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### **STEP** BY **STEP**

## **PREPARATION-**PART OF THE JOURNEY

**School is part of everyone's life.** Some children enjoy it while some do not, but everyone looks forward to graduation! School is good as it prepares us for the future and helps us become successful adults. But school is not just for kids. Sometimes grown-ups go to school, too, like Rick and Kandis Turner.

"Salutari! Dumnezeu te iubește foarte mult."\* Unless you know Romanian, that phrase is not a bit helpful to you. What if everyone around you spoke a language you did not understand? Do you think that might make you feel lonely? Rick and Kandis understand that feeling. For many

years, they lived and worked for God in America, but then God called them to something very different. The Turners are now preparing to be missionaries to a Spanish-speaking country. As you can imagine, it is hard to share the gospel or make friends with people when you cannot understand them. So Rick and Kandis are back in school to learn Spanish.

Even though they are grown-ups who have done many hard jobs, the Turners would tell you that learning a new language is one of the hardest. Are they giving up? Absolutely not! They are serious about reaching people for Jesus, so the tough work of language school is worth it to them. They diligently work on their classes even when it is not easy.

What would happen if they chose not to learn the language? Their mission work in Central America would be difficult and not very effective. God has big plans for the Turners, and right now those plans include more time in school. Would you take a moment to pray for them? They would appreciate it very much!



# STEPS TO INDEPENDENCE

When a mission work is started, it is like a baby—helpless and needing lots of care from missionaries. Just like we expect a baby to grow and learn, mission work should grow also. The goal is for the work to eventually be able to "stand" on its own—operating successfully without depending daily on the missionaries who started it.

God often gives His people gifts and talents He can use in building His kingdom. Missionary Rick Turner was once part-owner of a successful business. He worked hard to keep the business running well and knows a LOT about how to manage one. God has called Rick to teach what he knows about business to the people



of Central America. The goal is to help the people learn how to build solid and successful businesses, so they can support their pastors and churches and better help their communities. What is one of your talents? How do you think you can use it for Jesus?



#### **MEMORY VERSE**

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. *Galatians 6:9* 

# WATER AND Money from a Well

Antonio lives in Panllavar, Guatemala, Central America. You can look for his village on a map, but it is so tiny, you will not be able to find it. When Antonio was just thirteen, he began working in the fields. It was hard labor done mainly by hand. Also the fields were far away—a three-hour hike over mountains. For years Antonio walked those paths and worked all day before trudging the miles back home.

Now Antonio is much older. He pastors the local church and is a father to eighteen children. Panllavar is a poor village, and the people struggle to get food and clean water. As a result Antonio consumed a lot of corn tortillas and Coca-Cola while working very hard. Now he is suffering from some health problems. Because of this, he cannot work like he used to.

Rick and Kandis feel God is leading them to help Antonio, as well as many others like him. Using his skills, Rick plans to assist Antonio in developing a business so he can work close to home. One helpful idea is the installation of a well. This would provide clean water for Antonio's family, and the water could also be sold to others in the village. That money would provide much-needed income, and Antonio would no longer have to work in the fields. Instead he could focus on raising his family and pastoring the church.

Rick and Kandis's help will be such a blessing to the people of Central America. God has a special job for you, too, if you are willing to be used. Are you?



### Steps to Success

Sometimes tasks can feel as impossible as climbing a mountain, but every mountain can be climbed by taking one step at a time.

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With a parent, make a list of your hardest tasks. Next to each, draw five boxes. Every time you complete one of those tasks with diligence, put a star in one of its boxes. Send us a picture of your completed chart, and we will send you a poster of Louie the Monkey!



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