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The rain was pounding on the roof, the air was hot and humid, and we were getting hungry. I walked around the kitchen and schoolroom where my four students were trying to work on their math lessons despite the distractions of noise and the excited shrieks of neighbor kids playing outside. I passed out some peanuts to keep them going as our house-help cooked lunch despite wearing her cute baby on her back.

There was a knock on our front door. A neighbor had a package of something they wanted to store in our freezer.

I looked out at the beautiful trees and bright red dirt in our front yard and my students joined me as we took a break to watch the rain and cheer on the neighbor kids as they danced around outside.

As we walked back inside, the call for lunch came and we excitedly headed to join the Bible translators for lunch. A special treat today was on the menu: Gaboon Viper! Along with that, we had porcupine and manioc root.
After lunch, we got to jump over buckets and land on a mattress for recess. Then we learned about American history while we read a book in our snake tree in the back yard.

I loved the three months I spent in Cameroon, Africa, being a tutor for a missionary family’s four kids. Being there to encourage them and love them was time well spent. Because I was there, the parents were able to continue working hard to teach the nationals how to translate the Bible into their local language.

Even though I was not skilled in Bible translation, I could help the translation go forward by teaching their children.

There is a need for missionary tutors all over the world and YOU could help to fill that need.

— By Rachel, who was a tutor to a family of missionary children.

Think About It

Jesus gave all (not just some) Christians a big command called the Great Commission.

A command is: (Mark beside the right answer.)
___ Something we can do if we want to.
___ Something that doesn’t really matter if we don’t do it.
___ Something we are told to do and should do.

The Great Commission says that we must keep sharing the good news about Jesus until: (Mark the best answer.)
___ Just all our friends hear it
___ Some countries hear it
___ Most kinds of people hear it
___ Everyone in the whole world hears it

It has been 2,000 years since Jesus told us to tell the whole world about Him, but the work is still not finished. We must keep telling people in all the world about Jesus and how He died on the Cross for our sins.

Missionaries do Great Commission work in teams. Think of a soccer team - everyone moves the ball and has an important job so the team can score a goal.

It is the same with missionary teams. All members make friends who will listen to the Gospel. Some missionaries
- Learn a language that doesn’t have a Bible and translate the Bible for them.
- Are doctors and nurses who tell people about Jesus while they help them.
- Teach the missionaries’ children to let the parents have time to do their work.
- Help new Christians form a group called a church.
- Do many other things.
- What do you like to do? God can use you as a missionary!

How do you know what God wants you to be?

Lainey’s story shows how she is finding out.

When I was a little girl, I used to curl up next to my mom on the couch and listen to her read stories about missionaries around the globe. George Müller, Gladys Aylward, Adoniram Judson - these were ordinary people who went to hard places to tell the gospel to people far away.

When I heard how God had led the lives of these men and women, I thought, That is what I want to do.
**Focus Verse:** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

As I grew up, I knew that I wanted to work for God and see Him change the lives of people from other cultures. But should I be a church planter? Should I be a missionary nurse? Should I be a Bible translator? Even when I finished high school I wasn’t sure.

I did know that I loved to teach. I enjoyed going to school and helping my classmates learn. One day my mom suggested, “Maybe you should be a teacher.” I loved the idea, but one thing bothered me.

How can I be a teacher and be a missionary?

I prayed a lot about that, and enrolled in college to study math and teaching.

Since then, I have learned lots of ways I can use my love of teaching to serve people and share the gospel.

In many countries, there are missionary-kid (MK) schools that need teachers who can teach subjects like math.

Some missionary families who don’t live near cities need someone to come and homeschool the children.

Even here in the United States, teachers are needed for refugee and immigrant children.

I don’t yet know where I will work for God after college, but I know God is preparing me for his plan. Proverbs 16:9 says, “The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.” (NASB) What a wonderful promise!

— By Lainey, whose mother reads to her little sister the same missionary stories their mom read to Lainey when she was small.
Did you know that a teacher of missionary kids will...

Need to learn at least a few words of the language where they are. For example the word for Jesus:

- 耶穌 (Chinese)
- Иисус (Russian)
- Gesù (Italian)
- يسوع (Arabic)
- Ἰησοῦς (Greek)
- Jesús (Spanish)
- YESU (Swahili)

...our story writer, Lainey, became interested in being a missionary from the missionary stories her mom read to her.

Number these stories by what you would like to read or hear first, second, third, and so on. Maybe your parents will get one:

See a 5-minute video of a day with Rachel teaching in Cameroon, Africa. You’ll even see a lunch of porcupine and Gaboon Viper!

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