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"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young."

Isaiah 40:11

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.

Between two countries, missionary kid finds home in Christ and His Church

By Amanda Turner, IMB missionary in Botswana

Our oldest daughter Taylor came to Botswana with us 16 years ago when she was just 2 years old. Since then, she has served as a missionary alongside us and has opened many doors to share the gospel. Africa has become her home.

Home – that's a hard concept for missionaries. We often feel like several places are "home." When we're in Botswana, we call the United States "home," where our families are. When we visit the U.S., we miss our "home" in Botswana. There's a longing for both. But I know that heaven is my home; no place will truly feel like "home" until we're in heaven with our Savior.

Last June, Taylor graduated from high school, and she is now at a university in the U.S. We praise God that Taylor has adjusted well to university life. She is blessed to be a part of a community of missionary kids (MKs) on campus that meets weekly.

As she continues to transition to college life in the U.S., pray that the Lord will be with her as she makes her home country "home" again. So much has changed since she left at 2 years old, and

Taylor Turner in her university dorm room, pursuing her degree in childhood psychology. IMB photo.

culture shock can be overwhelming for missionary kids who grow up on the field then move to the U.S.

Pray for godly friendships to surround Taylor and other MKs who are adjusting to life in America and being exposed to social norms that they may not have been exposed to on the mission field.

Pray that each missionary kid will realize how loved they are and that their time serving alongside their parents has shaped and molded them into whom God has made them to be.

As Taylor and other MKs enter adulthood, pray they will continue seeking Jesus with all their heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

ANSWER TO YOUR PRAYER

Last year, we prayed for many MKs to have meaningful, godly friendships. One answer to these prayers was the 2025 MK re-entry retreat in Virginia. The week equipped 87 MKs with essential skills for American life — from managing finances to navigating college. Beyond the practical training, the retreat gave MKs space to bond with others who share the complexities of cross-cultural life, building community during this significant transition to life in the U.S.

1 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Please pray for the salvation of our daughters. Pray that the Lord will grow in them a love for sharing the gospel. *Missionary parents*

2 **CENTRAL ASIA.** Please pray I will do a good job playing drums for the worship band at school and I can keep up with my studies and homework. And I will grow strong in the Lord and in muscles. *Micah, 14*

3 **EUROPE.** Three MKs in Eastern Europe (4, 9, and 9) ask for prayer as they attend language school. "Pray that we will be brave to share our faith with our classmates." The youngest is in her first year learning the language. The older two are the only Christians in their classes.

4 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Pray for MKs who have returned to the U.S. to study in universities and who are working to choose godly friends and grow in their faith. May they faithfully go to church, serve God, and give. May they prioritize worshiping God amid studies, work, rest, and play.

5 **MISSIONARY KIDS.** Pray that our country opens up visas for Americans so we and other friends can stay and continue to work here. Pray that if it doesn't open up, God will lead us all to new places where He wants us to be and serve His kingdom. *Gabriel, 11*

6 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray that my senior year will go well and that transition back to the U.S. and college will be smooth. The idea of living far from my parents is a little challenging. *Byron, 18*

7 **CENTRAL ASIA.** Pray that kids here will become Christians and not say bad words and that parents won't give their little children phones. *Beau Bristol, 9*

8 **EUROPE.** Please pray for the MKs in the world who don't have godly community, Christian friends, or a relationship with Jesus. Pray that we'd have boldness to share the gospel and continually grow in our faith as we serve with our parents and try to discern Jesus' voice. *Bailey, 14*

9 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Three-year-old Corbyn is starting local school. Please pray she will adjust well and quickly learn the language and culture. Ask God to guide, protect, and provide for her as she navigates this new journey.

10 **MISSIONARY KIDS.** Please pray for me as I settle into 9th grade at boarding school in East Africa. I really miss my family and home, and some days feel pretty tough. Pray that I find good friends, stay encouraged, and keep close to God while I figure out life here. *Clara, 14*

11 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for an MK who graduated from high school and is taking a gap year. Decisions need to be made about where he will live when his parents return to the field after their stateside assignment.

12 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Please pray that we will be able to make friends with other kids on our island and that we won't be too sad because our oldest sister goes to a boarding school on another island, and we miss her. *Eli, 10*

13 **EUROPE.** My siblings and I are home schooled. We often feel isolated and lonely. Please pray for us to make friends, keep learning the language, and be bold in sharing the gospel with those we meet. *Andrew, 15*

14 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** "I love this place!" (Zebulum, 10). Pray for MKs to love where they are despite missing family in the U.S., holidays, and traditions. Pray for MKs to connect well with their country of residence, as well as their home country.

15 **MISSIONARY KIDS.** Tyler has requested prayer for his friends Ahmed and Iman to become followers of Jesus. Pray for MKs as they navigate knowing and owning their own faith and also being faithful witnesses in sharing it with their friends.

16 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for an MK as his family decides about sending him to boarding school for the tenth grade.

17 **CENTRAL ASIA.** Please pray that we don't take this life for granted. Pray that I will do better at school. Pray that everyone will have food, both spiritually and physically. *Joshua, 10*

18 **EUROPE.** Pray for our son to love his friends when they are unkind or make bad choices. They don't know Jesus. May God help him to share the gospel with them. Pray also for our daughter to learn to express her emotions in healthy ways. *Missionary parents*

19 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Please pray for me. Being a homeschooler in a foreign county has made it hard to connect with peers. The closest high school is a flight away on a separate island. I am not ready to leave home, but I also struggle with loneliness. *Myah, 16*

20 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Please pray for our MKs in transition, preparing to learn a new culture and language: Maria (14), Franklin (10), Larkin (8), and Brent (5). Pray that their new community will be an encouragement to them.

21 **MISSIONARY KIDS.** Marshall loves his new school. It is unclear though if his friends care or think about God. He wants them to know Jesus. Pray that conversations about this will happen naturally so he can understand what his friends believe and have opportunities to tell them about Jesus.

22 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for college-age MKs in the United States who are trying to learn a culture that's foreign to them while also working through the challenges of adulthood, such as managing time and finances with unfamiliar currency and systems.

23 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Eight-year-old Shawn is working hard designing and making evangelistic YouTube videos to share with his classmates. Please pray for wisdom for this, and please pray for his heart. He is so young but so passionate about sharing God's love. Just pray over his innocence and heart.

24 **SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA.** Pray for my remaining two years in high school as the Lord continues to show me what's next. Is it a gap year post high school to get involved more with ministry where I am currently living? Or something else? *Ava, 16*

25 **CENTRAL ASIA.** Pray that my teacher and the kids at school will be kind. Pray that I can visit my gram and grandpa who live in America soon. *Archibald, 9*

26 **EUROPE.** Transitioning to adulthood can be an overwhelming experience for us. Please pray for MKs who will be moving away from their families for university. Pray that we will continue to live faithfully for Christ through this next chapter of life. *Ruth, 17*

27 **ASIA-PACIFIC RIM.** Pray for MKs who live in places where many kids don't know Jesus. Pray for these MKs to be able to share with a friend about Jesus so that they might follow Christ and have a friend like them who knows Jesus.

28 **MISSIONARY KIDS.** Ask the Lord to keep MKs from all evil. Pray that He will keep their going out and their coming in today and for eternity. (Psalm 121:7-8).

Missionaries in Thailand take their son to visit the elephants. IMB photo.

IMB missionaries to Europe, the Bowmans, visit northern Wales on a short family trip. IMB photo.

A missionary kid grows from reluctant to resilient through faith and Christian community

Elizabeth's journey as a missionary kid (MK) began at nine when her family moved overseas. Though initially reluctant, God changed her heart and made clear He was directing their path. Her life since has been marked by transitions, through which she learned to rely on the Lord — a lesson that continued when she moved to the U.S. for college.

Like many MKs, Elizabeth's transition was marked by goodbyes, missed celebrations, and uncertainties. At an annual re-entry retreat for MKs hosted by the IMB and WMU, she was initially overwhelmed by the large group but met one of her closest friends there. Christian university was also overwhelming at first, but Elizabeth gradually found community through campus ministries and serving incoming MKs, which grew her leadership skills and deepened her faith.

Throughout her MK experience, Elizabeth has proven resilient. Her life experiences made her adaptable, open, and understanding — crucial traits as she navigates adulthood. Last year, she attended the MK Thanksgiving retreat and felt a renewed sense of community within the IMB family.

Young adult missionary kids at a re-entry retreat. IMB photo.

Programs like the re-entry retreat, Thanksgiving retreat, and MK scholarships at Christian universities help MKs transition well into adulthood. You can support college-age MKs by praying for them, inviting them for a meal, helping them move, providing transportation to the airport, or storing boxes over the summer.

- Pray MKs will follow God in a close relationship that lasts a lifetime.
- Pray for supportive friendships and mentorships.
- Pray for open doors to share the gospel with friends.

Missionary Kids Prayer Bookmark

This two-sided bookmark offers a simple and meaningful guide to praying for missionary kids each day of the week. With Scripture references and specific prayer prompts, it helps you lift up the unique needs of missionary families around the world. Ideal for personal devotion, church groups, or missions awareness events.

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