

KIDS IN MISSIONS

Spring 2016

Each quarter focuses on a particular region of foreign or home missions. Through geographical and political notes, crafts, snacks, and studies of missionary needs, the children will discover why and how they can help the kingdom of God in that region. This quarter's focus is Central America / Caribbean / Mexico.



Central America Caribbean • Mexico

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Pray for Central America, Caribbean, and Mexico.

Missionary Facts:

- 18 missionary families or units residing or working in 29 countries/ministries
- 32 nations
- 6,800+ churches and preaching points
- 494,800+ constituents
- 205 million+ souls

The Central America / Caribbean / Mexico (CAC) region begins at the southern border of the United States (Mexico), extends south to Panama (just north of South America), and encompasses the islands of the Caribbean as well as three countries in South America. Thirty-two nations have a population of over 205,000,000, speaking five primary languages: English, Spanish, French, Creole, and Dutch.

Key Project:

The CAC region is made up of three sub-regions. Each sub-region celebrates one major conference each year. These conferences are designed to minister to the pastors and their spouses with preaching, fellowship, and training. A special camp for pastor's children is provided at each conference as well. The children enjoy fun and friendships as well as teaching and training. These conferences have proven to be a great blessing to all who attend, but they do need assistance with expenses. Consider taking a special offering to help this region with their conference expenses and allow more families to attend.

The CAC region is a bright and colorful region where people love to party. Host a party with a Latin flavor, complete with pinatas, music, and traditional food. Search the Internet for recipes from the region, and provide a variety of foods. Not all the islands are Spanish speaking, so bring in some Jamaican and British foods as well. Encourage everyone to dress in bright colors. Play music from the region.

It is important to get as many items donated as possible, from food to prizes to props. Ask party stores for donations (especially piñatas, which can be expensive). There are several ways to raise funds. Sell tickets to attend. Charge for each piñata hit. Set a large collection jar on a table in the center and ask the people to fill it. Print cards with dollar amounts, ask attendees to

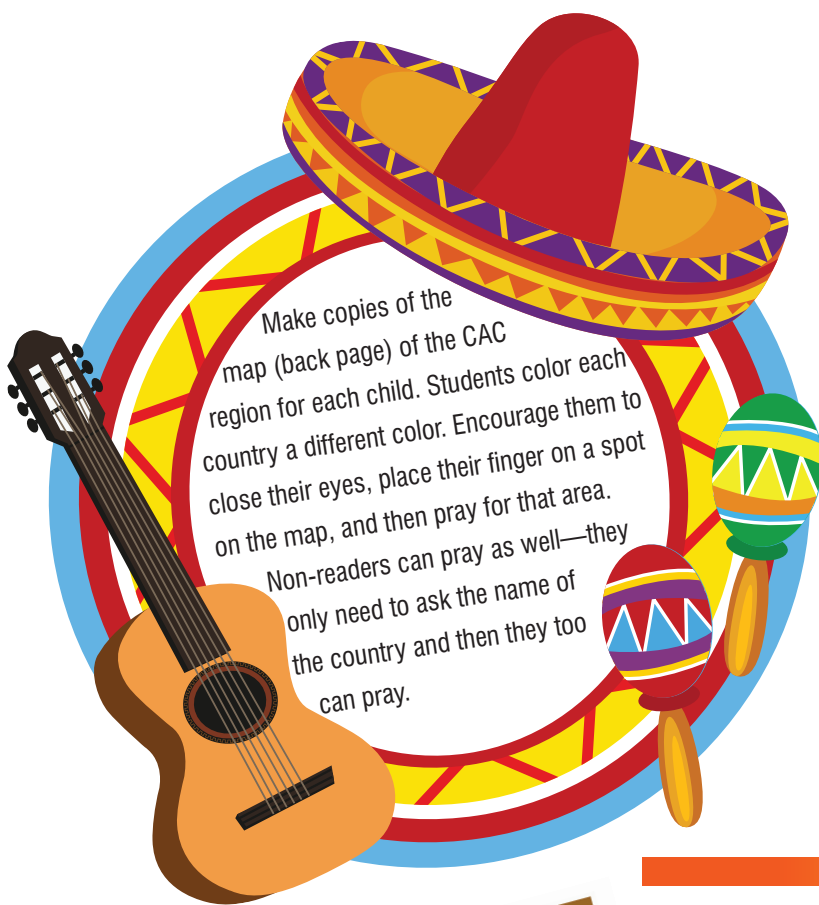
draw a card, and then they pay the amount on the card (set a deadline for payment so they do not have to pay the day of the party).

Have fun as you help this region support their conferences and the families who attend.

Upon completion of your fundraising, write a church check for the amount and send it to Global Missions, 8855 Dunn Road, Hazelwood, MO 63042. Be sure to include the project account number below so the funds are disbursed to the correct account. Let the children make and sign a card to send with the check. It will go to the regional director, who will be sure to share it at the conferences.

Account number:
GMPD.3000.2602





PRAY FOR:

- Protection for the missionaries—the national workers, and the church. The area is troubled with political unrest, gang violence, rebel armies, and the threat of hurricanes and damaging weather.
- Financial aid—for printing tracts, building churches, buying Bibles, building Bible schools and support for our missionaries.
- Doors to open to the gospel—superstition, witchcraft, and voodoo present challenges, but God will overcome!
- Good health and strength for the missionaries—travel into rain forests and deep into the jungles, and meetings in unsanitary buildings carry the threat of disease, not to mention the heavy workload the missionaries must carry to meet the needs of widespread churches.
- Language interpreters for the missionaries—also pray for the missionaries as they learn the language.
- Revival—to flourish in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean islands.
- Sunday School Teacher Training—this time of training teachers is important as they will go home better equipped to teach. Pray for safe travels, for the teachers who come to learn, and for the leaders who train the teachers.



SPECIAL FOCUS:

The United Pentecostal Church is helping to build an orphanage in Guatemala! There are over 370,000 orphans in Guatemala alone. In 2011, H.O.M.E. International became registered with the Guatemalan government. Since then, they have purchased land and have begun the building process. They hope to one day serve one hundred orphans with love and care while teaching them about Jesus.

Missionary Lynne Jewett is the president of the orphanage with help from missionary Brad Thompson, AlMer Amber Corey as director, and many nationals. Visit the website, www.SupportHOMEInternational.com to see pictures and read reports as well as the Facebook page www.Facebook.com/HomeInternational.

Your giving can help H.O.M.E. International Guatemala. The website offers several options for giving from monthly partnerships of \$40 to larger gifts for special projects. For example, if your church gives \$500, your name will be etched into a block along the sidewalk. You will forever be a part of this great endeavor. All donations are tax deductible. You can also receive Global Missions giving credit by sending your donation to account number GMPD.319689

Homes—Providing a safe haven

Orphans—Offering hope to the hopeless

Ministry—Sharing God's love

Education—Equipping for the future





Some fun facts about Central America, the Caribbean Islands, and Mexico:

Mexico introduced chocolate, corn, and chilies to the world.

The largest wildcat in North America is the jaguar, which can be found in Mexico's southern jungles.

The red poinsettia originated in Mexico.

The Caribbean region includes more than 7,000 islands.

Guatemala invented the first chocolate bar.

Panama is the only place in the world where you can see the sun rise on the Atlantic and set on the Pacific.

Cuba is the home of the Bee Hummingbird acknowledged as the world's tiniest bird—only two inches long as an adult.

Nicaragua uses the steam from the depths of its many volcanoes for geothermal energy.

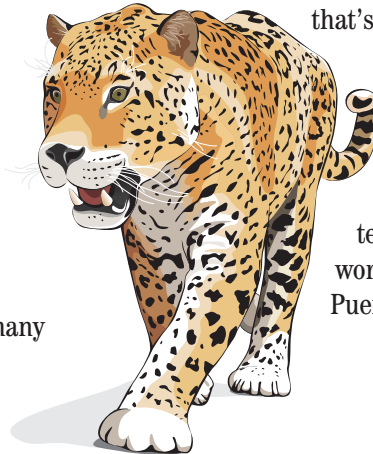
Nicaragua is home to jaguars, sloths, toucans, boa constrictors, monkeys, wild boars, and sea turtles.

Costa Rica is home to brightly colored toads and frogs, including the poison arrow frog.

In Haiti, Royal palm trees can get as high as sixty feet—that's ten stories high!

Every year in June, heavy rainstorms cause fish to fall from the sky in Yoro, Honduras!

The largest telescope in the world is located on Puerto Rico.



Resources

Check out these sites for additional facts and figures.

www.nationalgeographic.com

www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html

www.geographia.com

www.factmonster.com/world.html

Visit these sites for prayer tools and resources to help your students become missions minded.

www.kidsprayer.com

www.cartpioneers.org/categories/Kids/Prayer-Tools/

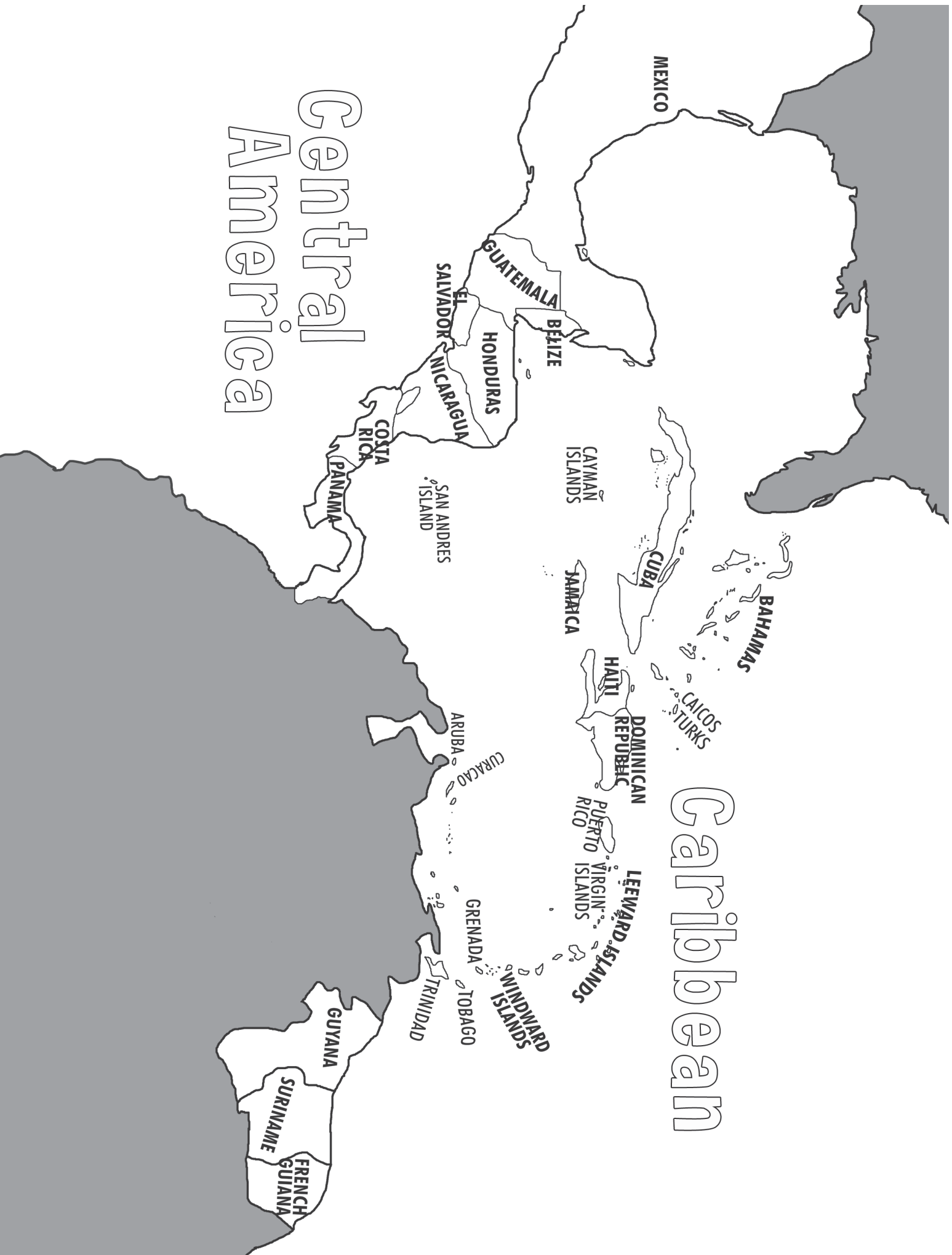
Contact Global Missions for ideas for a missions conference, media presentations, or to see if any missionaries from the CAC region are in your state this quarter; perhaps they could speak to your children. Contact Tom Harding at 314.373.4342. Visit their website: www.globalmissions.com.

MK FUN

Visit this link and download the missionary kid profile pages specific to the CAC region. <http://www.upwithmks.com/profilesheets.html>
We are excited to present our missionary kid profile sheets. This tool gives you hands-on information regarding their nation, how to pray specifically for each MK, their picture, and even a great activity corner for children. Thank you for praying for our MKs and learning more about their nations. If you would like to become a prayer pal with our MKs, please contact Cylanda Nickel at cylindanickel@gmail.com



Central America



Caribbean