

Group Leader: What to Know

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Missionary Prayer Card

Example



This four week session is about getting to know and write your missionary family:

- Please make sure to look over each page before you present it: YOU MAY NOT NEED PAGE 5 or 6!
- If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail rachel@worldrenewal.org: please email before choosing a missionary to get to know/write!
- Make sure to have copies of the missionary prayer card for each child to take home, and many copies of the Portuguese Packet on hand before you try to translate letters: IF YOUR MISSIONARY DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH WELL
- The four graphics on this page are available in high resolution, screen size to put up on the big screen/TV, or you can use the handouts for the kids to take home: whatever works best for your group

Thank God that He knows and loves them more than I do

Ask God to provide the things He knows they need

For their health and safety

For their ministry and future

For their community, church, and family

Praying for your Missionaries



Hello! I am so happy to be writing to you! You are _____	I Drew You a Picture I drew you _____
I want to tell you _____	
A Bible verse I want to share with you is: _____	
I am praying for _____	
I would like to ask you to pray for _____	
With love,	
Translation:	

Letter to My Missionary family

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Get to know Your Missionary: Basic Information

Romans 10:14 NIV "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Missionary Prayer Card

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Read the Missionary Prayer Card :

- Many of the missionaries have Facebook (Worldrenewal.org/brazil). You can see if your parents would like to add them as friends. That way, you can see more pictures and updates about them
- You can see the names and birthdays of the family, and what they do in the ministry
- Our plan is to get to know them a bit, pray for them, and write them. Once they receive the letters, we will figure out a way for them to reply back to us

Pray For:

- Each person in the missionary family
- The other local leaders and missionaries who work with your missionary
- Your church partnership with them
- Their role in the ministry
- The specific challenges of being a missionary kid (MK)

Questions to talk about:

- What is each person's name? Are they common names? Can you pronounce them correctly?
- When are their birthdays? How old do you think each one is? How do you think they celebrate their birthday? Are they close to your age and/or birthday?
- What do you think their job is like?
- What do you think it is like being a missionary?
- What do you think it is like being a missionary kid?
- Is a missionary kid a missionary?
- Are all missionaries married?
- What else do you want to know about this missionary family?

Something Extra: on "World Renewal" YouTube channel you can find a playlist of Brazil with all the missionaries

Get to know Your Missionary: Praying for Them

2 Corinthians 1:11 NIV "As you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

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Praying for your Missionaries

Pray for your missionary about:

- Basic needs: food, water, clothes, shelter, sleep, and love
- Relationships: friends and family (near and far)
- Growing in Jesus: even missionaries need to keep learning, growing, and loving God!
- Travel: in and out of the country
- Ministry: creative consistent ways to show Jesus

How can you pray for someone you haven't met?

- There are many things you don't understand, and that are individual to your missionary: but there are also many things that are the same for everyone around the world
- It is important to remember that you never know all of the story when praying for someone, even if you know them really well! But God does know the whole story, and the deep needs that each person has, so you can trust Him
- Basic needs are the same everywhere: everyone needs food, water, clothes, shelter, sleep and love. Missionaries need resources and open doors to share Jesus. Missionary kids like to play and have fun and friends. Travel is also an important part of missions: getting to where the people are that need to hear Jesus, and to where the people are who support them

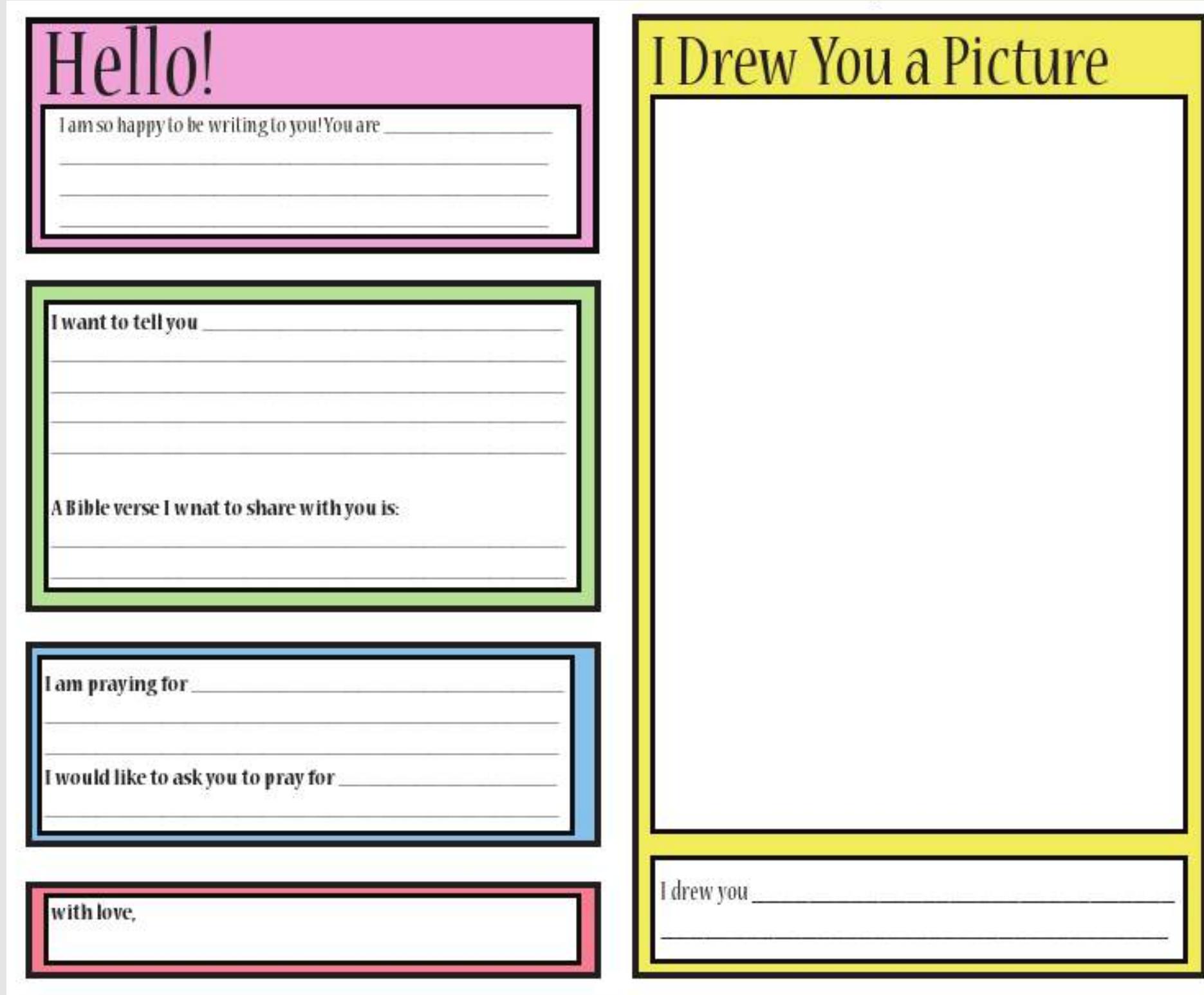
Questions to talk about:

- What are things I can pray for this missionary family, without knowing more details?
- What are things I can't pray for without knowing more details?
- What are things that I want prayer for, that are probably similar for this missionary family?
- What are things that I want prayer for, that are probably different for this missionary family?
- What do I want to know more about, to be able to pray for this missionary family better?

Something Extra: There is a great video about praying for Brazil at PrayerCast.com/brazil

Get to know Your Missionary: Writing to Them

2 Corinthians 3:2 NIV "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone."



What to write to your missionary family:

- You've gotten to know (a little bit) this family, and you've prayed for them: now you get to write them!
- All of the things you wished you knew about them the past few weeks? Ask them!
- Let them know a bit about you: they are curious too!
- Tell them a funny story about yourself
- Have you ever had a pen pal? This is kind of like that
- Share your favorite Bible verse
- Tell them what you are praying for them about
- If you aren't sure what to write: draw them a picture!
- Is it close to a holiday or birthday? Ask or share about it
- It is always easy to talk about your favorite food

Pray For:

- The words to say
- What God wants to share to your missionary family through you
- The challenges your missionary family will face today
- The missionary kids and the specific struggles they have
- The family of the missionary family that doesn't get to see them very often

Questions to talk about:

- What is cool about writing someone you've never met?
- What is weird about writing someone you've never met?
- What do you wish you knew to better write your missionary family?
- Writing letters isn't as common as it used to be: have you written letters to other people before? If yes, who was it?
- If this was your only chance to talk with your missionary family, what would you want to say? What are the most important things?
- What does it feel like to get a letter from someone who cares about you?

Something Extra: At Pinterest.com/rwinzeler, there is a board called "Child Sponsorship and missionary letters" with ideas and templates

Get to know Your Missionary: Translating Your Letter

1 Corinthians 14:11 NIV "If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me."

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Some of the missionaries families are American, and some of them are Brazilian, or both:

- Missionaries come from all over the world, not just the USA
- After America, Brazil sends out the most missionaries into the world (Christianitytoday.com)
- If your missionary family is American, then they speak English. If they are Brazilian, they speak Portuguese, and may also speak English (many of them do)
- If your missionary family is not American, and you know they do not feel very comfortable speaking English, then it might be nice to translate your letter into Portuguese for them
- We have examples and translation help from writing Living Stones kids that also works for Brazilian missionaries

Pray For:

- People who are trying to learn new languages
- Courage to learn and try new things, even if you don't get it right all the time
- The Brazilian missionaries that want to learn English
- Brazilian missionaries who are learning other languages to share Jesus around the world

Questions to talk about:

- Can you imagine a world in another language?
- Have you ever heard someone speaking another language? How did you feel?
- Have you ever been to another country where everything was in a different language? What was it like?
- Have you, or are you learning a language other than English? Why?
- Why do we have so many different languages in the world?
- Have you ever heard Portuguese spoken?
- What are some good reasons to learn another language?

Something Extra: At Worldrenewal.org/sponsor-a-child, there is a download called "Portuguese Packet"

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É muito bom conhecê-lo um pouco e escrever para você. Espero um dia te conhecer pessoalmente! Até lá, estou orando por você!

Um grande abraço,

Rebeca

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It is so nice to meet you a little, and to get to write to you. I hope I get to meet you in person someday! Until then, I am praying for you!

A big hug,
Rebecca