

Today marks the first full week for my kids to be in school this year. They had 2 days of school last week, but now the real work starts. My wife went to all the meetings before school started, and I never had a chance to meet the teachers. So, this morning as I dropped off my son, I went back to his classroom and was able to meet his teacher. I love being a part of his world. One of the fun things that I do for my kids is to bring back a coin from every country that I visit for each kid in their classes. So, since I recently went to Honduras, I brought back some coins for all the kids. Of course, my children love handing them out. Since I went back there this morning, the teacher had me introduce myself to all the kids, and let them know about the coins that my son had brought for them.

I love these kinds of things for two main reasons. First, I know that my kids love being able to give these coins to all the kid in their classes. It gives them something to look forward to when daddy is on the road. Secondly, it gives my kids an opportunity to witness. I have now been able to tell all the children that I am a missionary. Graham now has many open doors to share with his classmates.

As you are preparing to send your children to school this year, I would like to challenge you to empower your children to be missionaries. We teach them during SOM that MKs are not just the children of missionaries, but they are missionaries. You can provide opportunities for your children. Sometimes it takes a little creativity, but be sure to include them. See how they will impact their own generation. Wouldn't it be awesome if it was just a natural thing for them? I think that takes a little bit of help from us as parents.

Since the missions trip to Latin America was such a great success this past summer, we are planning on a trip to Africa next summer. The tentative dates for the trip will be July 23rd to August 2nd. Africa is more expensive to get to than Latin America from the States; however, if you want to have your MK fly directly there, we can work that out too! For more information about this missions trip, contact our office, or check out the website for updates. If you are able to help send an MK on a mission trip, we have several that would like to go, but are unable to raise the total amount. Since we are all one big family (Uncle and Aunt), would you consider helping an MK on their trip? I believe that we are giving our MKs a great vision for missions by sending them on these trips! Thanks for your help in advance.

We also ask that you be in prayer about our annual Thanksgiving Retreat. This is our 35th anniversary as a ministry, and we have invites all the previous MK leaders to be at the retreat. Joan Schnelle, Joy Sorbo, Don Triplett, Bob Friesen, and Paul Dobson will all be joining us as we celebrate what God has done through the MK ministry in the last 35 years. Brother Bueno will be our keynote speaker. We are excited to see what God is going to do in the next 35 years through the lives of all of our MKs. If you have an MK that is between the ages of 18 and 22, make sure that they are registered to attend.