

I recently received some information from Interaction International (<http://www.interactionintl.org/>). Interaction has some great resources for the missionary families. As an office, we work with them often, and appreciate the ministry that they provide to missionary families of many organizations. Interaction provides a “Transition Seminar” for MKs returning to the United States. Generally, they have 2 seminars per year. Many of our MKs go to the seminar in August, held in Colorado Springs. They also provide many helps for parents teaching their MKs through home school programs, or placing them in national schools. This year Interaction has a seminar for parents using one of those two educational methods. They have extended an invitation to us. I have sent an email to every missionary signed up for the Parental Update with all the necessary information. Should you like the information, please let me know. The Parental Update is a great way for me to communicate directly with missionaries about things that are relevant to them. If you would like to receive those periodic emails, please register at <http://www.ismk.org/parents/parents.htm>.

I have also sent out an email to all the MKs with ismk email addresses concerning an upcoming MISSIONS TRIP for MKs. Book of Hope is partnering with us for this event! I will be going with about 20 MKs to Honduras to hand out the Book of Hope. ONLY MKs are invited to participate in this trip. My goal is that MKs have the opportunity to go on missions trips to fields other than where they live/have lived. I believe that God will use these trips to call MKs back into missions! The cost is nominal - \$500 above airfare to Honduras. The dates are July 25th – July 31st, 2007 (which is between SOM and General Council). Information and Registration is available online at <http://www.ismk.org/mks/ismkmissionstrips.htm>. The trip is limited in number, and limited to high school MKs only.

Recently, the Africa Region held a retreat for Central, Southern, and East Africa Areas. An MK Task Force went to minister to the MKs. It was such an amazing time! I was so impressed by the family nature of the retreat! Parents and kids spent the evenings playing games and talking about Africa. One of my greatest joys was seeing the missionaries out on a field playing “flag football”. They were so frustrated at having to pull the flag, that it quickly became full contact! The MKs watched as their parents played this and other games. I know that this has left an impression on those MKs lives (and probably some painful impressions on the bodies of those missionaries)! Thanks for allowing us to be a part of the retreat! Here are some pictures of that retreat!