



If you've ever wanted to pray for the nitty-gritty that missionary families deal with, here's your chance. Missionary Kids (MKs) tell it like it is. Pray for them and their families as these kids spill the beans about their struggles and celebrations at home, in school, and on the soccer field.

“Any Prayer Requests?”

As an MK, I hear that question a lot, and most of the time it's hard to answer. Living in an area that needs the gospel should make it easy for me to come up with one, but it's not that simple.



Missionary kids (MKs) of all ages are an integral part of their families' ministry.

We kids often want to leave the mission work to the adults, because we think they are the ones that can actually make a difference. But God calls everyone. No matter how old you are, God can use you. We shouldn't limit our abilities and gifts, because if we do, we will miss out on so many opportunities.

My prayer request is that kids all around the world will be brave enough to share the gospel on their own, because the gospel literally means “good news.” And good news should not be kept a secret.

-RUTH, 17, South Asia

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them."
(Matt. 19:14 HCSB).*

1 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Learning to share the gospel with our Kenyan friends has been fun. Please pray for me as I gain confidence in my ability—and responsibility—to share truth with others. LARKIN, 14

2 DEAF PEOPLES. God has worked through dreams to show the Deaf who he is. Pray that they will keep having dreams of God and they will be obedient to him. ZEKE, 11

3 SOUTH ASIA. Pray for protection for the poor people who live outside because there is a lot of dust storms and pollution. Pray for more missionaries to come to tell the people about Jesus. BRET, 8; and SCOUT, 11

4 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. I got bullied at the local school because I look and believe differently. I get bullied at the international school, but I can take it, like Jesus did. When my new friend got bullied, I took up for him. Pray for me to protect weak people, like I learned from the Bible. JOHNNY, 10

5 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Please pray that God will help us get a new cat that will catch rats. JUDAH, 10

6 CENTRAL ASIA. Pray that we can learn to play the dombra (a Central Asian instrument) and that it will be fun and we'll have a nice teacher. Pray that we can stay long term in our new apartment and that we'll be able to find a place for me to do mixed martial arts. SAMUEL, 17

7 EAST ASIA. My mom and I go to English Café. It is sometimes hard to share the gospel, so it would be a big help if you could pray for our times at English Café. Thank you. CHELSEY, 11

8 EUROPE. Pray that kids at my Kita (primary school) will hear me when I tell them, "Jesus is stärker!" (Jesus is stronger). CANDIS, 5

9 DEAF PEOPLES. I miss my family in America. Pray I can learn the Thai language so I can make more friends here. ALYSE, 7

10 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. This last year was my first year at

boarding school. I had some difficulties in adjusting. I had to leave school a little early because of spending too much time on my electronics. Pray that I will get through this trouble, learn not to be so dependent on electronic entertainment, and that I will be able to go back to boarding school. FRANK, 14

11 EUROPE. I tutor Brazilian kids from ages 8 to 13 in English. The kids I work with live on a steep hill, which is swamped with drug and alcohol use and child abuse. They live in these terrible situations where their parents can't stay sober long enough to work and feed their families. These kids and their families really need your prayer. Please pray for their schooling and that my parents and I can help spread the gospel to them and their families. ARIANA, 16

12 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. I want to persevere to tell people about the Bible, cause I'm kind of scared now. FRANCES, 8

13 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Pray that I will surrender all to God every day, that I have a drive to share his love, and that I don't fall into temptation. I am starting a girl's Bible study in my city. Please pray that I help the girls around me. KARLEY, 16

14 EAST ASIA. Please pray for my friend Jeremy.* His dad left their family and he is very sad. I want to ask God to help Jeremy's dad believe in Jesus and come back home. RANDY, 8

15 CENTRAL ASIA. Pray that we can get a rabbit, tortoise, and chickens. And that we can have a good garden. Also pray that I'll be good in school and do well and be on time. BROOKE, 6



"I like living in Kenya and learning to speak two languages. I love my school and all my friends." GEORGE, 6

16 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Recently, I went to help at a medical clinic for Arab refugees. I helped translate at the pharmacy, escorted patients around the clinic, and shared the gospel. Pray for refugee children to believe that Jesus loves them. HAYLEY, 11

17 AMERICAS. Pray for the people of Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador, for God to save the children from the gangs.

18 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. This year I played Ambassadors Football. We call soccer football here. I had never played soccer and I liked learning. There are friends from all around the world playing on my team. Pray that I will have an attitude like Jesus when I play. PETER, 8

19 SOUTH ASIA. The Adair kids ask for prayer that God will help them be good students and be kind even when kids are mean to them. They want others to pray with them for their friends who don't know God. JANE, 7; CYNTHIA, 9; and MIKE, 11

20 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for safe travel and a good transition to a new country and a new school. Pray for the Deaf we leave behind and for those we will soon meet. SAMUEL, 15

21 EUROPE. I live on the island of Malta and I have epilepsy. Sometimes that makes things hard, but it also gives me ways to talk to people about Jesus and learn more about trusting him. I am part of an epilepsy association, and we do fun things like picnics and even making mosaics or puppets. Pray for my epilepsy to get better and for me to be a light as Jesus helps me. BRYCE, 10

22 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Please pray for all MKs who are entering their senior year. We have a lot to



The Rohingya refugee crisis has left hundreds of thousands of children homeless and vulnerable.

think about: where God would have us go to college and what to study. DWYANE, 17

23 EAST ASIA. Please pray I will have a friend that will stay longer than a year or two, control my temper, and not procrastinate on schoolwork. I also want to be better friends with my sister, a better big sister to my younger siblings, and a good English tutor. TAMARA, 13

24 SOUTH ASIA. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya children have had to leave their homes in Myanmar and now live in refugee camps in Bangladesh. Pray for these children to have opportunities to learn about the God who loves them.

25 NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. Judy* has some sickness and is always sad. Her dad died a few years ago. She is mean to me sometimes. We both play the piano and got to be good friends. We had a recital and played well. It was the first time Judy was happy. Pray for me to be Jesus's light to my friends. SALLY, 8

26 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Pray that I will use my influence as an older

student to be a good example for the younger kids in my school. MARK, 15

27 CENTRAL ASIA. Please pray for me that I will listen and obey better. NINA, 6

28 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. Pray for me as I have started school and I am in the first grade. I like living in Kenya and learning to speak two languages. I love my school and all my friends. GEORGE, 6

29 AMERICAS. Stateside Assignment is stressful for MKs. Pray for families traveling to the US. Pray they sense God's presence in their adjustments, finding friends/schools for children, good health reports, time with US family, churches, and friends.

30 DEAF PEOPLES. Pray for safety as my dad returns from a meeting and for us to have safety as we move to a new country, start a new school and try to make new friends. JOSIAH, 13

31 SOUTHEAST ASIA. Pray that I will be happy even if I don't get the things I want. Pray that my mom and dad will get to share the gospel with other people. ELI, 5



MKs often grow up looking very different from the children around them, and this can be both a blessing and a burden.

A Very Different Life

I may only be two years old, but already I live a very different life than kids my age in the States. American kids play in the nursery on Sunday mornings while their parents go to church; I play on a concrete church floor while my parents help lead worship and preach. American kids get to see family often. They blend in. They make friends easily. I don't.

Where I live, having white skin and red hair is kind of odd when everyone else has dark skin and black hair. Most kids here just stare at me as they play in their own groups. Sometimes the older kids want to carry me around and show me off like a new toy. Right now, I don't mind. In fact, sometimes I love the attention! But I think as I get older I will want friends who will play together with me.

Pray that as I grow up I will become less of a misfit, and that I will gain many friends who will help make my life as a missionary kid less lonely.

-EVANGELINE, 2, Sub-Saharan Africa

Why Do You Smile So Much?

Every year I have the amazing opportunity to be involved in an English summer camp in the large Eastern European city where I live. I have been able to keep in contact with these remarkable kids since I live close to the camp. I adore every one of them. One camper asked me, "Why do you smile so much?" This gave me the perfect opportunity to tell him about my life and how God has been a major part of it. This camper later put his trust in Christ as his Savior and his life has changed incredibly.

Many of these children come from orphanages and are underprivileged. I love seeing my church family and many volunteers come together, telling these kids about Jesus. This camp has been a light in the dark lives of these children. One of the campers told me, "This is my ninth year at this camp, I love it so much! I wish I never had to leave!" I love volunteering and sharing Christ with these kids, and they love it too!

-EMMA, age 17, European Peoples

**Names changed*

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