

The Future is in Good Hands

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You name it. We track it. We've got our eye on constituents, people receiving the Holy Spirit or being baptized in Jesus' name; increased number of churches, preaching points, nations, and ministers; AIMers, missionaries, Bible school students; and several other categories. We have progressive goals for the next ten years and our trusty calculators are tallying the annual totals. There is another factor I've been thinking about; YOU!

What will our missionary kids be like in ten years—the next generation? Brother Haney recently posed a similar question. He asked that we adopt the attitude that each of us has ten years. Imagine that at the end of that time the trumpet will sound. He asked, "How would we live? What would be our vision? What would we do?"

One of the scariest, saddest scriptures is, "And there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord..." (Judges 2:10). Let that never be written concerning any of us. Giving thought to the word "knew" or "know" reminds me of a couple of things. First of all, your generation is very relationship-oriented. That's good! You have found many ways to keep in touch and to build healthy friendships. Blog-browsing in the blogosphere turns up excellent sites created by some of our missionary kids (as evidenced in several of the articles in this edition of the *Culture Shock*). It seems everyone's connected, has a blog, is part of a chat room or forum, or is into texting, or calling using Skype. Communication is important. Securing our

spiritual future will lean heavily on a relationship with God through prayer and fasting. It's paramount to keep in touch...with God.

We live in the information age which is speedily moving to the information overload age. Either learn or become obsolete. What you know is important. Who you know is significant. In all of your knowledge-getting make sure you catch and develop knowledge of truth. Obey God's Word. Know God. Know His Word. Nothing else matters as much.

Our missionary kids march into the next generation taking routes in all walks of life. I see them wherever I go. Our eyes are on you. The future is in good hands!