

# MK:

It's not a designer label -  
It IS a label that is designed.

It's a label that does not have to remain perfect to be valuable –  
It IS valuable with its imperfections.

It never goes out of style –  
It keeps up with the times indefinitely.

Missionary Kids are given this label whether they like it or not. Some receive this label the day they are born, others just as they are about to enter into adulthood.

At different times in a missionary kid's life, they will question the label, become frustrated with the label, and at times even try rejecting it.

Every two years there is a weekend in August that becomes homecoming weekend for all those that wear this label. Yes, laughter and goofiness does occur. However there are series of classes and church services that reveal the importance of the label: MK. Throughout the weekend you can hear statements of "I AM an MK," or "Once an MK, ALWAYS an MK." It is through MK retreat that this label becomes a lifestyle, it becomes something more than what is attached to my name because of my dad's calling. Mk retreat becomes a place where older generations help the younger to connect and to understand what their label means.

Once MK retreat is over, the label is worn with pride by all. It is from this weekend that lifelong friendships are made, promises of networking, and staying within each other's community are kept. But more importantly, this is where

generational callings start out; burden's to go back to their "home" countries become as heavy cloaks. And, all of this comes about because of one weekend in August called:

MK Retreat!!!!!!!

I wear the label with my head held high & I would not trade it for anything in the world!!!!!!