

ISMK is 35 YEARS OLD!! I know that many of you who receive this probably do not know that this year ISMK is celebrating its' 35th anniversary as a ministry! It was founded back in 1972 and has been running strong ever since. When we look back we can see how it has developed and grown under each leader. It started as childcare for the kids while mom and dad were learning how to become missionaries. I have heard Del Guynes tell me stories about the very first MK retreat that he helped plan. I remember Don Triplett making a trip to my house when I was 16. I remember going by Bob Friesen's office in the late 80's, looking at his little cubical with all the prayer cards of the MKs (I guess the missionaries too) spread all around him. There are so many great MK stories over the past 35 years! Let me say thanks to all you missionaries that invest monthly in the program, above the \$10/month towards your MKs return trip home. We could not be nearly as effective without missionaries help and support!

Let me encourage you to take advantage of Brenda Dickey, our educational specialist. Brenda is a tremendous resource for all of us and is ready to assist you with any questions you may have concerning your kids education and educational development. We are currently working on developing a chat room type of website for missionaries to be able to communicate with each other about their experiences, challenges, curriculum, and all areas of their MKs' educational experience. If this is something that interests you, please let us know so we can update you as soon as it is up and running.

The ISMK missions trip to Honduras is getting closer and closer! Make sure that your high school MK has the opportunity to go on a missions trip! I believe that God will use these trips and more MKs will sense the call of God on their own lives. The deadline for MKs to apply for this trip is May 1st. The cost is only \$500 above airfare. The dates fit right between SOM and General Council, July 25 – 31, 2007. Applications are available on www.ismk.org. It will be first come, first serve. We will only take 15 MKs on the trip.

Would you like for your MK to receive regular devotional emails from our office? Encourage them to sign up for the ismk email addresses. Because of the nature of young people and email addresses, we only send the emails to MKs with our email addresses. Otherwise it becomes too difficult to maintain the email address database.

We are already in full swing, preparing for CS/PFO/ SOM this summer! If you have any special needs for your MKs, please be sure to let us know.

Blessings,

Chad and Dargan Phillips