

Continue without fading.

There is no real going back. Though I may come to the Shire, it will not seem the same; for I shall not be the same. I am wounded with knife, sting, and tooth, and a long burden. Where shall I find rest?

Frodo
The Lord of the Rings



ABIDE

Reentry Retreats

March 21-25, 2011; May 30-June 3, 2011; August 1-5, 2011; October 17-21, 2011

This renewal retreat is designed for those transitioning back into American culture or coming home on furlough. At this retreat, you will:

- ~ share with others your cross-cultural experience
- ~ explore reverse culture shock
- ~ prepare to tell your story well
- ~ meet with personal counselor
- ~ pray and reflect
- ~ be equipped for a healthier reentry into your home culture or productive time while on furlough

Each retreat begins on Monday at 2 PM and ends before lunch on Friday.

This debriefing provided just what we needed at just the tight time. In a time of great uncertainty, it provided us with resources for healing.
~Abide participant

COST	
Adults	\$395
Kids 12-17	\$315
Kids 4-11	\$275
Babies 0-3	\$195
Cost includes housing and meals.	

TRAVEL & LODGING

If you are flying, we recommend flying into Joplin Regional Airport (JLN) or Springfield, MO (SGF), which is about an hour away. We offer shuttle service from Joplin for free and from Springfield for \$50 per party traveling together. Please contact us for arrangements. If you are driving and need directions, please call. Contact us for housing information.

CONTACT & REGISTRATION

For more information and registration, contact Mark Miller ~ 417.621.8962 or mmiller@traininternational.com
Registration Deadline: Two weeks before the start date.

For many cross-cultural workers, the challenges and difficulties reentry brings are surprising. You may have thought that coming home would be an easy and welcome change, a solution to problems and issues you faced while overseas, a rest from struggles and hard work. You may have simply completed your time, term or task overseas. You may have seemingly been a "victim of circumstances" that forced you back home only to find that returning home was not a safe haven, but full of its own tangled ball of emotions and frustrations to add to the pain of leaving your adopted home overseas. Whatever brought you back to this culture—be it good or bad, chosen or forced—the reality is that many people find reentry more of a challenge than the culture shock they faced when they entered a new culture and they find themselves feeling like a stranger in their own country.

Through Abide, we want to help you understand reentry, tell your story, identify your losses, celebrate your gains, and acquire a fresh perspective on what God is doing in your life. All that you have seen, felt, experienced, and done has purpose and value. But more than that, you have value and worth in God's sight. He calls you to Himself, to sit at His feet and rest. For when we abide in Him, we can continue on our journey with fading or being lost.

