

Hey fellow MKs,

I have been thinking about you, and wanted to send you a quick note of encouragement.

I Corinthians 12:12 says *“The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though the parts are many, they form one body.”*

Today, I want you to know that you are part of the body of Christ, and God has a specific place for you to be. He has gifted you, chosen you, and placed you where you are. Too many people take those things for granted – DON'T! You are a part of a large body, and you are needed. Don't ever believe the lie of the enemy that says you have nothing to offer, or “they don't need me”.

How often do you wonder why you are where you are, or why things have turned out the way they have? I know that I often have wondered why God has placed me in certain places. As missionary kids, and more importantly, as children of God – we have a specific place and ministry. It doesn't matter if you are only 10 years old (like my daughter turned on Monday)... you have an important role in God's kingdom.

I feel like we all hear these things often, but we don't take it to heart. Have you thought about your role in the body of Christ? Do you believe that God has directed you in a certain way? I know that many of you are actively involved in music ministry, children's ministries or youth ministries. That is awesome! When you use your giftings – you are BUILDING the body of Christ! Keep it up!

I want each of you to know that we are planning a missions trip next summer! If you have never been on a missions trip outside of where you are now – plan on coming with us! At this point, it looks like we will be teaming up with Book of Hope for their 25th year of being in existence. We will be handing out God's Word to people in Latin America. I would specifically love to see some of you high school MKs sign up to come on this trip. It is for MKs only, and will be a blast!

We love you all. I pray that you are having a great week in school. Remember to check out all the current pictures and information on the www.ismk.org website.

Blessings,