

*“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

Psalm 16:11

# PRAYERPOINTS

## MISSIONARY KIDS

*Life on the field can be an adventure for missionary kids (MKs) as they learn new languages, new cultures, and new skills. As we pray for missionaries, let's also pray for their kids while they go into the world as a family sharing the gospel.*

## MISSIONARY KID SHARES THE GOSPEL AS WORSHIPERS VISIT A BUDDHIST IDOL

*By Sam Reed, 20, family serving Deaf people in Thailand*

Walking up the 94 steps to the Big Buddha of Phuket statue, I knew it was more than a photo destination, a cultural site, and a place to try to earn spiritual merit by burning incense. Rhythmic sounds of ominous chanting overpowered the quiet prayers of the spiritually oppressed—all directed to a powerless statue. While the divinity of Buddha is null, the spiritual presence around this statue is not. The true nature of the Big Buddha is revealed in the pervasive power of lostness and darkness that gripped the souls of every Thai praying to the statue. Worshipers bought incense and offered prayers. Then they placed their incense in an altar full of scorched rocks—a picture of the spiritual barrenness that pervaded this place. It was heartbreaking for me to see people put their faith in something that not only cannot cultivate new life, but also is a destructive agent in their life. However, I saw some plants growing through the rocks on that altar. That reminded me there is still hope for life in dark places. Though idols have gripped the hearts of Thai people for



*Worshippers at the Big Buddha of Phuket in Thailand. IMB Photo.*

a millennium, there is something I can do about it. The good news of Jesus Christ that invigorated Paul and the apostles in Acts is still the same that can invigorate me. The power of the Holy Spirit that changed my heart can change Thai people's hearts too. In that moment of realization, a desire sprouted in my heart to share the gospel. And I got my chance. The Lord gave me an opportunity to share with a man about the hope I have in Christ. The man walked away with an impression from the Holy Spirit. Please pray for his salvation. Ask God to send out more workers into His harvest!

## ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

On Feb. 18, 2024, we prayed for Jackson, 11, who had fled Ukraine with his family and asked for prayer to make new friends in his new country. “I joined a Jujitsu class and was really nervous. My mom and I prayed that I would make friends and have fun. When I got to the dojo, the trainer paired me with a boy from Ukraine. We instantly became friends. We both had to leave Ukraine because of the war and knew what that felt like. I gave him a Bible. He invited me to a local art class. This is the best thing that has happened to me since we came here.”

**1 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Being a senior in high school is an exciting time, but for MKs, there's another whole level of challenge. They will be making big decisions, often in different countries from their parents. Ask that they will look to the Lord for guidance and provision.

**2 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Peggy, a young MK, realized her local friend who she plays with daily, needs Jesus. Peggy started sharing the gospel with her, reading the Bible with her, and praying for her salvation. Will you pray for Peggy and join her in praying for her friend and her friend's family?

**3 CENTRAL ASIA.** "As school grows more challenging, please pray that I'll balance my spiritual, academic, and social life well." Naomi, 15.

**4 EUROPE.** Gracie, 11, in Central Europe is asking that you join her in praying that she and her siblings will learn their new language quickly. She wants to be able to share Jesus with her new friends and have play dates.

**5 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "MKs learn languages and new cultures. Our three MKs enjoy lots of rice, fish (head and tail attached!), and fried bananas. Their life is one of transitions with friends coming and going. Would you pray for these young servants of the Lord?" Wade and Catherine Hampton.

**6 MISSIONARY KIDS.** "Growing up as an MK has many advantages—adventures around the world and seeing your parents on mission for Christ. The hard parts about being an MK sometimes include loneliness and feeling tired of being different. Pray for MKs to have good friends." IMB missionary kid consultant.

**7 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Corbyn, 2, has such big energy for life! She wakes up every day ready to 'go find people,' she says. She loves when we have parties and events. Pray for her big heart to love Jesus and use her strong voice to proclaim His truth." Mr. and Mrs. Podge.

**8 CENTRAL ASIA.** "We are thankful that one of the families has taken the initiative to organize and host a youth group for expat teens. Pray for the youth group to be a safe and meaningful community for the MK teens, and for them to encourage and point one another to Christ." IMB missionaries.

**9 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** "All MKs say a lot of goodbyes through the years. My family just finished a big transition with many goodbyes to people and places that had been home for a long time. Ask that my siblings and I would know God is with us no matter where we are." Elizabeth, 13.

**10 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** "Please pray that my heart would be steadfast whenever something sad happens. Pray that I would also feel sorry and more repentant when I do things wrong so that I don't do those things again and learn from my mistakes." Ezekiel, 10.

**11 MISSIONARY KIDS.** "MKs growing up around the world need adult role models of strong character. Pray for strong Christian role models to consistently meet with MKs, listen well, follow up, and invest in the lives of MKs. Proverbs 13:14." IMB missionary kid consultant.

**12 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Our son, Isaac, is 12. Praise God for providing a way to enroll him in an international school this year. Pray that he will stay motivated and keep getting help to catch up to grade level in math and English. Pray that he can attend school again next year too." IMB missionaries.

**13 MISSIONARY KIDS.** A group of adult MKs met for a reunion, reminiscing with much laughter. Yet one woman grieved that so many of her friends no longer follow the faith that their parents lived and worked for. Pray that adult MKs who are rejecting God will return to their Lord and Savior.

**14 DEAF PEOPLES.** While his parents share Bible stories with the Deaf in West Africa, three-year-old Mason enjoys playing with other kids in the dirt streets. As his family prepares to return to the U.S. for Stateside Assignment, pray for Mason's adjustment to America and his spiritual growth.

**15 CENTRAL ASIA.** "Hello. My name is Colin. I am 11 years old. Please pray for my friendships at school and that I would be able to set a good example for them. I'd also like prayer for me and my siblings to learn the local language."

**16 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Many MKs struggle with the idea of home as they move from country to country and while extended family is far away. Pray MKs will have strong family connections, realize home isn't so much about place as it is people, and that their permanent home is with the Lord.

**17 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Pray for our two daughters who recently started at an international boarding school in our country, a short flight away. They love their classes, clubs, and sports. Please pray as they adjust to life in a dorm and our family adjusts to the distance. We miss them." IMB missionaries.

**18 CENTRAL ASIA.** Please pray for MKs who live in more remote areas and do not have expat friends within several hours of them. Please pray for them to walk closely with the Lord, for good mentors in their life, and healthy, local friendships.

**19 DEAF PEOPLES.** "I just started college and am seeking where God would take me on my career. Please pray I would follow Him clearly and for me to be a light at my university." Josiah, 19.

**20 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray Psalm 121 and ask the Lord to help and protect MKs. "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" (Psalm 121:7-8).

**21 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Please pray for our four kids. We have had a lot of transitions over the past few years, and it has been hard for them to make friends with local children. Pray that they will not only make friends, but also be a light in their community and point others to the Lord."

**22 MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray for MKs who are battling mental health issues to have access to good help. Pray that their parents and other Christ-loving adults will have wisdom to walk well with them. Pray that the steadfast love of Christ would carry them through the confusion of dark days.



*Micah Singerman, IMB missionary kid, tells the story of David and Goliath to children in a Ugandan village. IMB Photo.*

**23 DEAF PEOPLES.** "We recently moved and are doing homeschool for our senior year. Please pray for that to go well and for us to find friends in our new community." Abigail, 18, and Ashley, 18.

**24 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Shawn, 7, started taekwondo and immediately shared the gospel with his class, but he said they weren't listening. So he came home and wrote the gospel in Korean for them. Pray God guards his heart. Pray Shawn will always feel God near and never lose confidence in God." IMB missionaries.

**25 NORTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.** Marshall, 7, has already learned so much about other religions. He's seen the God of the Bible answer prayers. "I want my friends to follow Jesus," Marshall said. Pray that his faith will grow firm in Christ and that God will lead his friends to follow Jesus.

**26 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** "My oldest brother recently went to college. It's been really hard because we liked to have a lot of fun together. He also helped to keep me in check when I was struggling with my attitude. Please pray for my brother in college to do well. Pray for me and my other siblings." Isaiah, 13.

**27 ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "Pray for our two sons as they build friendships on our new island. Pray that they will absorb the language and build deeper relationships. As they continue to work hard at homeschooling, pray that they will thrive and be a light in our community."

**28 MISSIONARY KIDS.** "Pray for MKs far from their English-speaking friends to have effective long-distance communication and meaningful face-to-face time when they see friends in person. Ask God to comfort them and provide strong, fun friendships for them." IMB missionary kid consultant.

## CHURCH'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP STRENGTHENS TEENS' FAITH, PLANTS GOSPEL SEEDS

On their church's first-ever international mission trip, a group of adults and teens traveled to South Asia to share the gospel. Both Scout and Bret, two of the teenage participants, came back with powerful experiences that strengthened their faith.

Some teens who attend this church are missionary kids who once lived abroad. When the group arrived in South Asia, they had the opportunity to work with other missionary kids whose parents were currently living and serving on the field.

Scout was initially surprised to learn that the youth group would be included on the mission trip. "I was very encouraged by the other teens on the trip. It was amazing to see them step up as leaders and work together." Despite



*South Asia. IMB Photo.*



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feeling nervous about sharing the gospel with strangers, Scout was continually encouraged by the local believers he met.

Bret also found the trip to be an impactful experience. "It was very inspiring to see how open people were to talking with us, even with the cultural and language differences." He saw this as a privilege, noting that "it was truly an honor to serve on this trip, and hopefully help pave the way for many more outreaches."

Both teens expressed a sense of excitement and nervousness, but mostly a desire to make an impact. As Bret said, "It was a powerful experience to know that we, as teenagers, were all stepping out of our comfort zones together and representing Christ across the globe."

Now that they're back in the U.S., they ask for your prayers that the seeds planted during their interactions would continue to grow and bear fruit, and that they would remain bold in their faith, serving both locally and globally.

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