



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

Spring 2010

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

Stage Four: First Furlough/Home Assignment

Many missionaries report that transitioning back to their sending country is more challenging and difficult than the entry into and the first transition to their country of service. Why?

- Many challenges in the first transition are expected and viewed as normal
- New cultural and personal values have now been developed
- Often deeper and more comprehensive views of the realities of the world, its suffering, its opportunities and its challenges have been acquired
- A level of immersion into a new country and culture has taken root
- The home country, culture and people have changed since they left it and so has the missionary

The fifth stage will be discussed in the fall newsletter.

-Dr. Dave Wickstrom on Missionary Member Care: From Cradle to Grave—part 2, stage 4

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

The New Office Dedication



Celebrating MRC's move into the new wing in the Crossover building.

Dear MRC,

May the Lord continue to bless your ministry to missionaries who are on home assignment. Our family has been greatly encouraged and strengthened by each of you these past two years. MRC has been used by the Lord to bring healing, refreshment, mentoring to many.

May the Lord Jesus continue His ministry through each of you as you bear others burdens.

Love, PH

Women's Bible Study

We will continue to meet once a month in the summer on June 14th, July 12th & August 9th from 9:30 to noon in our new office building .



2010 MK/TCK Re-entry Retreats Reminder:

Retreat 1—July 18-27—Columbia International University in Columbia, SC

Retreat 2—Aug. 5-13—Bethel Christian Camp in Gaston, SC

Please note corrected dates for the August Retreat. We have also extended the registration deadline to June 1st!

Housing and Vehicle Needs:

- Family of 7 (housing) - May 24th—Aug. 15th
 - Family of 5 (housing) - June 12th—Aug. 26th
 - Single (Male) (housing) - June 13th—June 25th
 - Family of 4 (housing & vehicle) - June 16th—July 31st
 - Family of 5 (housing) - July 4th—July 10th
 - Family of 4 (housing) - July 5th—Aug. 25th
 - Family of 5 (housing) - July 6th—July 16th
 - Family of 5 (vehicle) - July 17th—Aug. 27th
 - Family of 5 (housing) - Aug. 8th—Aug. 22nd
- Please contact us if you are able to help with any of these needs.**

Upcoming Events

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| MK Re-entry Retreat 1 | July 18-27, 2010 |
| MK Re-entry Retreat 2 | August 5-13, 2010 |
| Ladies Fall Luncheon | September 2010 |
| Annual Banquet | November 12, 2010 |

Note: We will resume sending the newsletter out by email with the next newsletter. If you are not currently on our email list and would prefer to receive the newsletter by email, please let us know.

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