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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 OF A CHAMELEON

Missionary kids (MKs) are kind of like chameleons. You know what a chameleon is, don't you? The skin of a chameleon changes color to match its surroundings. If a chameleon is sitting on a green leaf, its skin will be green. If it moves to the brown branch of the tree or bush, the skin changes to brown. They can "adapt." MKs have lived in so many different places and learned about other cultures that they can adapt too. No, they don't turn green...

But they learn to be comfortable eating American hamburgers or exotic, unusual foods. They can go to school with a big class, be homeschooled, and even do their schooling via computer. They might live in a house or apartment just like yours or in a village hut.

Sometimes, it's "pretty cool." But it can be a little hard, especially when they come back to the US to visit. One missionary family serves in South Africa with six children, aged 18 months to 14 years. Please pray for this family and others like them, who are coming to the US to share stories of living as missionaries. Pray that the MKs will be comfortable where they will live until the family returns to South Africa. Pray that they will be able to make friends. They will still be homeschooled but want to join a home school group and take part in sports. Pray for the MKs—they are excited about telling their stories of South Africa, the culture and how the people need to know Jesus.

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