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GLOBAL

LANGUAGE

Thai

MINISTRY
PRIORITIES

Education,
Theological Education,
Training and Capacity
Building

BIRTHDAY

9/9



LOCATION

Global



ABOUT



DEBBY is a global coordinator for International Ministries (IM), focusing on missionary kid (MK) and family care. She seeks to empower IM families to engage in healthy relationships with God, each other, those outside their families, and their cultures. Believing that MKs and their families can thrive through transition

and adventure and believing in the importance of following Jesus in active discipleship, Debby oversees IM's initiatives to support missionary kids emotionally, spiritually, and physically by nurturing growth in their relationships with God, themselves and others, while serving as an additional caring adult in their lives. She also comes alongside global servant parents in a supportive, encouraging, and equipping way, working with them to build and maintain healthy families. Debby's ministry also extends to assisting local churches in cultivating their relationships with their MK families to support them well.



SCAN ME

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A team of MKs works together to complete a relay race.



MINISTRY STORY

Missionary Kids (MKs) face a variety of joys and challenges while growing up in a cross-cultural context. While we celebrate the many benefits of their lifestyles—learning languages, interacting with people from around the world, seeing God at work in amazing ways, and more—it is also important to address the hard things and make sure that MKs are well equipped to grow through their challenges and become adults who are healthy in every way.

This past summer, twenty-two MKs from International Ministries gathered at a special conference for this very purpose—to put names to their grief and issues and give them tools for processing and growth. The MKs, ages seven through nineteen, spent time in both large and small groups addressing topics like belonging and identity, working on their emotional vocabulary, discussing transition between countries, and learning ways to process the grief they experience. Led in part by four young adult MKs, they also engaged in times of worship and the Word and participated in fun activities designed to bring them together as a family.

The result? A week of fun and laughter, meaningful questions and discussion, times to express both joys and sorrows, and the building of lasting friendships with others who “get them.” We’re praising God for opportunities like this one for our MKs, as well as for the many partners in ministry support who make it possible.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that MKs would have a real and growing faith in Jesus that is their own.

Pray that MKs would handle well the grief of loss and goodbyes and transition well between countries.

Pray that MKs would engage in honest, loving relationships with family, friends, and people in their host country.

SCRIPTURE

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NIV)