



PRAYERPOINTS

A PRAYING PEOPLE IMPACTING A LOST WORLD

MISSIONARY *Kids*

MANY MISSIONARY KIDS (MKS) JOIN THEIR PARENTS IN THE MISSIONARY TASK BY BEING A LIGHT AND WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL. OVER THESE PAST TWO YEARS WITH COVID-19, ALL OF THE MKS EXPERIENCED CHANGES AND DISRUPTIONS IN SCHOOL, CHURCH, AND HOME LIFE. IN THESE DISRUPTIONS, GOD PROVED HIMSELF FAITHFUL, BUT IT WAS STILL HARD. AS YOU PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES, YOU CAN ALSO LIFT UP THEIR KIDS IN PRAYER.



An IMB missionary family uses the subway in Stockholm, Sweden to go to church and then their son's hockey match.

Missionary kid trusts 'the greatest storyteller' even in chaotic times

By Jasmine,* 15, ASIA-PACIFIC RIM

In April 2019, my family and I moved from a small town to one of the world's largest cities in East Asia. I didn't like it at first, but I slowly fell in love with the delicious food, my apartment complex, and the beautiful sights. My family and I made memories laughing at our dinner table and touring the city. I genuinely thanked God for His provision. But then my dad was offered a new job in another country.

When I heard the news, my heart plummeted, pounding with dread. I hated to think that my parents were actually considering this. "We just got settled here," I journaled. I prayed with my parents, and over the next few days, God replaced my worry with peace, and my anger with trust. In December 2019, we moved to Taiwan, ready (or not) to start anew. At first, my life in our new country was plagued with confusion and frustration. Everything was different, and I missed our old place. But it was all a part of a plan, orchestrated by the greatest storyteller. Soon after we moved, a new virus plunged the world into a panic. COVID-19 dramatically affected so many people, including my friends. Many families I knew suddenly evacuated to safer places, only taking essential things with them. At the time, COVID-19 infiltrated almost every country, especially in East Asia, except one small island – Taiwan. I was shocked and confused because it wasn't as if my family was particularly worthy of being spared all the heartache that others experienced. God had an epic story to bring Himself glory amid turmoil, even if that meant uprooting me from the city I loved. With each yank of my roots, I am reminded that God's sovereign hand is the firmest foundation I can stand upon.

1 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. “Chess has helped me with stress and my migraines. When I move my chessman, I think of the ways God has moved in me. I talk to my chess club mates about God and our church plant. I pray that my friend can come to a service and get to see God moving in him too.” SILAS, 9

2 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. “Dear Lord, we pray for the Kuka* people to know you and for people to learn about Jesus, and we pray for those who are thirsty and poor to have what they need.” EVIE,* 7

3 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray that young missionary kids like 6-month-old Adaline* will adjust to being around new people, especially new nannies and caregivers.

4 DEAF PEOPLES. “Please pray for my school to open. We cannot meet in real life because of COVID-19, and I really miss my friends. My teachers are trying their best with online classes, but it’s not the same. Thanks.” ZEKE,* 15, Southeast Asia

5 ASIAN PACIFIC RIM PEOPLES. Pray for MKs like Jasmine* in the front-page article who’ve endured much change and stress during the past two years due to COVID-19. Pray that God will give them eyes to see His loving care over them. May this experience in their young lives deepen their faith in Him.

6 AMERICAN PEOPLES. In Mexico, some workers and their families recently moved to a village to live and share the gospel among the Mixtec people. “Please lift up our children who will be navigating big changes, that they will transition well to this new place,” asked one worker.

7 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. During COVID-19, a group of teen girls in England started studying the Bible together. But as COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, the girls’ schedules filled up, crowding out time for Bible study. Pray



that these girls will strive to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

8 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. “Pray for the people that have no food and not many clothes.” DANIEL, 7

9 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for Gad,* a preschool age MK, as he encounters many kids with different belief systems and upbringings. He’s been learning worldly things and unkind words at a young age. His parents ask for prayer to shepherd Gad’s heart wisely and according to God’s Word.

10 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Pray for the Watson family’s three kids as they interact with other kids in Germany, sharing the light and love of Jesus.



Asa and Vanessa Watson, serving in Germany with their three kids.

11 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. “Pray that I would do language class well,” Adam, 9, said. Pray for Adam and other missionary kids as they learn new languages alongside their parents.

12 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. “I don’t live in a place with other MKs or English speakers that I can talk to. I like being homeschooled but I’m praying with my parents about going to a boarding school in another country with other MKs for high school. Pray that we will know what to do.” KYLEIGH,* 15

13 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Missionary kids are some of the most resilient people on the planet. However, this year has been difficult for everyone. MKs have handled the changes with schooling and restrictions as best they can. Pray for them as they face changes the transitions of life.

14 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. Pray for 9-year-old Lincoln as he transitions back into school and in a new class after being bullied last year. Please pray for the Lord to bless him, heal him, protect him, encourage him, and give him courage to keep going.

15 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

"It would be awesome if people would pray for me to grow in my relationship with Jesus, that I would develop a consistent time in the Word and in prayer, daily. Pray that I will have a real desire and opportunity to be involved with my parents in the task they are doing" MAX,* 17

16 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for new MKs like Willow,* 4, to emotionally adjust well to new places, especially after saying goodbye to family in the United States. Ask God to provide Willow with a good preschool and good friends in her new city.

17 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

"Pray that the electricity will stay on more. Pray that more people we share the gospel with will become Christians." EMMA CLAIRE, 10

18 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

"Pray for consistency with school and for the opportunity to play sports over the next year. Pray for new friendships in new places, for college scholarships, and wisdom for seniors as they begin transitioning. Pray for good community and roommates at college." BREE,* 17

19 EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

"A boy in my class used to pick on me, but I talked to him when no one else would. Like Jesus talked to many that no one else would. The boy got help for his anger, and now we are friends. Pray for another boy to come play at my house and I can give him a Bible." RANSOM, 8

20 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES.

Pray for MKs like Savannah* from the back-page article who live in South Asia, which is home to the largest concentration of lostness in the world. Pray that they will develop a passionate heart for the lost and a fervent prayer life.

21 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

"Please pray that the war would not come to the city where we live." Luke,* 10, said. Pray for Luke and other missionary kids who live in tumultuous areas of the world.

22 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Minnie,* 2, goes around giving hugs to people wherever she goes! Pray that she will be flexible with her bedtime routine when her parents need to go out as a family at night and do ministry activities that don't allow for her usual bedtime schedule.



23 EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

Teens in Europe face a lot of pressure to conform. Pray for believers to have strength to be bold in sharing truth in love. Pray for teens who are dealing with confusion about gender and sexuality as well as anxiety and depression. Ask for wisdom for youth leaders.

24 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES.

"Sometimes I don't really know where my home is, but I think it's Mozambique," Daniel, 7, said. Pray that MKs will celebrate all the places and people that God has put in their lives. Pray that they will know that ultimately their home is in heaven.

25 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

"Pray that my friend and I would get along with each other and not argue too much. Pray that I will grow stronger in my faith." CHLOE,* 10

26 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

"I pray for the war in our country to get better and for there to be peace." MADDIE,* 11

27 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Praise God that Winnie,* 10, is learning to tell Bible stories through henna designs and that she bravely prayed out loud in a local language during a group discipleship meeting. Please pray for Winnie to make more local friends.

28 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

"We have been overseas in Africa for a while, and I have made some good friends, but some kids don't care to be my friend. Can you pray that I can make more friends and that my old friends will become even better friends?" DAVID,* 9

29 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

"Pray that I'd have the right words to speak to friends when they are open or asking questions about God." EVIE,* 9

30 DEAF PEOPLES.

"Hi! My name is Alyse, and I live in Thailand. It's very hot. My friends are moving, and I will miss them. Pray for my friends because they are going far away, and they will miss Thailand. Also pray for our friends who come over and hear about Jesus." ALYSE,* 11

31 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

"Pray for me to build good friendships with strong Christian girls my age." SALLY,* 12

God answered when a 7-year-old prayed for a UUPG every day for a year

For over 15 years, a family of workers have planted their lives among the unengaged and unreached people groups (UUPGs) of South Asia. They focus on every member of local churches being involved in ministry, and their children have caught that vision as well.

A few years ago when their daughter, Savannah,* was seven years old, she committed to pray every day for one UUPG. Each year, when the family met with local partners to record what they have seen God do among local people groups, Savannah always asked to be the one to type up any progress among “her” people group.

This year, Savannah got to see answers to her prayers as partners shared that there were 189 new baptized believers among this formerly unengaged people group! Praise God for this answer to prayer and for Savannah’s persistence to pray.

Your church can be like Savannah and adopt a UUPG in prayer. **Learn more at www.imb.org/adoptauupg.**



Young missionary kid sits with her mom Kristen Lowry as she ministers to the street boys of Kenya.



Kyleigh* at 4 months old and at nearly 14 years old. This missionary kid's mom tracked her growth with a life-sized Lottie Moon cut out.

Nehemiah, EURO, 5, is ready to play hockey!



IMB missionary kids in northern Uganda work on their homeschool studies.

Family friends join in sharing the gospel

By Ian,* 11, NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

My family has a friend that we have known since we moved here, and his story is very interesting. When he was in the countryside one day, a violent storm hit, and he lost the use of his legs when a bolt of lightning hit him. After that, he became a believer and started a souk – a roadside shop that is very common here. He is a nice guy with a smile for everyone. He loves sharing the good news to people who go to his souk.

Recently he married another believer. He and his wife share the good news to the people in our country. Please pray for faithful believers like our friends to have peace knowing that the Lord is with them. Pray that people who have never heard the good news before will hear and believe it, and share it with more people.