

**FEBRUARY 2023**

# PRAYERPOINTS

## MISSIONARY KIDS

*Many missionary kids (MKs) and their parents go into the world to be a light and a witness to the truth of the gospel. As we pray for missionaries, let us also pray for their kids.*

## FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE YEARS, MKS GATHER FOR SUMMER CAMP

A missionary kid (MK) who recently moved a few times was skeptical about attending camp with other MKs. By the end of the week, he told his mother how it went. "This was the best week of my life!"

For the first time in three years, MKs from around the Asia-Pacific Rim region gathered last July for a 5-day summer camp.

"After not being together for three years, it was important to have fun making memories that will last," the camp director said.

MKs often connect on a deeper level with each other than they do with other kids because they have shared experiences from growing up in a different culture.

"We don't realize how big an impact our summer camp friends play in our lives until we get older and we reconnect year after year," one camper said.



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The camp pastor grew up as an MK and could relate with the campers. He sat with them, listened to their stories and shared some of his own. He preached from God's Word and reminded the MKs that they have a unique opportunity to witness and take part in God's work on the mission field. The pastor said God called all Christians, not only their parents, to go and make disciples. He encouraged them to have a soft heart toward that work.

Praise God that during camp, five MKs professed faith in Jesus Christ, three expressed the desire to be baptized and one wanted to commit to becoming a missionary. Pray that MKs will be enamored with God and joyfully embrace the life He has given them and share the gospel cross-culturally.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

## ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

In March 2022, we prayed for Jasmine in Taiwan, who endured many changes over the past couple of years.

Here's an update from her. "God called my family to move to Central Asia. It has been difficult adjusting to a culture so different from East Asia, but I've enjoyed drinking bucket-loads of local tea and visiting historical sites. God has graciously blessed me with meaningful friends and fellowship." Thank you for praying!



**1 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Ask God to provide friends who will be a positive influence for the MKs. As their friendships deepen may the MKs spur each other on to serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

**2 EUROPE.** Many MKs and their families had to leave Russia and Ukraine suddenly due to war. Pray for them to ask God to help them process what they saw and heard, and adjust to new places.

**3 AMERICAS.** An MK is currently in the United States, juggling nursing school and working as a resident advisor. She also leads a discipleship group on Monday afternoons. She would appreciate your prayers for more opportunities to be a bold witness with students on campus.

**4 MISSIONARY KIDS.** MKs experience multiple transitions in their young lives. Pray that they will learn and exercise healthy ways of dealing with everything from the stress of learning a new language to the grief of leaving beloved friends and places.

**5 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Pray that the hearts of MKs will be drawn to Jesus and recognize their need for a Savior. Pray that they will surrender their lives to Jesus at a young age and be discipled well.

**6 SOUTH ASIA.** An MK in South Asia recently moved to a new country. He misses his friends and his old life. Pray for him and other MKs who are in transition. Pray for them to know God's faithful love and be sure of God's good plans for their lives.

**7 DEAF PEOPLES.** "My family may be moving this summer. I will miss my country and my friends. Pray for me to make new friends and to transition to my new country if we move." Zeke, 15, Southeast Asia

**8 MISSIONARY KIDS.** MKs may feel lonely as they adjust to college in the U.S. Pray that churches will take initiative to care for them.

**9 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray for MKs to have a faith of their own, a deep relationship with the Lord, and to learn from the faith of their parents.

**10 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Carly, 14, is entering high school in Japan. She asked people to pray that she makes a good friend in school.

**11 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray that pre-school-age MKs will enjoy being involved in their family's ministry and would one day choose to follow the Lord.

**12 DEAF PEOPLES.** "Hi! I'm Alyse, and I would like your prayers for our new church to grow. It's a fun group of college students who ask lots of questions. I'm starting a new school, and I'm nervous about not keeping up. Can you pray for my schooling? Thank you!" Alyse, 12, Southeast Asia

**13 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Seunghwa is an MK college freshman, living away from his family for the first time. Please pray that he will walk with Jesus and do well in school. Pray for him to make good friends and enjoy basketball practice and games without injury.



**14 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Lift up IMB missionaries who are parenting young children while also learning a new language and engaging communities with the gospel.

**15 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Many cultures bombard this generation of MKs with lies about gender, abortion, and how to pursue mental health. Pray for MKs to remember the loving way of Jesus that they've been taught.



**16 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray that young MKs learn a firm foundation at home that will help them when they are overwhelmed with all the changes going on around them.

**17 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray for college MKs in the U.S. to seek God as they decide what to study and which internships and jobs to accept. May they surrender their careers to God for His glory and the growth of His kingdom.

**18 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** A 5-year-old MK in Southeast Asia struggles with sensory issues and is working on interacting peaceably with his brothers. Pray that he will grow in communication skills. Pray for strength and wisdom for his parents.

**19 EUROPE.** Helping their family with ministry is normal life for many MKs. To experience missions in other places, MKs in Europe can take summer mission trips to places other than where their family serves with the IMB. Pray for those who are preparing for this year's summer mission trip.

**20 MISSIONARY KIDS.** As teenage MKs and their parents have conversations about college plans, pray for clear and unified communication. Ask God for wisdom and discernment as they make decisions.

**21 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray for MKs on IMB teams who live the light of Jesus in dark and oppressive places. Pray that God will protect MKs from any kind of spiritual darkness.

**22 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Shawn is starting kindergarten and is still learning the local language. Please pray that he adjusts well to school and continues to pick up the language.



**26 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Pray for 6-year-old Sophia to make friends in her new country and learn to love her new home. May she sense her need to repent from sin and turn to Jesus as her Savior.

**27 MISSIONARY KIDS.** MKs can experience emotional challenges from being the foreigner in a place. Some are even bullied. Pray for the Holy Spirit to comfort them and give their families wisdom with how to help.

**28 DEAF PEOPLES.** "I'm a biology major, and I have some tough classes. Please pray that I can pass everything and raise my GPA this semester. School is stressful for me." Caleb, 20, U.S.

**23 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray that pre-school-age MKs will feel comforted as they encounter new things. Pray that they will grow in their knowledge of how to handle their emotions and communicate their feelings.

**24 SOUTH ASIA.** Many South Asian schools are officially secular, but Hindu, Muslim, and Buddhist content can still appear in class activities. Pray for MKs at these schools to have the discernment to recognize idolatry, and to have the conviction and boldness to be different from their peers by not participating.

**25 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Sometimes when young adult MKs graduate and leave their home and parents, they follow worldly lifestyles. Ask God to draw them to Himself. Pray that He will give comfort and wisdom to the missionary parents in their grief and in their prayers for their kids.



## MISSIONARY KIDS SERVE LOCAL ORPHANAGE AND INSPIRE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Six years ago, Nathan and Isabelle's parents, IMB team members in Poland, volunteered to teach fun English lessons for a Polish orphanage's summer camp. This ministry opportunity became a passion for the two teenagers. Summer after summer, Nathan and Isabelle served as camp counselors and developed lasting, trusting relationships with the kids. Each summer, they showed the campers what it's like to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Their parents incorporated Bible verses and biblical truths into their English lessons.

The family serves kids at the orphanage during the school year as well. Isabelle helps a young girl with her schoolwork every week. Isabelle's parents serve as English conversation partners for older kids at the orphanage throughout the year. Nathan and Isabelle's passion for serving these kids inspired their community to get involved too. Their secular high school recently held its second annual Christmas fundraiser for the orphanage. The local Baptist church they attend also joined the ministry. Each spring, church members repair and paint the swimming pool at the orphanage to prepare for camp. This annual service project has helped build trust with the children and the staff.

## *Pray for* **MISSIONARY KIDS**



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