

# AFRICA

## KID MISSIONARY CHALLENGE





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**Six-part Project Guide for the children of Africa and missionaries,  
Mike and Kari Ness.**

## LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This Kid Missionary Challenge Project Guides are created to present an opportunity for partnership with a specific missionary, via designated giving, culturally specific prayer, and similar serving opportunities to the featured missionary. Use this six-part project on a regular basis to *bring missions to life by developing a heart of generosity* in your kids' ministry! Our hope is that you will use this simple tool to teach your kids about evangelism, both in the global and local context. Each part includes:

Topic – describing the focus of the project guide

Introduction – providing context or background for the project

Prayer Needs – listing actual needs of Mike and Kari

You can download pictures, music, and videos at the link below. Download all media for this project guide (and many more) at the link below (case sensitive).

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## GPS - GIVE PRAY SERVE

KMC exists to help kids *give, pray, and go (GPS)* with missionaries around the world. One of the ways a heart of generosity can be measured is through a few actionable items: how are the kids in your ministry giving? How are they praying? How are they serving? We want to measure the

effectiveness of a child's missional heart through their own desire to give, their own desire to pray, and their own desire to serve. You are leading kids in *prayer* for the children of Africa. God is calling many of them to *go* across cultures and tell people about Jesus. Consider *giving* toward those who are ministering to the unreached peoples of Africa. A giving form is attached at the end of this Project Guide and we hope that you consider contributing toward this excellent ministry. The Project goal is **\$10,000**; once that goal is met, remaining funds will be donated towards critical needs – such as food, Bibles, water, clothes, medicine, shelter – for missionaries on the field. Donations to the critical needs fund may be made at any time throughout the year.

## PART 1

Topic – Africa

Mike and Kari were missionaries in Tanzania for 15 years doing children's ministry. They have been in Congo now for 3 years and are still involved in children's ministry. There are two Congo's in Africa, they live in the Democratic Republic of the Congo which is the huge country in the middle of Africa. DR Congo is the second largest country in all of Africa. It is the size of ¼ of the United States. (See <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cg.html> for a comparison map.) It is hot and humid most of the year and for several months they have really hard rain storms with lots of thunder and lightning. There are over 200 different tribes, most with their own language but the main languages are Lingala, Swahili, Kikongo, and Tshiluba. French is the official language and is spoken by most people. Mike and Kari know French and Swahili and are learning a few words and phrases in Lingala. They live in the capital city of Kinshasa which has over 12 million people. There are lots of traffic jams in their city.

- Pray that God would help Mike and Kari to continue learning French and even Lingala so that they can tell people about Jesus more easily.

## PART 2

Topic – Mike and Kari Ness



Mike grew up as a missionary kid in Kenya where he went to boarding school and played weird sports like rugby. Because Swahili is spoken in Kenya, Mike learned some Swahili when he was a kid. Kari was called to be a missionary in kid's church when she was 6 years old. Her parents wouldn't let her go right away so she had to wait for a while. Mike and Kari were pastors in the Northwest for 5 years before they went to Tanzania. They have 2 grown kids. Joshua is married and lives in California. Katie is a preschool teacher in Redmond, WA. Mike and Kari are involved in children's ministry in Congo and are also a part of the leadership team for Africa's Children. Africa's Children is an organization that helps churches and missionaries all across Africa so that they can do a better job of reaching kids.

## PART 3

Topic – Fun in Africa

Soccer, or football as they call it here, is the favorite sport. Kids will make their own balls out of old plastic bags and play wherever they can find an open area. Sometimes they eat things that might seem a bit strange to Americans. In Tanzania people like to eat termites and in Congo they eat caterpillars.



## PART 4

Topic – Christianity in Africa

Because Congo is so huge and there aren't many good roads it is hard to get around. In some parts in the east of Congo there is still fighting left over from the civil war 10 years ago. These kinds of problems make it hard to get to areas like this to tell people about Jesus or to help churches that might be there. Many people practice their traditional religions even though they may call themselves Christians.

- Pray for peace and stability in Congo. As long as there is fighting and fear it is hard to travel freely and freely tell people about Jesus.

## PART 5

Topic – Needs in Africa

Almost half of the population in Congo are under the age of 14. Some churches see the importance of kids' ministry but there are many churches that need to realize how important it is to tell kids about Jesus when they are young. There aren't a lot of materials for churches to use in kid's ministry. Some teachers don't have any kind of book at all to help them teach.

- Pray that churches in Congo and across Africa would see the importance of children's ministry and begin to reach the kids in their communities. Pray that they can find the tools they need to teach kids God's word.

## PART 6

Topic – Project for the Ness'



In many parts of Africa people don't want to go to church because they follow other religions. In places like that, one way to help kids is by making sure they get a good education. School is so important if you want to be able to change your life and get out of poverty. The project you are helping with will help schools in places where it is hard to start churches or tell people about Jesus openly. In these Christian schools, teachers can teach from the Bible and tell the kids how much God loves them. It is a great way to introduce kids to Jesus.

- Pray for children in Congo and across Africa that they would hear about Jesus and choose to follow Him. Pray for these kids who are going to Christian schools in these difficult places. Pray that the teachers would be able to show the love of Jesus to them. Pray that the Bible stories and songs that they learn would change their lives.



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