



team
PRAYER FOCUS
FEBRUARY 2021

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN PRAYING FOR THE NATIONS!

Kacie was going to be a more adventurous mom. Growing up on the mission field, Kacie and her siblings spent many days at home, with their stay-at-home mother.

“I assumed ... that’s the way my mom wanted it to be.” But, says the missionary to Papua, Indonesia, “I was going to be different, in the community with my kids.”

Her plan worked great at first. Out in the community, people doted on Kacie’s foreign babies. But when those babies became toddlers, they started resisting all the attention they were getting from strangers.

And as Kacie kept trying to pull her kids out into the community, “I realize that their resistance was growing, and it was creating resentment in them toward the local people.”

Soon, Kacie found herself in the same place as her mom: She could sacrifice her kids on the altar of ministry, or she could spend more time at home until her kids were old enough to set their own boundaries.

Parenting anywhere is hard. But parenting as a missionary involves navigating new cultures, letting go of expectations and helping your kids thrive in foreign systems — while learning to do the same yourself.

THAT’S WHY WE’RE TAKING THIS TIME TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARY PARENTS. LET’S ASK GOD TO GIVE THEM WISDOM, GRACE AND UNDERSTANDING AS THEY RAISE THEIR KIDS TO FOLLOW HIM!

Sun: **PRAY** for missionary parents’ personal growth in faith and character.

Mon: **PRAY** for strong relationships between missionaries and their kids.

Tue: **PRAY** for wisdom as missionary parents look for the best education, medical care and other opportunities for their kids. Ask God to send wise advisors.

Wed: **PRAY** for strong, local friendships with believers who can pour into missionary kids’ lives and help missionary parents feel less alone.

TURN OVER FOR MORE REQUESTS!



Thu: **PRAY** that missionary parents will know how to guide their kids through the emotional challenges of missionary life.

Fri: **ASK GOD** to guide missionaries as they answer their children's big questions about faith, culture, ministry and every other part of life.

Sat: **ASK GOD** to give missionary parents moments and seasons of rest and refreshment.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. FRANCE** | As France eased its COVID-19 restrictions, TEAM missionaries Carmen and Keith have been able to build a relationship with their new neighbors. They've enjoyed long conversations about Jesus and are praying that these young adults will come to know Christ. Please pray with them!
- 2. CHAD** | Every year, the Salamat River in Chad drowns 10 to 20 people. There is no bridge, so children have to cross this treacherous river by boat to attend school. Over 80 percent of Chad's livestock passes through it — and nearly 2,000 cattle die every year. The people are desperate for a bridge, and TEAM missionaries have decided to help raise funds to build one. Please pray that they will succeed and that this bridge will open doors for the Gospel.

(To learn more about the Salamat River Bridge Project, visit team.org/chad-bridge. If you decide to give, make sure to write "Chad Bridge" in the memo line!)

PRAISE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD:

- 1. CZECH REPUBLIC** | TEAM missionary Melissa has been teaching 20-minute Bible lessons to English students. The day before a lockdown, however, the students asked if she could teach for longer — 75 minutes! The students started asking deeper questions about God, and once the lockdown started, Melissa moved the class online. After the class ended, Melissa continued creating resources for her students. Praise God for this opportunity, and continue to pray for these students!
- 2. NORTH AMERICA** | TEAM missionary Cindy has been leading a Bible study among Latin American immigrants. Recently, one woman shared: "The first time I tried to read the Bible, I started in Genesis, but I found it very boring and couldn't understand much of it. I stopped reading. Now that we have these Bible studies with you, I see it all in a different light. I am re-reading Genesis on my own now, and everything is falling into place. I love it! It's so fascinating to see how the Old Testament is related to the New Testament."