



A fun and easy way for kids to learn about missions.

Hello Parents,

This Sabbath, September 19, 2020, is our virtual convention, Mission: Maranatha. Although we wish it could be an in-person event, we are still excited for you to watch inspiring testimonies from volunteers who have been changed by the mission. Volunteers like Anella Pojak, who, as a 12-year-old, spoke for our annual convention a few years ago.

Anella desperately wanted to go with her dad on a Maranatha mission trip, especially to India, but her parents felt she was too young. Then, while watching our television program, *Maranatha Mission Stories*, Anella realized there was a Maranatha mission trip just for kids: Family Projects. She convinced her parents to let her serve on a Family Project in Nicaragua, and it made a tangible imprint on her childhood. In her testimony as a twelve-year old, she proclaims that she can't wait to serve on Maranatha's teens-only mission trip, Ultimate Workout, and go on a mission trip to India.

Today, Anella is sixteen and has been on 17 Maranatha mission trips. Every year, she and her dad have served on a Family Project, including one to India. In 2019, she served on Ultimate Workout in Kenya.

“As I look back on the mission trips that I went on as a kid, I can see how each and every one of them played an integral role in making me the person that I am today. They taught me to focus on others instead of myself, to find joy and gratitude in the things that I often take for granted, to step out of my comfort zone, to not be afraid to make new friends, and most importantly, to trust God with my life. My experiences on mission trips showed me, at a young age, that God was truly working in the lives of those around me and because of that I decided that I could trust Him with my life as well.”

As your children listen to another kid explain what missions has meant to her, we pray they will also consider their calling as missionaries.

Pre-video Discussion Questions

- Has an adult ever said you were too young to do something? What was it and how did it make you feel?
- Do you know another kid that has been on a mission trip before you have? What did they say about it?

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VIDEO

In today's video, watch Anella Poljak give her testimony for our annual convention several years ago.

Post-video Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Anella wanted to go on a mission trip so badly?
- If you've never been on a mission trip, what do you think your favorite part would be? If you have, what was your favorite part?
- In the Bible, Paul was one of the first missionaries to spread the good news about Jesus. Why are Maranatha volunteers like Paul?

Prayer Points

- That Maranatha's virtual convention would be a blessing to people.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

Did You Know?

- Maranatha generally offers two Family Projects—one in the summer and one over Christmas.