

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES



Figure 1 - Mom and baby Lethabo on a mission trip

Mission work is very important. Missionaries are people sent by their churches to many different people groups to tell them about Jesus' love for them so that they will not go into death forever and ever. God's plan is that people choose to follow Him and to become his good friends; this is the simplest way I explain mission and missionaries to my 2-year old and 6-year old.

As a parent, I have found that involving our kids in ministry is the best way to teach practically what even words cannot fully express or explain.

When we pray as a family for missionaries we involve them. My daughter went to her first mission trip when she was 3 months old and since then where ever possible we take her along minister alongside us. We have visited schools and children's homes together, sharing the love of God. We have involved her in evangelism and she has grown bolder than us in telling people about Jesus. She has often challenged us to engage in more proclamation as she asks questions like "have you told someone about Jesus today?"

In the current role we serve in, daddy travels to various places to visit missionaries and we use this as an opportunity to display the map and play videos that tell them more about the work of mission going on in different countries. When daddy returns, his many pictures and videos encourage conversations and references for prayers.

When going out for ministry we collect ministry supplies and explain to our children that those whom we are going to will benefit greatly from the supplies and small gift encouragements. We tell our children that the journey of serving God can sometimes be discouraging with opposition from the enemy since the evil one does not rejoice when people turn to God. We pray for those involved in this work together. – Queen Basupi