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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

PLAYTIME

It's hard to imagine what it's like to live in another country. Is life the same as in the United States, or do they do things differently? What kind of games do the children play? A mom living among the Northern Africa and the Middle Eastern peoples sent some notes about what she has learned:

Children in our part of the world have very few toys. We've only seen the boys playing outside. I haven't seen any girls with dolls, but I know dolls are for sale in the stores. Boys play pick-up games of soccer in the streets--often without any shoes. We've also seen them playing darts, with the dartboard propped against a stone wall, or a game of chess. These games of chess are between two players, but they have an audience of 5 or 6 other boys. Little boys will run with an old tire, guiding it with a stick. A few have bikes, and sometimes share them with others. There are a few little rooms where kids can pay to play video games or pool for a small fee.

The first picture on the website is of girls who sell flowers to help support their families. People here don't usually smile for pictures, but try to look very serious.

Can't we pray for these children? Let's pray that they will find joy in Jesus and be able to smile. We can pray for the children to grow up strong in body and wisdom of God.

Next week, this mom will tell you a little about how the children work!

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