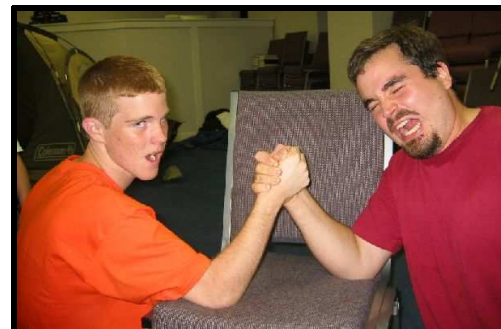




# An introduction to the Mathesons

**M**ike, the son of Wycliffe missionaries, was born in Brazil and lived there until he was nine years old. When Mike was a teenager, God called him to full-time Christian ministry and gave him a passion to see teenagers grow to be godly adults.

He attended Columbia International University where he majored in youth ministry. Mike and Beth met, ironically, at the JAARS youth group. They got married June 10, 2000. A little less than a year later they were joined by Leigh.



Mike and a student

**B**eth, whose parents were also Wycliffe missionaries, spent six years in the Philippines, between the ages of eight and fourteen. Growing up, Beth experienced both the positive and the negative aspects of missionary life and learned first-hand the difference caring youth leaders can make in an MK's life.

She graduated from Wingate University with a degree in biology, but she has found her calling in helping Mike with his ministry to teenagers and in being a mom. When she has time, Beth enjoys painting and writing music.



**L**eigh is an extremely energetic, happy little five-year-old. Her favorite activities are running, climbing, singing, reading, playing with friends, and attending the JAARS pre-school.

In November '04, Leigh gave her heart to Jesus. She has continued to grow in her new faith, learning what it means to be a child of God. She enjoys talking with Jesus, singing praise songs, and hearing Bible stories. We have seen definite changes in her willingness to obey and in her attitude toward others, and we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in her life.



## What is JAARS?

JAARS provides the technical support for missionaries - everything from training missionary pilots to creating computer software for Bible translators. JAARS is located in Waxhaw, North Carolina.



### Our Mission:

"To aid the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators by helping provide for the spiritual, emotional, and mental needs of teenage MKs and their families."

## What will we do?



Provide **Bible studies**, **fun activities**, and **ministry opportunities**.



Build **relationships** with teens and their families.



Provide **resources** and **counseling** to teens and families dealing with crises.



Ease the **transition** of teens returning from the field and plug them into **local churches**.



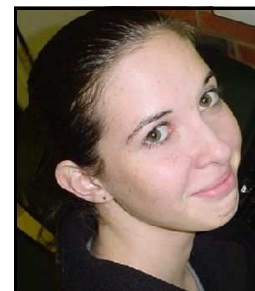
Develop an **international MK ministry network**, in order to provide volunteer youth leaders on the field with training, resources, and encouragement.



Tina - Cameroon

## Quotes from missionary parents:

- "These kids need someone who can understand them like only other MKs can."
- "Mike and Beth are exactly the people that we need for this job."



Emily  
Solomon Islands