

# mmct communiqué

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## This Month's Communiqué Focus: TRANSITIONS

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again: people planning their home assignments and new people coming. Transitions are a way of life for us and can be quite challenging. There are some great resources that you might want to access or pass along to other colleagues.

- There are some good **books** on reentry for us to read and for those who welcome us home to read, too.
- We've compiled some info on **Reentry Programs for TCK's** in Europe and North America. Let us know of any good links that we may have missed.
- Sometimes it seems like we older folks become TCA's or "Third Culture Adults"! **Reentry and Debriefing programs and Retreats** designed especially for adults are also available.

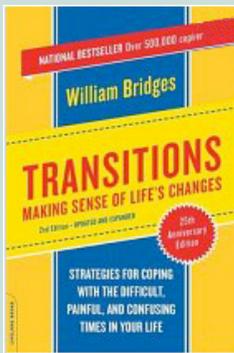
**MMCT workshops:** We have several *Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills* (SYIS) workshops coming up throughout West Africa. We'll also have a *Facilitators Training Workshop* for the SYIS in Ghana in November, a *Peer Response Training* the end of August and a *Member Care while Managing Crisis* workshop in Nairobi, Kenya this October. Click on [this link to our website](#) or [email Darlene](#), MMCT's Director of Training and Personnel, for more information.

Many blessings to you and your teams. It's a privilege to be alongside you, serving our Unchangeable God.

The Mobile Member Care Team  
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**BOOKS**  
*about transitions and reentry...*



**REENTRY PROGRAMS**  
*for Third Culture Kids...*

**REENTRY, DEBRIEFINGS AND RETREATS**  
*for Adults...*

## Books about transitions and reentry

***Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*** by William Bridges takes readers step by step through the stages of transition and explains how each stage can be understood and embraced, leading to movement into a hopeful future. This book is in the **MMCT Library** if you'd like to borrow it. Send **an email to MMCT** with your request; be sure to tell us where you are and how to get the book to you from Accra.

### For those on the field:

***Re-Entry, Making the Transition from Missions to Life at Home*** by Peter Jordan is a good book on the topic of re-entry. As of this writing it's available used at **amazon.com** for \$1.45 or at **Mission Books**.

The Salvation Army has published a book called ***Crossing Cultures: How to Manage the Stress of Re-Entry*** edited by Margaret Burt and Peter Farthing. Order it from The Salvation Army, Australia Eastern Territory, 140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney 2000, Australia ISBN 0 909206 39 2.

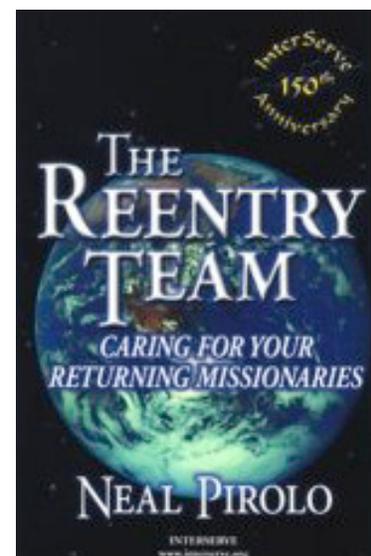
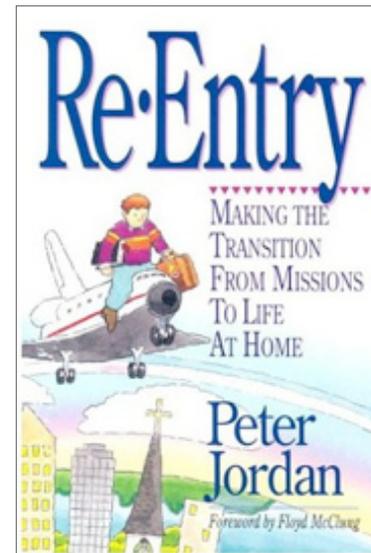
### For those who welcome us home:

***The Reentry Team*** by Neal Pirolo offers practical wisdom and true-to-life stories to help the church receive back the ones they have sent out. The results? Healthy returnees who make contributions to body life at home and abroad. It's available in the UK **through OSCAR** (an information service for world mission) and at **Amazon**. Marion Knell's ***Burn-Up or Splashdown*** is also highly recommended.

## Reentry programs for TCKs

*Transitions are an important time in the life of a Third Culture Kid (TCK) and these experiences (whether positive or negative) may have life-long significance.*

**European TCK Conference 2007** in the UK: The first conference of its kind aimed at European third culture families and organisations since Eurocomet in the 1990s: 17th - 21st September 2007 at the Wycliffe Conference Centre at Horsleys Green in High Wycombe, UK. Also check out this site for **German speakers**.



TCK Conference for European Families

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## Reentry programs for TCKs (continued)



**"Xenos" Retreats for Returning Missionary Kids** are held at All Nations Christian College: Helping teenagers who have grown up abroad to readjust to the challenges of life at home. Run by MKs for MKs. Cost £50. [Email](#) for next retreat. For a list with this and other links to events/services for MK's in Europe and the UK, go to the [OSCAR](#) website.

Interaction International **Transition Seminars**: To help TCKs, Interaction International holds two Transition Seminars each summer to help students who are returning to North America.

**Barnabas International** holds excellent **reentry seminars** every summer in southern California. They are exclusively for missionary kids who have just completed High School outside of North America and are now returning to the U.S. and Canada for continued schooling or employment.

**MK Reentry Retreat** August 6-14, 2007 Missionary Resources Connection in Columbia, South Carolina: This retreat, designed for high school graduates, will provide insights, activities and seminars aimed at transitioning into life in the United States.

**Debriefing and Renewal Program** at Mission Training International are one-week programs designed to help you and your family debrief your past experiences and adjust to the next transition, wherever that may be." This program offers programs for all ages of kids at the same time as their parents.

## Reentry, Debriefing Programs and Retreats for Adults

**Le Rucher**, only 15 minutes from Geneva, Switzerland in a beautiful, peaceful setting, offers extensive **debriefing services** for cross-cultural workers who may be just tired, burned-out or traumatized.

**Refresh for Mission**, near Ware in Hertfordshire, 1-6 July 2007: The Challenge to 'stay' in mission is a battle that many face. 'Refresh for Mission' provides space and time to review and refresh for future mission service. This popular week is supported by Global Connections and offers plenty of food for thought as well as time to reflect and relax at the lovely All Nations campus.

**Heart Stream Ministries' Refresh Conferences** are designed to serve the needs of persons in cross-cultural ministry, including singles, couples and families. It is a ten day experience of living in community which offers renewal, encouragement and professional services. The **REFRESH! In the French Alps** will be held from 16-27 June 2007. **REFRESH! In Ireland** will be held from 4-14 June 2007.

**ELIM Retreat Ministries**, a ministry of Barnabas International, is offering 8 renewal retreats this year which provide occasions for renewal and debriefing in a 6 day retreat setting. Location: Huron City, Michigan, a private 1400 acre family property on the shores of Lake Huron.

**Missionary Encouragement Trust** (8-15 November 2007 – Jerusalem) is a ministry of Biblical encouragement, hosting retreats for single missionaries in accessible international locations. We've also found a Missions Resources site with quite a few retreat options listed. Check out some of these **other retreat options**. Prices are quite reasonable, some even free.

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