

Mark Westlund



Mark grew up in Indonesia from just after he was born until he was 18 years old living there as a missionary kid. His parents worked with Wycliffe Global Alliance serving with JAARS in Southeast Asia. Mark had an awesome childhood being caught between American and Asian culture. He loved going to the International Christian School that was available to missionary kids living there. Also he enjoyed asian food and making local friends to run around and do crazy things with. He enjoyed surfing, skateboarding, hiking to waterfalls, and doing all the other fun things that the jungle offered. Mark also enjoyed being apart and witnessing all the work that God was doing in the area he lived. Some of his best experiences were flying with his dad to remote locations, being involved in soccer camps, or hanging out with muslims from other parts of the region who were open to hearing the gospel. Mark also teamed up with one of his friends to start a video production team where they would make professional quality videos for other missionaries. One of his favorite projects was working on a video to promote AIDS awareness for a missionary who was working on that issue there.

In 2011 Marks father was killed in an aircraft accident. That event has changed his life forever. God has worked through it in numerous ways even though it was a difficult time. Mark is now 18 years old and will be attending Toccoa Falls College in Georgia this August. He will be majoring in missions and plans to attend SMAT after he is finished at Toccoa to become a pilot. From there he plans to serve overseas with JAARS or to do whatever the Lord leads in his life at that point.