

Missionary kids **trust God**

MISSIONARY KIDS LIVE all over the world: beginning to speak new languages, playing games, and making friends. They are also learning to trust God in every circumstance. Allie and Aaron, ages 8 and 5, are two who happen to live in Central Asia and, just like children in the U.S., they have a lot on their minds.

Allie has a couple problems at school, "I have to sit by a boy in my class and he is not a good reader. My teacher yells at me and tells me to teach and help him read. I've tried helping this boy for 3 months now and I don't know how else to help him. I'm trying to do my lessons (in a language that is new to me) and that is already hard! Pray that I would get to move seats and sit by someone else. We always play tag at

recess; the girls chase the boys. The boys don't like to let me play, because I run too fast and can catch them. Pray that I would make good friends and have fun at recess."

Life is a little easier for 5-year-old Aaron, but he has prayer concerns too, "I've made friends with a second grade boy who lives down the road. I can't always understand everything he says. Pray that I would learn the local language so we can play more together. I also have a new teacher helping my mom teach me Kindergarten. She is so kind and I love her. She leaves to go back to college soon and I will miss her. We got a new dog, Emmett (like in the LEGO movie) and I love to play with him a lot. I'm glad Jesus gave us a new house with a yard big enough for a dog."

Missionary kids offer **Living Water**

WE LIVE IN a dry country where there is lots of dust and sand and little greenery. Sometimes we camp in the desert. It's awesome! We drive in a land cruiser until all we can see is sand and sky. We race up sand dunes and sandboard down. After a traditional dinner, we sleep under the stars. We climb huge rock structures and enjoy amazing views.

Amid miles of desert, we discover an oasis. We swim and dig our feet into the muddy banks. The oasis shows the only signs of life: birds tweeting, palm trees swaying in the wind and schools of fish navigating their way around the lake. The people are a lot like the desert; they are dry, thirsty and lost. They need water, not ordinary water, but the living water that Jesus provides.



In John 4, Jesus offers a Samaritan woman living water. He says that once you drink it, you will never thirst again. The water Jesus gives is a spring that wells up to eternal life. Jesus is the oasis in the desert, providing rest, salvation and life for the lost. Pray that people will find the "oasis in the desert" Jesus. Pray that they will drink the living water and never thirst again. JAMES* and COREY*, ages 14 and 12

1 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. Imagine the population of the U.S. west of the Mississippi pressed into a country slightly smaller than Iowa. That's Bangladesh—almost 170 million people. Every minute, two Bangladeshis die. They need to hear about Jesus. Pray that God will work in the hearts of the Tea River People and that we have many opportunities to share the gospel with them. **TYLOR**, age 8

2 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. I love catching lizards and frogs. I named one of the frogs "Pongo." We like lizards because they eat spiders and frogs because they eat flies! Sometimes there are so many flies in the house that we get fly swatters and mom gives us a nickel for every fly we kill! **SOPHIA**, age 6

3 DEAF PEOPLES. I like to play handball and archery. It's great that I go to a school that offers a variety of clubs and organizations! I also get to tell Bible stories to a group of kids at Deaf school. They love to see stories by other kids. Pray that my friendships will become a bridge for my parents to tell others about Jesus. **SAMUEL**, age 13

4 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. We go to daycare a couple days per week. It's not the greatest—they watch a lot of TV. BUT, we really love our teacher. We are also learning to interact with local children and we are picking up a little language. (We might speak the language better than mom or dad soon.) In this culture, they never say "no" to little kids. (We kind of like that!) Pray for our parents that they will have wisdom in raising us. **TWO MKs**, age 2 and 3

5 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. I had to decide what classes I will take in school for the next two years in preparation for my graduation test. I go to a German national school and the tests, especially, are hard: they are not True/False or Fill in the

Blank! Pray that I do well in school. **DARIO**, age 16

6 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. My friends say I talk a lot and it's true. I just have a lot in my head that I want to say all the time. I wonder if I also talk when I sleep, that would be very funny. Pray I will always talk to my friends about Jesus and they will listen to me. **BILLY**, age 9



Matthew 25:40

7 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Please pray that the Thai people would turn away from idols. Please pray my family can have the courage to tell others about Jesus and that I can learn the language quickly. **DAVID**, age 8

8 AMERICAN PEOPLES. I will be starting middle school this month. I am nervous about finding my classrooms and not being tardy. I will have new teachers that I don't know yet. Pray that I will adjust quickly. **BETH**, age 12

9 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. My friend Ta-kun and his family do not know Jesus. Ta-kun and his mom go to church sometimes and seem to be interested in Jesus. My family has shared Jesus with them before.

Please pray that Ta-kun and his family will come to know Jesus. **ADAIR**, age 10

10 DEAF PEOPLES. The parents of a 4-month-old baby took her to the witch doctor but she did not improve. Her father is close to believing in Jesus, so we are praying for the baby's healing. We also pray the family be spiritually healed and follow Jesus. **AMELIA**, age 9

11 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Our family went camping in the desert. We saw some flowers because it had rained. A flock of over 100 sheep walked beside our camp. They were white and fluffy. Have you ever had that happen in America? Pray that people will follow God like the sheep follow the shepherd. **GRACE** and **ELIZABETH**, ages 14 and 11

12 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. A pastor we know in India wants to start a small chicken farm. It would help his family have an income and let him lead his church full time. He wants to help other pastors keep and sell chickens, too. Please ask God to bless every detail of this new business—getting the chickens AND all the daily work. Thanks! **MK**

13 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Pray for the girls in my neighborhood to be able to go to school. They have to stay home and help their families so they never learn to read and can't go to college. **ELLA**, age 10

14 EUROPEAN PEOPLES. I've been struggling to find a group of friends and to feel wanted at my boarding school. I have been dealing with a lot of stress about the future and decisions I have to make. Please pray that my trust in the Lord concerning the future will grow deep and that I will be satisfied in Him. **ELIZABETH**, age 16



15 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES.

Hi, my family is working with Europeans in Moscow, Russia. Please pray for me and my family as we are trying to start an English club. Pray that non-believers who come will also want to study the Bible with us. **KATIE**, age 11

16 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Liz leads English classes and tells Bible stories to 13 children in Osaka, Japan. They come regularly and so are some of their parents. They come too! Please pray that Liz will be creative in the way she presents the stories. Pray that children and parents will come to faith in Jesus. **MK**

17 AMERICAN PEOPLES. Kids living in other countries have some of the same problems as those living in the United States. Not everyone shows respect to other people. Please pray that my classmates will be nicer to each other and they will obey our teachers. **TIM**, age 12

18 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES.

I help make copies of the Bible, songs and videos in our people's language. These copies are small so it's easier for people to share them and they don't have to know how to read to hear the Truth. Pray that what I've made will be shared with people who will believe. **NATHAN**, age 8

19 DEAF PEOPLES. Can you imagine getting on a plane and flying to a foreign place that you know very little about except that it's going to be your new home? These times are scary and exciting all at the same time. Pray that missionary kids will fully trust God as they go to the field and adjust to new places. **THREE MKs**, ages 13, 10, and 9

20 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. My prayer request is that my family won't have any problems where we are going to live. Pray that we will be safe and get used to the food. We need to get used to using chopsticks, getting to know the traditions, and wearing the local costumes and dresses. **E**, age 8

21 SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLES. There are many festivals in South Asia: one where you throw colored powder on each other and make a big, fun mess, one with beautiful lights hanging everywhere, every one with noisy big parades. These festivals usually honor one of the Hindu gods. Pray that children of missionaries will know what is just fun and what is worship of another god. Pray they will follow only Jesus. **MK**

22 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. There is nothing like an African thunderstorm! We kids love to sit on the porch, watch the rain, and listen to the thunder. When it's raining, the yard fills up with water and we play in it like a pool! Pray all of us will be healthy. **JOHNNY**, age 2

23 CENTRAL ASIAN PEOPLES. Pray for us to help people know about Jesus. We can give people movies about Jesus so they can learn about and believe in Him. Pray

for people to be able to have a good life with Jesus. **CHLOE**, age 5

24 EUROPEAN PEOPLES.

Please pray for kids in our neighborhood to come to our Bible Club. Also I'm thankful for my new school. I've never had other kids in my class who were Christians and now I can go to a Christian school and I have really good friends. **JESIAH**, age 10

25 SOUTHEAST ASIAN PEOPLES.

Many fishermen of southern Thailand barely have enough food for their families. Every evening, they leave in small boats, to find shrimp and fish to sell at market. The Thai-Malay Team decided they could help the fishermen by giving them life jackets. Let's pray that many of these fishermen will become Jesus' disciples. **MK**

26 AMERICAN PEOPLES. I am starting kindergarten and will miss my mommy and daddy and Sofi, our dog. I won't miss my brother and sisters as much because they go to school too. **CHLOE**, age 5

27 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. "Amai" lives in a small house behind our house and she takes care of us while Dad and Mom are in language training. It took a couple of days to get used to her, but now we LOVE her and never want to give her a break! **JULIET**, age 3



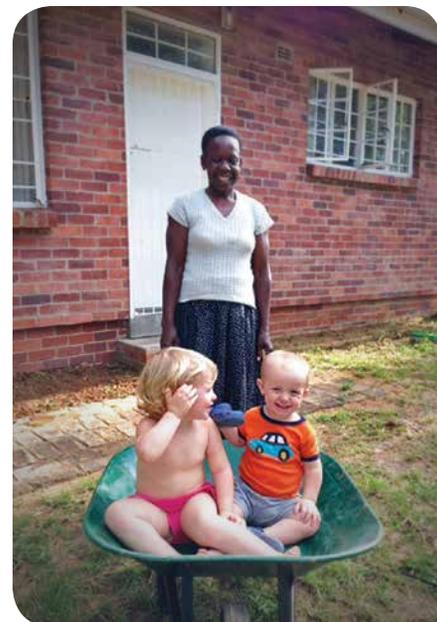
Isaiah 52:7

28 EAST ASIAN PEOPLES. Please pray that God will help me in my math (mainly fractions), which are sometimes frustrating. Pray, too, that I will make friends here. **FOREST**, age 11

29 DEAF PEOPLES. My school has an "Olympic Day" where students participate in all sorts of track events. I got to run the 50 meter. They just draw the lanes with chalk on the dirt. Ask God to help me be a good friend and tell others about Jesus. **JOSIAH**, age 11

30 NORTHERN AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLES. Beep BEEEP! These are the sounds I hear from morning to night. I live in a city full of taxis. Our family takes taxis everywhere, even to school. We even hear readings from the Qur'an. Pray that taxi drivers will believe in Jesus and play songs about Him as they drive. **RACHEL**, age 9

31 SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN PEOPLES. Please pray for me as I am getting older and seen as eligible for marriage by the people here. It can be scary. **GRACE**, age 10



Mark 16:15

Missionary kids pray

PLEASE PRAY FOR VICTOR, a 16 year old boy who lives in my neighborhood. His step-dad died on Christmas Day because he drank too much alcohol. Victor's real dad had died when he was young.

Victor tries to act tough and scary. He bullies people. But I know deep down he's just hurting and needs Jesus. The other day he asked me to hold his iPod. As I took it from him, he began to hit a young man who was drunk in the face. I didn't know what to do. I didn't want to put his electronics on the ground. I didn't think I could stop him from hitting the other person. So I just stood there and prayed. Victor's mom came out and stopped it.

Pray that I will know how to be his friend. He seems to like me - maybe because I always talk to him and I'm not afraid of him. Pray for his mama and his younger brother and sister. They all need Jesus. I know a local believer who was a boxer in the Soviet years. I'm going to ask him if he will befriend Victor. Maybe he can teach him how and when to box. And he can share his testimony of how he came to Jesus. **DAVID**, age 16

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