



So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name
I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 63:4

Dear Friends,

It is a blessing to have you as a partner with us in this ministry building resilient disciples. Every year, we receive over 100 letters from Sparks (K - 2nd graders) across Maryland and Northern Virginia. This year has been exceptional—with nearly 200 letters received! Far from a chore, it's one of the greatest privileges of my ministry: connecting with the next generation of disciple-makers.

As part of the second-grade handbook, Sparks are encouraged to write to any missionary. Rarely do we receive a follow-up letter that truly brightens my day. One such letter came from a Sparkie named Adie in Falls Church, Virginia. In my original reply to her, I encouraged her to think about a story from the Bible and to consider sharing it with her friends. Her response was so thoughtful and sincere that it made an ordinary workday feel extraordinary:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mikesch,

Your letter filled my heart with so much joy! Yes, I do have a story. But my favorite stories in the Bible are: Gideon, Jonah, Esther, Daniel, Ruth, Luke, and Revelation. I hope I can visit you someday. Let the Lord bless you and keep you. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. Psalm 147:5. Safe travels!"

Adie's letter is a beautiful reminder of WHY we do what we do. Her joy and love for God's Word show the impact that faithful leaders, parents, and pastors can have in nurturing a young disciple. Keep up the great work, Adie—and to all those guiding children like her. THANK YOU!

Your prayers and financial gifts are appreciated, making all things possible. Thank you!

God Bless you,

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