



From Cradle to Grave

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you;...we ought to support such people so that we may become co-workers with the truth. 3 John 5, 8

Dedicated to Providing Services for Missionaries & Their Families

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We have been discussing what Missionary Member Care involves and why it is needed in our recent newsletters. In this edition we take a look at the sixth of six stages of a missionary's career.

Stage Six: Return from Overseas Service and Retirement

Returning from missionary service is often the most difficult of all the stages in the careers of missionaries. Regardless of the reasons for the return, adjustments are multiple and complex. Questions arise:

- "Well what do I do now since all I've known is missionary work?"
- "How am I going to make it financially?"
- "How will I fit back into my home culture? I feel so connected with the culture overseas."
- "Will my health needs be met, and where shall I live; with my family, near my home church, at a retirement village or where?"

For most missionaries who have returned from the field either prior to retirement because of various concerns or at retirement, their needs- whether they be financial, emotional, relational, and physical-do not disappear. How will they be provided for and who will provide the Member Care needed for these returned warriors? Our next installment will address these issues along with concerns that accompany the other stages of missionary careers.

-Dr. Dave Wickstrom on Missionary Member Care: From Cradle to Grave—part 2, stage 6

The full version of this article can be viewed on our website.



Our office building

We say this is our winter newsletter and that's what it is—everyone heard about SC—shut down for 3 days—5" of snow topped off with 1/2 " of ice.

Our Annual Banquet

Those who attended our Annual Banquet represented over **600 years of service in 36 different countries.** Wow! It was a time of great food and fellowship. One of the attendees wrote in — "As in previous years, my husband and I enjoyed the meal and fellowship you provided at First Pres. Friday evening. We were glad to see friends and to be updated on MRC's vision and plans. Dr. Ferguson's talk was thought provoking and we welcomed his input. Thank you for everything and may God bless you all and your work for Him."



From missionaries that we served:

Dear Missionary Resources,
Thank you so much for the use of the car for the last three months. You will never know what a blessing it was for us!

We appreciate your ministry not only to us but to so many other missionaries. The Lord bless you as you minister.

Women's Bible Study

This past week we had **6 women** in attendance. Between them they had served in **8 countries** for a total of **119 years.** We meet each week at our office and would love to have women who are interested in missions join us—pre-field, on home assignment, or having returned to the Columbia area.

PRAISE REPORTS:

- * God providing for the needs of missionaries this fall as well as those who have just arrived
- * co-coordinators for our MK Re-entry retreat, Jessica Ketcham & Lauren Wiest
- * substantial gift going towards the MK retreat

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * wisdom for 2011 so that we can continue doing what we do and expand our services
- * plans for the MK Re-entry-August 8-17, 2011

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