

MK Ministries

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IT'S A BOY!!!



Wednesday, January 12 at 3:30 in the morning, Mindy woke me up and instructed me to get up and take her to the hospital... her water broke!

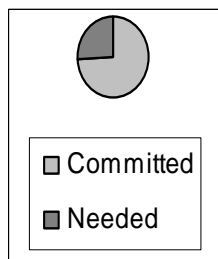
We arrived at the hospital, but the contractions were weak and infrequent. After twelve hours, a good bit of pitocin, and an epidural, she was ready to deliver. With only 6 pushes, the baby was out! It was a relatively easy delivery. Mindy was even smiling!!!

Bryce Nathaniel Taylor was born on January 12, at 4:26pm. He was 8lbs. 13oz. and 20in. long despite being two and a half weeks early! Bryce and Mindy were in good shape so they were both released to go home a day and a half later.



CLOSER!!!

Would your church or friends be interested in being a partner in an MK Ministry? Let us know.



73.9% Committed

Departure Update

"How much longer?" The process of developing our partners feels like the longest car trip ever. We continue to hope optimistically that we are just around the corner from being able to move and dive into the ministry to missionary kids. But like kids in the back seat of the car, the response always seems to be, "Not much longer."

We surged in the last months to put us tangibly close to reaching our financial quota set by Wycliffe. But

just when we were setting a date, we realized an oversight in the budgeting process had underestimated our living and ministry expenses by at least \$800 a month.

Although we had recently hoped late March would be our moving date, this set back is leaving us uncertain how much longer we will have to wait to leave. We would appreciate your prayers as we continue the process of enlightening new partners about a Missionary Kid Ministry.

Back in November we invited family, friends, and churches to come to an evening presentation called “Details and Dessert.” The purpose was to better explain the vision for a missionary kid ministry. We were very encouraged as around 50 people showed up for the event.



We had a scrumptious selection of desserts

We shared with those attending how God had led us to this ministry, what makes MKs special, and what the vision for the ministry looked like. **One of the highlights of the evening for most people was the MK panel.** I invited five missionary kids to field questions from the audience about their lives and experiences.



Those attending had their eyes opened to the MK life as the panel shared their unique experiences of growing up on the mission field and the challenges of integrating back into American culture. As one person told me, **“I loved the panel of MKs– it really connected me to your ministry.”**

The MK panel answered questions ranging from dating challenges to their conflicted patriotic

feelings for America. It seemed that most people were surprised to hear how hard it was for missionary kids to transition back to America. The panel talked about culture shock and language challenges they had returning to the States.



In the end, Mindy and I were very pleased at the responses. Several people told us it “exceeded all expectations.” Many had known about our ministry before, but now they actually understood it’s importance and need. It encouraged us to see partners really catch onto the vision for an MK ministry.

Since we will not leave in March due to not meeting our Wycliffe monthly budget, **we are considering hosting another event in the future.** If you or your church would be interested in attending, please let us know.



Our Wonderful MK Panel
Back: Wes (South America), Erica (Africa), Heather (Kenya), Bret & Mindy
Front: Sarah (Kenya), Megan (Kenya)

You Know You’re an MK When...

- *The vast majority of your clothes are hand-me-downs*
- *You have a passport, but no driver’s license*
- *You consider a city 500 miles away to be “very close”*
- *You speak with authority on the subject of airline travel*

*Quotes from “You Know You’re an MK When...”
by Andy and Deborah Kerr*

Prayers and Praises

Praises

- For the birth of our son Bryce and Mindy’s “easy” delivery
- For our amazing team of prayer and financial partners
- For God’s provision of housing and temporary work for us until we are able to move

Prayers

- Lydia adjusting to being a big sister
- Our financial support goals will be reached soon and for patience during the process