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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

Life in a foreign country

Glancing over at my friend, I whisper, "Three more minutes till the end of our last period!" She grinned and replied, "Then we go to girls Bible study tonight!" We both clapped as the teacher said, "Girls! Pay attention!" Turning around, I could tell that my other friend was thinking the same thing that every one of us was thinking! School is almost over!

I raced out of the school doors and leaped into a black and white taxi! I greeted Mr. Adam as well as the taxi driver who at the moment was content with his cigarette. "Hey Mr. Adam." He replied with a smile and asked, "How was school?" We continued this conversation until I giggled and said, "Hey! Look at that donkey cart! You usually don't see those in the States!" We laughed and finally arrived at our apartment building. The elevator door closed as I waved good-bye to Mr. Adam.

The clock was ticking as I finished up my geography homework. "I can't wait for Bible study!" Suddenly, my cell phone rang. "Hello", I said into the phone. Immediately I recognized the voice to be another friend's voice! I excitedly replied "Hey!" She asked "Could you guys take me to small group tonight? I really don't feel like catching a taxi tonight, and you guys have a car!" I giggled "Sure! See you at around 5:45 tonight!" We hung up and I glanced at the clock. It read 5:30. I'd better get ready!

Once we arrived at small group I looked around the room and smiled. There is a variety of people here! I see at least four different nationalities! Hugging my friend--yes, the fourth in this story--I grinned, "You want to know one of the benefits of living here? There are so many different people at school and Bible study! It's encouraging to know that I am not the only person here who loves this country, but at the same time is thinking a lot of stuff is foreign here! Tonight during our prayer time I think we should pray that God will use us in many ways here!"

- Please pray for the people of my country. Specifically that they will learn of God's love.
- Also pray for the orphans here. It is illegal to adopt and my heart breaks for them.
- Grades in school are another thing. God has provided us with such a great school! Please pray that my siblings and I will do well in school.

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