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"Let the little children come to Me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," Luke 18:16b

What is an evangelist?

J is a 14-year-old boy in South Asia, and he wants to be an evangelist. Do you know what that means? I looked it up in the dictionary for you. An evangelist is a person who evangelizes. That was a big help, wasn't it? I also found out that the original word in the Greek language is "evangelion." That tells us more about the word, but I don't think it tells us what an evangelist does...and that 14-year-old boy in South Asia still wants to be one.

Recently J took a bag full of tracts about Jesus and went to a busy bus station. For hours, he talked to people. J kind of lost track of time and stayed there until way too late. At 2 a.m. the police asked J why he was in a bus station in the middle of the night. The police called his parents and let J go home when his parents came to get him.

You can tell that J is really serious about telling others about Jesus! Another Christian friend talked to J's parents about him getting a good education. An education will help J serve God today and when he grows up. So now J is going to school. When he is not in school, J is always helping people and telling them about Jesus. Anytime someone calls his name, he runs to serve with a beautiful smile and a gracious heart. I guess that means that when his mom calls his name to come do the dishes, he smiles and does the dishes! Or when the neighbor asks for help carrying a heavy box, he helps. We can learn a lot from J.

But what is it that J wants to be? An evangelist—that's a person who preaches and shares the Good News of Jesus with others. I think J is doing a pretty good job already! Please pray for J. Pray that he will learn as much as he can about the Bible. Pray that he will trust God every day. Pray for the people who hear about Jesus from J that they will accept the Good News they hear.

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