

Who Do We Serve at MK ReEntry?



Why do MKs sign up for MK ReEntry?

I want to be in a group that is going through the same stage of life as me. I want to recenter on God before starting college in a supporting group that loves God as well. I plan to use this experience and learn from it for my success in His plans for me. — MK from Bolivia

I want to attend because moving back to a country that I haven't lived in since I was 12 is scary and hard since it's just going to be me and I want to meet other people going through the same situation so I know I'm not alone in this transition. — MK from Mexico

**Join us in praying for each of
the 42 unique MKs coming to
us July 6-18!**

One MK's Story from Ethiopia

by Luke Bennetsen

My experience as an MK has been filled with many joys and challenges, but for me, the joys outweigh the struggles. Growing up in Ethiopia, I have been struck by the great beauty and warmth of the people. I had the privilege of getting to know Ethiopian culture and traditions as I developed close friendships with many of them. I especially enjoyed spending holidays and eating meals in Ethiopian homes and learned to truly love the culture. Their extremely friendly and communal culture is something I believe all Americans can learn from.

Growing up as an MK, I had the privilege of living in a very multicultural environment. I lived in a community with other missionaries from all around the world, and I had neighbors from 9 different countries. The missionaries around me were great examples of how to live God-honoring lives, and seeing and experiencing all of their different cultures has been very enriching.

There have been times when life has been difficult. In addition to the normal challenges of living in a developing country, such as continual power outages, limited water, and minimal internet, Ethiopia is also a very volatile country with seemingly endless cycles of ethnic tension and political unrest. I remember many times when I couldn't leave school or my house due to violent riots happening outside. I have also been caught in many riots and have even driven through clouds of tear gas shot by the police. As a result of all the unrest, a civil war started and the increasing hostilities forced my family to evacuate, not knowing if we would be able to return. Living in this unstable context has certainly been difficult, but I believe it has helped me develop resilience and perseverance that I hope will help me face life's hardships going forward.

My school experience was also a mix of highs and lows. I attended an international school with students and faculty from nearly 30 countries. One of the great aspects of my school experience was all of the wonderful friendships I built. Some of my closest friends are from Cameroon, Somalia, South Korea, Romania, the UK, and, of course, Ethiopia. We had events at our school to celebrate and experience all of the different cultures, and that was one of my favorite elements. However, as all of the teachers are missionaries who do not get paid, we are always understaffed. As a result, we do not have nearly as many options for classes as American high schools.



Living in a context of extreme poverty provided many opportunities for me to serve my community. I served at a ministry called Korah Kids for local kids who live in and around the city dump. I served twice a week there, teaching English and the Bible. I loved serving there, building relationships with the children, and showing and teaching them God's love.

So, my experience of growing up as an MK in Ethiopia was wonderful. Even though there were challenges, the joys made every second of growing up there worth it.

(Luke came through MK ReEntry last summer and is planning on joining us as MK staff this July!)

Thank you, wonderful supporters, for your continued love and support of MKs like Luke! Thank you for praying now as the next group of seniors finish up their final year of high school and say difficult good-byes to family, friends, and a culture they deeply love. We are preparing to welcome them with open arms.

Serving our great God with you,

Debbie Hewitt

MK Care Director

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