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Faith
Hope



Show the Way



“Run to Christ
in time of
need”



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Be an Anchor Point



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Belonging and Identity

Psalm 84



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Lauren Wells- Cultivating Thriving TCKs; Risks and Hope
Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs)

Feeling that their feelings are heard and validated by their parents

Feeling physically safe in the home

Feeling their parents stand by them during difficult times and would choose them over their job/ministry/population of service, etc.

Feeling supported by a peer group

Feeling a sense of belonging within a larger, multigenerational group

Having routines and traditions to look forward to

Feeling a sense of belonging in high school/secondary school

Having two non-parent adult relationships who take a genuine interest in them

Resources

Books:

MKs in Focus: Thinking Biblically About the MK Experience by Matthew K. Jones

When We Called Myanmar Home by Julie Jean Francis

Raising Up a Healthy Generation by Lauren Wells

Born to Be Global: Exploring God's Roadmap for Missionary Kids by Matthew K. Jones (fillable devotional available through The Wilds)

Swirly by Sara Saunders

Blog posts:

www.alifeoverseas.com/questions-third-culture-kids-and-their-parents-love

www.alifeoverseas.com/questions-third-culture-kids-and-their-parents-dread

MK Camp helps:

Write to Matt and Courtney Jones jonesinthailand@gmail.com for information about their current camps, help with starting one in your area, or more resources about counseling MKs biblically.

Scripture:

Psalm 84 – on belonging to God and longing for True Home.

1 Peter – written to the scattered Jews, deals with Christians who do not belong (strangers, aliens)

Hebrews 11 – faith and hope, looking for Home while enduring as a nomad

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The one needful thing

