

The year 1995 brought a new location to the Project Timothy experience. This was the first one not overseas. Its name? El Paso, Texas.

#### *The Work*

The work done by Project Timothy participants in El Paso was split between two churches<sup>28</sup> and two venues.<sup>29</sup> Like most other Project Timothy endeavors, the students advertised for and taught Vacation Bible School. This particular VBS averaged between 40 and 70 students daily for the four years that Project Timothy was involved. Basically, the Prep teens were responsible for teaching. In an effort to give them the widest range of experience possible, they rotated - each teaching at each of the grade levels. The one common theme that came up in the surveys was the great challenge and blessing that this proved to be. They each got a wide variety of experience telling God’s Word to so many different children. They also each got to struggle with teaching to students who did not have English as their first language, if at all.

On some of the evenings after VBS and also during the next week, the Preps got the chance to canvass. They actually had to knock on doors and talk to people about their faith. Each survey mentions the fear that built up on the way to the door and the relief

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<sup>28</sup> San Juan Lutheran Church and Victory In Christ Lutheran Church.

<sup>29</sup> Vacation Bible School and evangelism canvassing.

that was theirs as the Holy Spirit did give them the words to say and the strength to testify to their faith. Pastor Connell from San Juan Lutheran Church in El Paso estimates that “the number of homes reached has ranged from 900-1400.” Pastor Dan Baumler from Victory in Christ Lutheran Church (the new mission) reports that, “through the three or four years they reached 400-500 homes combined, and we received 20-30 prospects from that.”

Commenting on this aspect of the work, Pastor Baumler says, “The neatest thing to see every year was the scared faces of the PT group when they found out they were going to knock on doors, and then the smiles on their faces after they knocked on doors. The contrast is something that I still can see in my mind, and the fact that the Gospel not only gives joy to those with whom they share it, but it also gives joy to the sharers.”

### *The Play*

Joy was found in the work in El Paso, but that didn't mean that there was no time for play either. Some of the highlights of the participants' trips included: Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands National Park, rock climbing in Guadalupe National Park, shopping in Mexico, a space station tour, a trip to see the El Paso Diablos,<sup>30</sup> the church picnic, authentic Mexican restaurants, bumming around town, and general teenage fraternizing.

And speaking of fun, I asked all of the participants for an interesting or fun story about the trip. In reply, every one of the three 1996 respondents and even one of the pastors gave me a story about the chaperone – Prof. Roger Kuerth, and they were all different! So I guess, the moral of the story is, if you want fun and memorable, invite Professor Kuerth.

### *The People*

Professor Kuerth, however, was not the only person to make an impact. Across the board, all of the respondents pointed to one family as being particularly inspiring and memorable – the Connells. Julie Tjernagel looked at Mrs. Connell, whom she saw as the model pastor’s wife, giving of herself for her husband and for God’s work. Several people pointed to the pastors<sup>31</sup> and their commitment to God’s Word and their love for the lost. And David Horton described the open armed embrace he received from the whole Connell family. “They stand out in my mind as what a missionary family is all about.”<sup>32</sup>

### *The Continuing Results*

I’ve already mentioned the results in the form of prospects that Pastor Baumler described. Pastor Connell said that each year, there have been at least one or two families added to his prospect list through VBS. Both pastors mentioned benefits for their congregations in the model of service that the Prep teens displayed. And of course, there is always benefit for the children when they have the opportunity to hear God’s Word. But now I’ll focus on the results in the lives of the Prep teens that participated, using their words.

Cindy Scharf: “That trip made me want to learn Spanish...it made me realize that there are so many people living in the U.S. who aren’t being reached because of the language.”<sup>33</sup>

Julie Tjernagel: “I learned that I could speak to others about my faith and not need to feel ashamed or embarrassed. Working with the pastor’s children was an eye-

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<sup>30</sup> The Diablos are a minor league baseball team in the Milwaukee Brewers farm system.

<sup>31</sup> Both Pastor Connell of San Juan Lutheran Church and Pastor Baumler of Victory in Christ were mentioned.

<sup>32</sup> David Horton.

<sup>33</sup> Cindy Scharf is currently teaching English as a Second Language in our WELS mission to the Dominican Republic. She is fluent in Spanish.

opening experience. The children were in grade school and would canvass along with us. The way that they could talk about their faith and what they believed was truly amazing.”

David Horton: “The trip led me to consider working more with evangelism, and immediately I switched from the teacher track into the staff ministry program at MLC, and then again later in the year I tried out the pastor track program, which I am currently enrolled in.”

Paul Mattek: “It showed me that there is more to ministry than just books and preaching. It got me refocused, showing me that although the schooling may be downright depressing at times, it is serving a purpose.” “It showed me that in some ways I had to grow up. High school life is fun. But it showed me that there is a world out there that is hurting and needs the gospel. It made me take my faith more seriously.”

What more could we ask from an experience?

### **PUERTO RICO (1997-2000)**

In 1997, students were no longer travelling to the Czech Republic,<sup>34</sup> so room opened for another foreign mission field to take part in Project Timothy. Puerto Rico fit the bill. Located in the Caribbean, this island boasted of the tropical weather and need for God’s Word that go together so nicely for those participating in Project Timothy. Without too much trouble, two chaperones and four students were found to begin this new leg of the Project Timothy journey.

#### *The Work*

Hampered by the language barrier<sup>35</sup> (Puerto Rico is a Spanish speaking island), some of the participants feared that they wouldn’t be of much help. When they arrived,

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<sup>34</sup> The Czech Republic was no longer a destination because the mission there rearranged their structure and dropped the Bible Camp which had been the primary work for Project Timothy students.

<sup>35</sup> To illustrate the language barrier, I have included this anecdote from Pastor John Bogg’s survey. “It was our second day of VBS in Guayama, and I was really trying to use the limited espanol I had acquired from schooling at MLS and watching La Bamba. I approached a young, “hefty” girl and asked her, “quantos annos, tienes”, wondering how old she was. Much to my dismay- and the girls- I pronounced, “annos” (you know, with that little squiggly line above the n) “anos”, which means REAR ENDS, thus- in essence- asking the large girl how many rear ends she had. Thankfully Sarah Lawrenz was

however, they found that there was much work to be done. Each of the students was paired with a Spanish-speaking youth from the congregation as they went door to door and did some canvassing for a couple of days. Then Vacation Bible School began and each American teen was given one classroom in which to help out. The actual duties seemed to vary depending on the student from being basically crowd control, to helping with crafts by cutting, pasting, etc., to actually teaching a lesson. And these Prep students who went to Puerto Rico got double the pleasure. They helped with VBS at two separate locations, Guayama and Barancas. The average for both combined was around 100 in 1997, and grew from there. Eric Kaeserman<sup>36</sup> reports that at one location, enrollment started at about 20, but by the end of the week, there were 80 students.

### *The Play*

Of course, as you're probably familiar with the pattern by now, all work and no play does not describe Project Timothy. The teens report visiting beaches at least every other day (with the opening weekend spent entirely on a resort). The rest of the afternoons were filled in with island sightseeing. Included in this was a trip to El Yunque National Rainforest, the city of San Juan, the island of Culebra (famous for its white sand beaches), visits to members' homes, baseball games, and even a senior prom.

### *The People*

Most of the events just mentioned had one thing in common. They were done with the youth of those churches in Puerto Rico. Not surprisingly, then, when I asked for one person that had a major impact on the lives of the participants, the youth group was

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in ear shot and ran up to me, covered up my mouth, & beautifully explained to the girl that I was an idiot from Indiana..."

<sup>36</sup> Eric went on Project Timothy in 1998.

well represented. The Prep teens were awed and humbled by the activity of the teens in the church, like Ceolli. They respected the teens' ability to speak freely and eloquently about their faith like Danny Martinez and Luis. They admired the Christian lives that the teens like Raymond Rodriguez were living. These youth bonded and learned something about what it is to be a Christian. And that has a life-long effect.

### *The Continuing Results*

Project Timothy to Puerto Rico over the years has had a variety of effects on its participants. Several of them expressed the fact that it encouraged them to take Spanish classes. A couple said that they now have a plethora of stories to tell their friends or use as sermon illustrations down the road. But most importantly, almost all of them expressed gratitude that it caused them to grow, emotionally and spiritually. Here are their words.

John Behrens: "It broadened my view of the world and brought the entire spectrum of sinners in need of a Savior into view. I feel that I would be more apt to accept a foreign mission call if I received one now that I have experienced church work overseas."

Anneliese Spier: "It made me realize that everyone should have the opportunity to hear of the saving message of Christ Jesus, and I believe it made me more tolerant of different cultures."

Nathanael Scharf: "It showed me how the Gospel can really touch people of different races, ages, and positions in life. It was a neat experience that excited my ambition to serve the Lord."

Chaperone Dan Habben cuts to the point and really verbalizes one of the key purposes of Project Timothy. "I think it really opens the kids' eyes to world mission

work and the fact that God can use them right now. There's no reason to have to wait to graduate from the Sem<sup>37</sup> to start serving the Lord.”

### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1998-2000)**

Another place in which God has given some teenagers from Luther Prep School in Watertown, WI the opportunity to serve him is the Dominican Republic. The DR shares its island with the country of Haiti in the Caribbean Sea. Our mission there was five years old at the time of Project Timothy VI (the first one to visit the island), consisting of 115 baptized souls, and many more needing to hear God's Word. In order to help with that, four young Timothys and one that was slightly older arrived in the summer of 1998.

#### *The Work*

Their primary effort consisted in helping out with Vacation Bible School. After handing out some 3,500 flyers each year, they were ready for the masses. That first year, they averaged about 25 students, almost none of whom spoke English. That meant that the Prep teens learned what Spanish they could and smiled and nodded a lot. Basically, they were responsible for “supervising, and helping the kids with their crafts and basically just trying to keep them from getting out of control.”<sup>38</sup> The next two years saw much of the same when it came to the work aspect. In 2000 however, only three students showed up the first day. Unfazed, the volunteers kept up the good work and by the end of the week it was closer to forty students. The later two groups of Project Timothy to

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<sup>37</sup> Sem is Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

<sup>38</sup> Ben Kuerth in his survey response.



the DR also report following Pastor Schlomer around on several member and prospect visits.

### *The Play*

They also followed Pastor Schlomer other places. All three groups report spending some time at the beach. One of the chaperones remembers a pretty nice golf course,<sup>39</sup> and all the participants remember a whole lot of fun. It seems a certain discotheque was a highlight for several people, as well as the challenge of haggling prices on the street in the city.

### *The People*

However, many of the surveys remember certain people most fondly of all. The host family with which they stayed burned their imprint on many hearts with their love for the Lord and his workers in spite of what we would consider abject poverty. Rachel Malkuch particularly remembers Jonny: “He told us of his love for Jesus, his longing to go to America where he could be with his family, and of all the Dominican culture that we could experience while we were in the country.”

Also, as motivation for ministry, several people remember missionary Schlomer fondly. Ben Kuerth relates, “Pastor Schlomer was very open and honest about the joys and difficulties of being a missionary. He gave me a lot to think about...It gave me added motivation to become a pastor.”

### *The Continuing Results*

That’s just one of the results of Project Timothy to the Dominican Republic – motivation for ministry. Others include eyes opened to new cultures, appreciation for what we in the USA take for granted, incentive to learn Spanish to be better able to share

God's Word, and a deeper appreciation for the Gospel and growth in faith. I'll let some of the participants speak for themselves.

Jill Jabs: "I also realized that those (the comforts of American life) aren't the most important things in life. I saw the joy and enthusiasm the people (especially the children) had in their Savior, and it was really awe-inspiring to realize that we are all united in the family of believers."

Harmon Lewis (chaperone): "I have often (upon returning) heard our students begin to speak about the ministry as something that is real, something that is challenging, and something that others should consider and support."

Rachel Malkuch: "Seeing how the Dominican people lived in poverty and still praised God for things made me admire them for the blessings in disguise that they had."

Ben Scharf: "They (the Dominicans) taught me to be thankful for what God has given me and not to be complaining just over something little."

Ben Kuerth: "Sometimes in life, especially in high school, it seems easy to get stuck in a rut, and Project Timothy really made me realize the special joys in sharing the Gospel with people."

Mission accomplished!

### **GRENADA (1999-2000)**

Now we move on to the youngest of the Project Timothy destinations. First visited in 1999, Grenada is a gorgeous volcanic island in the eastern Caribbean Sea. When PT first came to Grenada, there was no established Lutheran church. Pastor Kehl from Antigua had been visiting the island for several years to minister to one family and try to see what could get started in the way of a mission. Just before Project Timothy came to Grenada, a new program had been started. Different men were volunteering for 2-3 months at a time to do work there. The first was Pastor Jim Radloff. By all accounts, Project Timothy was a great boost to this young mission work.

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<sup>39</sup> Harmon Lewis has a handicap of 29.

### *The Work*

Since this was the first time VBS was to be held on Grenada, there was much work to be done. The students, after a day or two of *getting the feel for the island*, set out canvassing. They went door to door, with much trepidation, and talked to people about the church that they were involved with, who their Savior is, and about Vacation Bible School. After visiting several hundred houses during that first week and spending the nights preparing to teach, they were ready for VBS. The Prep students and four Antiguan youths that had come over to help were the staff for VBS, since the church there was still in its youngest stage. Does that sound like plenty of hard work? It was, but that doesn't mean it wasn't fun. Time and again the survey responses echoed Jeremy Laitinen, "Actually, truth be told, there wasn't a thing on that trip that I did that wasn't fun."

### *The Play*

And, yes, some of that fun was had doing very Caribbean things. Beaches were high on the list for everyone who answered this question on the survey. Brian Hackman reports, "Our apartment was only two blocks from Grand Anse Beach, Grenada, which many people call the most beautiful beach in the world. Needless to say, we spent many hours there."

But there's more! The Project Timothy visitors got the chance to tour forts and spice factories, barter with local merchants, hike through the rainforest and catch some glimpses of spectacular waterfalls, not to mention jump from one of them. They went out to eat Caribbean cuisine and also remember plenty of late nights spent socializing. They

even got to experience a “street jammer” where “they had a truck with these huge speakers and were blaring loud music. We were all dancing and having a good time.”<sup>40</sup>

### *The People*

Of course, none of these things would have been nearly as fun if the people who shared those experiences weren't there. When I asked for one person that had a major impact on the life of each teen, I got some great answers. Many of them pointed to Pastor Kehl as a model missionary, giving time to his family, and yet being totally devoted to his work of spreading God's Word. The Antiguan youths that came over to help were also mentioned fondly for their boldness in proclaiming the Gospel to total strangers.

And of course, the people who heard the Word and received it were big influences on the Preps. Jackie Horton remembers Garth, one of her students, “He not only came on time, but usually about a half hour early. I would find him outside where our *classroom* was, reading my Bible. This made me realize how many people do not know about our Savior and how important it is that we tell them about Him.” Other Prep teens were in awe of how these students of theirs could be so content living in such poor conditions. “They are very poor, but are the happiest people I have ever met. They take nothing for granted.”<sup>41</sup>

### *The Continuing Results*

As with all the rest of the Project Timothy excursions, this exposure to mission work in Grenada achieved some noble purposes. Pastor Kehl speaks about the visibility PT gave to WELS mission work in Grenada, “Without Project Timothy we might not have made the impact into the neighborhoods that we did. Having Project Timothy there

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<sup>40</sup> Brett Haase in his survey response.

<sup>41</sup> Megan Goede in her survey response.

was more groundbreaking with greater initial results because the outreach was still in its infant stage.” He even mentions a few names of members who were reached first through Project Timothy.<sup>42</sup>

But that’s not the only benefit to God’s kingdom. Through Project Timothy to Grenada, sixteen American high school students and three chaperones received a better understanding of and motivation toward mission work. One student reports, “I now give much more to missions at my home church.”<sup>43</sup> While raising money certainly wasn’t a purpose for Project Timothy, this statement displays the attitude of appreciation for mission work and incentive toward it that was certainly gained in this PT experience. Doing God’s work in this field profoundly affected many lives. Here’s proof:

Brian Hackman: “There’s nothing like the experience of being able to talk to complete strangers about their Savior. You could literally see the faces of the people, especially the children, when they began to comprehend the immeasurable love that God had for us.”

Jackie Horton: “It kept me from sitting back and letting others do the work; we all wanted to become involved.”

Jeremy Laitinen: “Absolutely! I was in the pastor track at prep and I was excited about it, but I was also having some serious second thoughts as to whether I was just taking the easy way out and following all of my friends instead of trying a unique and challenging career. But Project Timothy showed me that the ministry is definitely both fun and challenging. It showed me a whole new type of ministry that I was very interested in pursuing.”

Becky Laitinen: “It made me see some things I had never seen before in the LPS *bubble*. I think I needed the break from our ideal world here, and get into some reality.”

Brett Haase: “I now feel much more grateful for what God has given me and how blessed I am to be a Lutheran – born, baptized and raised.”

Ben Foxen: “I think Project Timothy is a great way to let young people find out how the ministry really works and see if it’s for them. You learn by doing.”

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<sup>42</sup> At the time of this writing a call has been extended to Pastor Jim Radloff to serve as full time missionary to Grenada.

<sup>43</sup> It’s probably fitting that I keep the identity of this student hidden.

Jackie Horton: “We often found ourselves worried about what to say to people or how to deal with the kids. I am confident that the Lord filled us with the words He wanted us to say. This is true of the ministry today. We are all sinners and do not deserve to do this work. But the Lord uses all of our talents to accomplish His purpose.”

And the quotes could go on and on,<sup>44</sup> but this paper has gone on and on enough. Hopefully by now it’s clear that the benefits and blessings that came into my life as a result of Project Timothy I are not unique to me. This fruit of a shot-in-the-dark idea in President Schroeder’s head all those years ago is being savored as the Project Timothy web of influence grows and more and more of the world is reached with the Word and more and more people are touched by God’s love. Project Timothy has become something of an institution. I tried to cover Project Timothy, from brainstorm to boom, and look at all of the work that has been done through this service vehicle. In actuality, all I’ve done is put out a twenty-nine-page paper that barely scratches the surface... But I had so much fun doing it!

### Soli Deo Gloria

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<sup>44</sup> It probably should be noted that Project Timothy seems destined to go on and on for a while, too. Slated for this summer (2001) are trips to Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Antigua, St. Lucia, Miami, and Ukraine for 57 excited students and chaperones.

Now no longer reliant only on grants and special gifts, Project Timothy is supported by budgeted money now. President Schroeder notes, “In the last four years, Project Timothy has been partially supported with budget dollar, since the program has been recognized as an essential part of LPS’s mission of preparing and encouraging students for ministry.”

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[www.lps.wels.net/ProjectTimothy/ProjTim01/ProjTim2001.html](http://www.lps.wels.net/ProjectTimothy/ProjTim01/ProjTim2001.html)

## Appendix I – Sample Questionnaires

### Survey For Chaperones

Hello former Project Timothy chaperones,

My name is Jon Scharf. I am a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. I like long walks on the beach and snuggling up with a good book. But anyway, I know most of you, and for that I apologize. Nevertheless, I am asking a huge favor of all of you. I am writing my Senior Church History Paper on Project Timothy. In doing my primary source research, I figured I'd go to the people who were aware of every little thing the students did while in those foreign countries. And since I couldn't find any of those people, I decided to ask you. I've got a few questions listed below. If you could take a few moments and fill in some answers and attach this file to an e-mail back to me, I would be sincerely grateful. Thanks

1. I realize it is difficult to quantify, but how much help do you feel the students provided for the missions involved? (In other words, was this a true benefit to the mission work, or basically only for the students doing the work?)
2. What was the general attitude of the students involved, and how did they interact with the local youth?
3. Is there any one experience that sticks out in your mind from your Project Timothy experience? What was it and why does it stick out?
4. Do you remember any particular people or person who affected your life?
5. How did your Project Timothy experience affect your ministry?
6. What do you feel the future of Project Timothy should be?
7. In your experience, what was the impact of Project Timothy on the lives and ministry aspirations of the youths involved?



## Sample Survey for Participants

Hi fellow Project Timothy survivors,

My name is Jon Scharf. I'm a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and I was part of Project Timothy I to Antigua. For Church History class, we've got to do a paper on some unique historic event or person. I'm doing mine on Project Timothy. The thing is, there needs to be primary source research done. That is where you come in. If you could please answer a few of these questions in a response to this e-mail, I would greatly appreciate it. Plus, you might get to have your words go down in history. Since I've procrastinated enough as it is, I'd appreciate it if you could respond as soon as possible. Thanks.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . Project Timothy Location: \_\_\_\_\_ .

1. First of all, I'm missing some numbers on VBS attendance. For those of you that taught VBS, about how many students did you average per day in attendance?

If you canvassed, about how many houses did you get to?

2. What made you want to participate in Project Timothy?

3. Describe the work you did once you got to your location?

4. What did you do for fun?

5. Is there one experience that sticks out above the rest? What was that?

6. Is there one person that had a major impact on your life? Who and why?

7. Did your participation in Project Timothy affect your desire for the ministry? If so, in what way?

8. How did your project Timothy experience affect your life as a Christian teenager?

9. Related question: What did you learn about yourself that you didn't know before?

10. For those of you in the ministry: How has your experience on Project Timothy benefited your ministry?

11. Here's your chance to share any PT stories that still make you smile when you think about them... (For the PTI people, you might remember siccing Barkley on Sara or Andy's comment about the tourist on the boat.)

Thank you so much,

Jon

*N.B. The extra spaces have been eliminated from the survey to get it to fit on one page.*

## Sample of the Questionnaire Sent to Host Pastors

1. Briefly outline the main thrust of the work the students did. (If you have any numbers as far as VBS participation in the years Project Timothy helped with that, that would be great.
  
2. Comment on the benefits you see of PT. Is it mainly for the students? How much benefit has it been for your congregation and work?  
Do you have some idea of how many people became members due to PT efforts?
  
3. Is it true that the group that went to Antigua in 1993 was in fact the greatest PT group ever?
  
4. What effect did PT have on your congregation (as they had a chance to meet and work with some of their brothers and sisters in Christ)?
  
5. If you have any one PT story that sticks out in your mind - here's your chance to relate it:

Pastor,

Thank you so much for taking your time for this. I still remember my Project Timothy experience with great gratitude and love for the people I met and learned to love. I pray that they and all of God's people in Antigua continue to receive his richest blessings.

In Christ,

Jon

*n.b. This is just a sample. The questionnaires were slightly different for each of the host pastors depending on their situation.*

## Appendix 2

### List of People Contacted with Surveys

Mark Henrich: [henrichm@candw.ag](mailto:henrichm@candw.ag)

David Kehl (Grenada & Antigua)

Pastor Joel Jaeger

President Schroeder

Pastor James Connell – San Juan Luth Church

Pastor Daniel Baumler – Victory in Christ Luth Church

Tom Zimdars (Puerto Rico – 1997)

Larry Schlomer

Scott Miller

#### **1993:**

##### *Antigua*

Andy Jacobson

Jon Scharf

Dave Sulzle

Jay Bickelhaupt

Nate Sutton

Sarah Tollefson

Jennifer Neuman

##### *St. Lucia*

Ryan Heiman

Becca Learman

Monica Thurow

Mary Koelpin

#### **1994:**

##### *Antigua*

Dan Lindner

Greg Mattek

Al Meihack

Sarah Backus

Angela Scharf

Kim Ehlke

Tricia Wolter

Prof. and Mrs. Gregorius

##### *St. Lucia*

Christian Winkel

Matt Zimplemann

##### *Czech Republic*

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Ryan Stangl

**1995:***Germany/Plzen, Czech Republic*

Prof. and Mrs. Marty and Cindy  
 Moldenhauer  
 Emily Arndt  
 Luke Boehringer  
 Mark Luetzow  
 Laura Otto  
 Tyler Peil  
 Tana Reisenauer  
 Lisa Westendorf  
 Alison Wiedmann  
 Lisa Winkelmann  
 A - Mr. And Mrs. Mark Krueger (with  
 ELS Thoughts of Faith)

*El Paso, TX*

Angela Duin (pechmann)  
 Matt Schultz  
 Justin Gosch  
 Julie Tjernagel

*St. Lucia*

Koreen Wilke  
 Aubrey Gentz  
 Aaron Moldenhauer  
 Sarah Janke  
 Ben Clemons  
 A – Mark Schewe

*Antigua*

Philip Cloute  
 Jeremy Mattek  
 Marcus Spiegelberg  
 Laura Seeger  
 Emily Falch  
 Sara Parsons  
 Jennifer Haase  
 David Zizkowski (MLS)  
 Tiffany Lockman (MLS)  
 A – Rachel Anthony  
 A – Michael Borgwardt

**1996***Antigua*

Julie Hayes  
 Gretchen Hulse  
 Toni Smith  
 Abigail Flister  
 Adam Reinhard  
 Kyle Margelofsky  
 Eli Cloute  
 Aaron Schroeder  
 A – Tutor Boese  
 Tutor Mensching

*Czech Republic*

Nate Bourman  
 Matt Gowal  
 Nicole Glodowski  
 Carrie Kleist  
 Jen Kolb  
 Mark Moldenhauer  
 Amber Scharrer  
 Melissa Scultz  
 Joel Stuebs  
 Prof. Bode  
 Prof. Kieselhorst

*El Paso*

Prof. Kuerth  
 Paul Mattek  
 Cindy Scharf  
 David Horton  
 Amy Renn (MLS)

*St. Lucia*

Dean Ohrmundt  
 Tutor Paul Cole  
 Bill Heiges  
 Steve Prah  
 Melinda Schultz  
 Mandy Pederson  
 Crystal Gentz  
 Korey Van Kampen  
 Joel Seifert (MLS)

1997

*El Paso*

Aaron Winkelman  
Ryan Wolf  
Sarah Berg  
Rachel Korthals  
Prof. John Mattek

*Puerto Rico*

Sarah Micheel  
Heidi Schulz  
Mark Mattek  
Tutor Stephanie Marten  
Dan Habben  
One mls student

*St. Lucia*

Rebecca Arndt  
Joshua Gumm  
Jessica Koelpin  
Peter Korthals  
Abby Lindner  
Mark Schutz  
Emily Seeger  
Janeen Hollenbeck – MLS  
Adam Bode – MLS  
Tutor Lisa Schneider  
Prof Justin Gregorius

*Antigua*

Jeremiah Gumm  
Ben Zahn  
Phil Hayes  
Mark Schroeder (MLS)  
Liesse Luetzow  
Molly Schumann  
Annie Uecker  
Carrie Pieper  
Tutor Schultz  
Tutor Steele

1998

*Puerto Rico*

John Boggs  
Sarah Lawrenz (Schroeder)  
Eric Kaesermann  
Laura Fry  
Adam Goede  
Jessca Horstman  
Anneliese Spier  
Richard Stockon (MLS)

*El Paso*

Tutor Clark Scultz  
Paul Schupmann  
Nate Schulmeister  
Kelly Gilbertson  
Amanda Bader (MLS)

*Dominican Republic*

Professor Erhard Opsahl  
Nate Haase  
Ben Kuerth  
Jill Jabs  
Jen Heiges

*Antigua*

Andrea Heiges  
Carrie Kobleske  
Bethany Pagels  
Ami Cordes (MLS)  
Tom Engelbrecht  
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