

Family Missions Focus

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**Loving People
a Long Way
from Home in**

Laredo, Texas

Use this resource to reinforce what your child is learning every month in your children's missions group.

Bible Focus

This month children are learning that King David kept his promise to always take care of his friend Jonathan's family by showing his son, Mephibosheth, kindness. David did this because God had shown David kindness. Talk with your child about showing kindness to everyone — even people who are different from them. Think about all the ways God has been kind to your family. Then brainstorm ways your family can show kindness to other people.

Ministry Focus

Children will hear how missionaries Osvaldo and Vanessa Lerma partner with churches and other Christians to operate Send Relief's Laredo Ministry Center in Laredo, Texas. The Center's mission is "to provide displaced families along the U.S. Mexico border with food, clothes, hygiene kits, and the hope of new life in the gospel." According to Osvaldo, the goal of the center is to strengthen local churches, encourage local pastors, and provide support to the communities in need." Discuss with your child organizations in your community that offer similar ministries (shelters, food pantries, etc.). Gather supplies you could donate to the ministry, and take your child with you when you donate them. Remind them that when we are kind in the name of Jesus, it helps show people they are loved so much by God.

Missions Focus

▶▶▶▶ Ice pops in the Park

Osvaldo and Vanessa Lerma often host family fun days around Laredo where they hand out ice pops and tell Bible stories. Does your family have a favorite park? Have some "family fun" and get to know your community by bringing ice pops to the park and sharing them with people you meet. Tell the *God loves me and He loves you, too—that's why He sent Jesus!* Don't forget to invite them to church, too!

▶▶▶▶ Taco Talk

Plan to have a Taco Tuesday night, and invite a neighbor to join your family for dinner. Before the meal, discuss ways you can make your neighbor feel welcome in your home (sharing your food, toys, smiles, etc.). At some point, let your child share about the Lermas and what he or she has learned this month!

▶▶▶▶ Christmas in August

This month, Christmas in August is in full swing! WMU and the North American Mission Board have partnered to select missionaries who provide a list of items they need for ministry and outreach. If your church is participating, talk with your child about the missionary their missions discipleship group has "adopted," and make a plan to help purchase items on the list. If your church is not participating, go to wmu.com/christmasinaugust to see how your family can be a part of this missions project together!

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