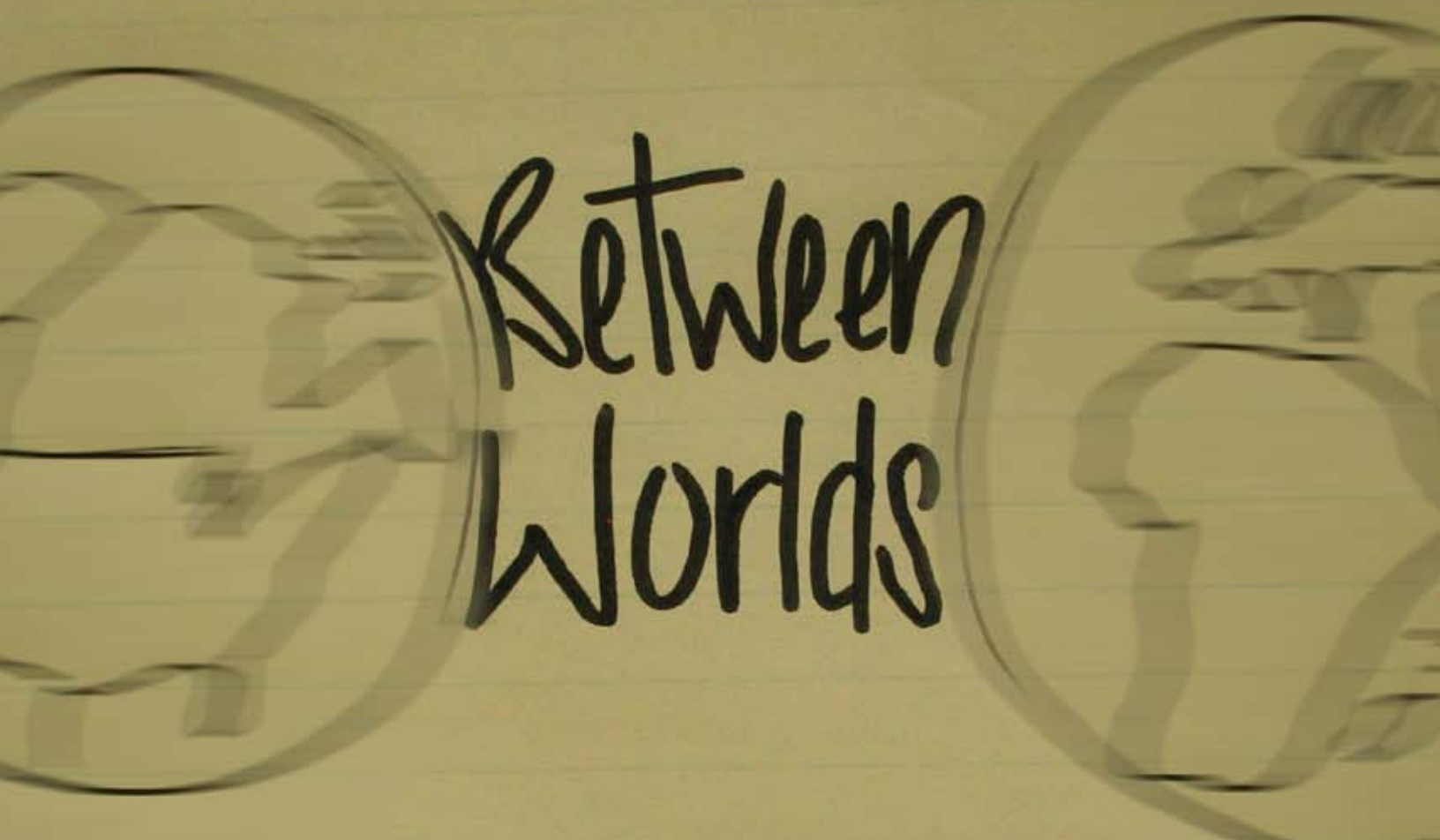


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# Greetings

from your editor...

Welcome to our first edition of *Between Worlds*! This is somewhat of a "teaser" issue, just to give you a sneak peek of what is to come! MK Ministries is completely and totally devoted to missionary kids, and because of that, this newsletter is all about YOU. We want to hear what YOU have to say. If you've ever seen *Culture Shock*, which is our newsletter for 18 and up, you'll notice that most of the articles were written by MKs, and that is our hope for *Between Worlds*, as well. This bi-monthly newsletter will also have information on upcoming MK events, retreats, and any other important MK "stuff" we want you to know about!

*Between Worlds* is something we would like to use to connect teen MKs from all over the world. And since this is all about you, WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK! Let us know what you'd like to see in our upcoming issues. We absolutely LOVE hearing from you, so let us know what you like, don't like, or want to see more of!

With love and prayers,  
Laurissa Wolfram  
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## So... Why *Between Worlds*?

If you haven't noticed yet, we are very excited about the recent addition to our MK newsletters! You may be asking yourself, "why the name *Between Worlds*?" Well, I'll tell you! Many of us at MK Ministries are MKs who grew up or spent time overseas, and all of us still have some connection to missions. We understand *exactly* what it's like to be in a foreign country, away from family and friends. Even those of us who were born and raised on the field have experienced the feeling of not quite fitting in with our surroundings. Sometimes it just feels like you are trapped between two different worlds: the one that your family and friends live in thousands of miles away and the one you live in right now. I'm sure many of you have heard preachers (maybe even your own parents) say that you should be "in the world but not of it." Well, as MKs, sometimes we feel like we are surrounded and absorbed in a world that we don't belong in. And even after returning to the U.S. (whether for deputation or permanently), a place where we think we should fit in, there is sometimes an inexplicable feeling of void and uncertainty. We are caught "between worlds." It is one of the goals of MK Ministries to provide a place where MKs will always feel they belong, and this newsletter is just one of the many ways we hope to accomplish that goal.

# Who are MK Ministries?

**Mark Hattabaugh - Coordinator**

Bro. Hattabaugh comes from a missionary family. He was raised in Argentina (South America) where his family was the founding missionaries. After returning to America and graduating from Bible College, his ministry took him to many different places before becoming the Pastor of a thriving, multi-cultural church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. His church has over 30 different nationalities and they have a Spanish and a Creole daughter work. He is married and has a son. His family is a great source of help to him in this great endeavor. His love of missions and missionary kids continues as he takes a group of youth each year on the Youth on Missions tour.



**Cylinda Nickel - Vice President**



Sis. Cylinda was raised as an MK in the Leeward Islands and has lived overseas more than in the US. She currently serves as the MK Ministries Assistant Coordinator and Office Manager. Her passion is for MKs, and she loves to help and minister to them in any area possible. She, her husband John, and two girls, Seanna and Emma, live in Indian Trail, NC. She is an avid reader, loves to write - even though she hates grammar. She is addicted to Diet Cokes and loves to laugh. One of her most embarrassing moments was when she had an accident while taking her driver's licence test at the age of 16. She begged for a second chance and started crying when the policeman wouldn't stop laughing. Her life is always a little topsy turvey, but she wouldn't have it any other way!

**Carla Burton - Secretary**

Sis. Carla became an MK at the age of 9, when her parents went to the Philippine Islands. Missions became a part of her life, and she has spent the rest of her life involving herself in missions in some way. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Music from Jackson College of Ministries where she also met her husband, J. Kurtis Burton. Later on, God blessed them with a beautiful daughter, Caitlin. They spent time as AIM workers, ministering at the Bible School in the Philippines. They now pastor The Turning Point in Nashville, Tennessee. As the Secretary of MK Ministries, Carla maintains Active Data Base for all MKs and overseas all Birthday Cards/Christmas Gifts/Wedding/Funeral/Graduation gifts. Carla's heartbeat is to see MK's receive all the tools needed to help them succeed on the field as well as when they return to America!



**Bruce Howell - Head of Foreign Mission**

**Diane Howell - Advisor to MK Ministries**



Bro. Howell is the "jefe." In English that means he is the boss of all that goes on in the Foreign Missions Division. He has a great team that makes us all look good. Some of the best years of his life were spent as a missionary in Central America. Where would Bro. Howell go now if he had one more life to live? Everywhere! Anywhere he goes he wants to stay and become a missionary.

Sis. Howell is the Advisor to MK Ministries, and she links us to the Foreign Missions Administrative Committee. Diane Howell has always had a love, burden and understanding for missionary kids because she raised her children on the field. Her desire is to see the Foreign Missions Division do all that it can to help the children of missionaries.

Bro. and Sister Howell have three MKs. Their son Jared is the Youth President of Louisiana. He and his wife Loida have two daughters, Zoe and Isabella. Their Leah and Andrew (Arrowood) have one son, Zion and a daughter on the way. They pastor a great church in Van Nuys, California. And Amy, their youngest, is presently teaching at CLC in Stockton.



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# It's Hard Being Superman

I sink down into my couch, shaking my head and closing my eyes as I lean my head back against the cushion. I sigh and glance at the clock on the table - 1:20 a.m. Two hours and thirteen minutes spent listening, consoling, and comforting. Two hours and thirteen minutes that I should have spent writing a paper that's due tomorrow at noon. Two hours and thirteen minutes less sleep. Two hours and thirteen minutes invested into someone I know won't be calling me again until her world comes crashing down... yet again. But for some reason, I'm always there to answer the phone and be the shoulder to cry on.

This seems to be a trend for me, to be honest. I always seem to be one who is there in the wee hours of the morning to listen to a friend who is having a hard time adjusting to a move, or is trying to pick up the pieces after a bad break-up, or is frustrated in the wake of a World War-sized fight with his parents. I'm always the one who shuffles my schedule to fit in that one person who suddenly appears back into my life after a three month absence, because, as she says, "you just seem to have it together; you always know what to do." And before I can protest, I find myself rushing to my closet, throwing the door open, ripping out my cape, and in a blaze of glory, transform into Superman - er, girl.

But after I finish solving the problems around me, I'm overwhelmed with all of my own. And suddenly, I'm left with the question, "where does Superman go when he needs help? It's hard saving the world! What happens when I'm the one who needs saving? Who's going to be my Superman? It's amazing how sometimes we can so easily figure out the answers to everyone's problems but our own. We know what words of comfort to use, when to use tough love, and when to just be the shoulder to lean upon. But when we are faced with trials and difficulties of our own, it seems as though we are destined to walk alone.

Being a part of a family whose life is the ministry can be tough. Sometimes it seems as though you and your family give and give and give. It's a very lonely feeling being "Superman." Everyone at MK Ministries understand exactly what that feeling is like, and we are all about connecting MKs to each other and letting you know you are not alone. The fights you face on a daily basis are the same fights that are being fought across the world in many difficult cultures, time zones, and climates. We are devoted entirely to ministering to each one of you. On behalf of everyone involved with MK Ministries: We love you, appreciate you, and pray for you daily.