



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

Hello Parents,

This week, meet Maranatha volunteer Mary Johnson. Mary is a high school Spanish teacher in California, and she loves going on mission trips. She's been on more than 25 of them with Maranatha!

As Mary listened to God's leading, she felt called to take her missionary service further. Her plan involved taking off an entire year from her job to serve on as many mission trips as she could.

But how would she pay for it all? Mary estimated that she would need about \$40,000 for all of her expenses, which she didn't have.

In this video, your kids will witness a life changed by missions. We pray they will also begin to consider the life of service that God is calling them to in their own journey.

### Pre-video Discussion Questions

- What would it be like to take an entire year off from school? What would be good about it? What wouldn't be so good?
- Have you ever wanted to buy something, but didn't have the money? What was it? How could you get the money to buy it?

### VIDEO

In today's video, see how God's calling led Mary Johnson on a year-long mission adventure.

### Post-video Discussion Questions

- Is there something you've wanted to do to help others, but need money to do it? What was it? How could you get the money you need to make it happen?
- Mary realized she was willing to do hard things to serve God. What hard things might you have to do to help others?
- In the Bible, Paul was a missionary who dealt with many challenges—often he didn't know where he was going to sleep or how he would be treated. But despite the hard things he went through, he continued traveling long distances to share the love of Jesus with many people. Who is someone that you can show the love of Jesus to right where you are? What about someone who lives far away?

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## **Prayer Points**

- Volunteers who want to serve, but don't have enough money.
- The way God is going to use you to help others.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

## **Did You Know?**

- Mission trips come with a number of things that volunteers need to pay for: airplane tickets, passports, visas (a letter showing you can go into a new country), vaccines, and participation fees.
- Volunteers on Maranatha's North America projects only need to pay for their transportation to the location, there is no participation fee or other costs.