



THE CHANGES OF CANDIDATE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Our executive director sent the following communiqué to our missionary family regarding the changes of Candidate School and School of Missions. As we prepare for this extraordinary occasion when missionary associates, candidates, veterans, and MKs assemble together, please place these requests on your prayer list—ask God to meet with us and for our Lord to provide His wonderful anointing.

Your brother,

Rick Johnson



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CANDIDATE SCHOOL & MISSIONARY RENEWAL

Dear Missionary Family:

Rather than include this information in the *Missive*, I want to address this subject in a separate mailing to you because I feel it is very important to get this to you immediately.

Recently we decided to review the whole aspect of Candidate School as well as School of Missions. Several factors prompted us to do this review, and we named two subcommittees that eventually came back to us with recommendations for changes in the next Candidate School and School of Missions.

The long and short of it is that we are going to trim down Candidate School from three weeks to two.

The new date for 2008 Candidate School is June 21–July 3. This means primarily that the special studies will be done by electronic media. That is, they will be done through CDs or other means so

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that we don't have to take a whole week of everyone's time and incur the expenses these kinds of exercises demand. We will prepare excellent studies on all of these subjects and, of course, depend on the missionary candidates to review them and come back to us with any input in that regard.

School of Missions will also change. We went back to see what the original purpose of School of Missions was back in the beginning, and the committee discovered that primarily it was for spiritual renewal.

The name "School of Missions" will change and the new name will be "Missionary Renewal." We are going to remove the whole concept of "school" and have it be a renewal for our missionaries. This will be done in one week rather than two. The new date for 2008 Missionary Renewal is July 6–10.

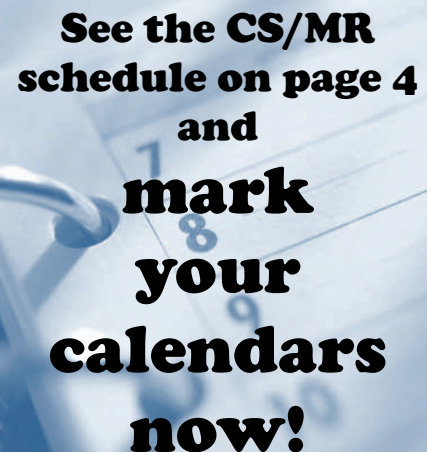
This will also cut out time spent in Springfield that removes you from the itinerary trail, as well as give us more time to concentrate particularly on the purpose of this time together. We want this to be a time of spiritual refreshing and fellowship and developing in our walk with the Lord. (Anything that is of more instructional value will be placed on CDs and given to you during Missionary Renewal.) The mornings will be primarily taken up with this kind of thing, and then the afternoons will be Regional Studies as we've always done before. At least two evenings will be free for fellowship and to connect with family, friends, and missionary colleagues.

I trust this helps you understand a little of our thinking. We're not only trimming the entire time down to three weeks rather than five, but we're changing the emphasis to make it a time of spiritual refreshing for our whole missionary family. This will greatly cut down on the cost that, of course, comes out of your (00) and, I believe, will accomplish the whole purpose of the original intention of this exercise during the summer.

If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to direct them to me or to Rick Johnson, director of Personnel and Family Life. I wanted to give you a heads up so you would know how to plan your activities for next summer if you're beginning your itineration.

Sincerely,

L. John Bueno
Executive Director
AGWM



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schedule on page 4
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calendars
now!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE ISMK OFFICE!

So many changes are happening in World Missions. As we enter 2008, we are truly excited to see what God has in store.

As mentioned in the letter from our executive director, many changes are happening with the summer programs. The MK department is excited about the changes happening, and we are looking forward to the challenges that will come along with those changes. I believe the changes being made truly have the missionaries' best interests at heart. You will see considerable savings in your (00), and the shortened duration of Missionary Renewal will substantially save you time!



ISMK was a part of a committee looking at the summer schedules. During Candidate School our MA kids were on campus only for the first two weeks, and the candidate MKs stayed on for the third. It was always a let-down for the candidate MKs to say good-bye to their friends and then have only half the number of MKs for the last week of Candidate School. I have always felt that the MA kids walked away with just as much passion as the candidate MKs! The bulk of the MK Identity Training was done in the first two weeks to make sure that all of the MKs had the same training. The third week was always fun but with less instruction. I believe we will still be able to have quality pre-field preparation for our MKs in two weeks. We will continue to have MuKappa. Candidates coming through the summer programs can expect to have the same level of quality from ISMK that we have always given our missionaries!

Missionary Renewal certainly will have a new look for the MK program, and I believe the schedule changes will be positive for the MK program as well. While we are losing three days of ministry, we are adjusting the schedule and will have a very powerful week. The changes in schedule force us as a ministry to be more effective and more purposeful in everything we do. That is definitely a great thing for us! We will still have a day at Silver Dollar City with all the programs, as well as four evenings of powerful services. Pray with us that God will continue to touch lives and baptize MKs in the Holy Spirit during Missionary Renewal! I know God has great things in store for next summer, and I am excited about the positive changes happening! We will still have a great, fun time with the MKs, and God will move in the services.

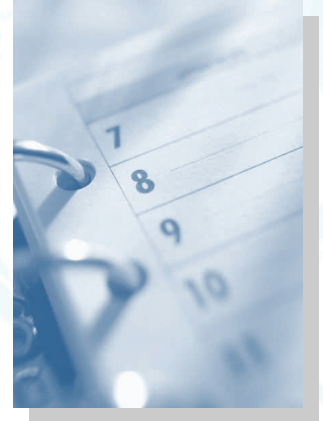
I am also very excited about Reentry. Because of the change in schedule, we are much more focused on the entire Reentry program. Immediately following Missionary Renewal, CaringConnection will lead the annual Reentry program. ISMK will be doing the bulk of our cultural adjustment sessions during Reentry. Some of those sessions were during SOM last year. I encourage you to make sure you register for Reentry! Our program for those about to enter college is continually getting better, and these changes will help us even more!

Thanks for reading. Needless to say, I am looking forward to next summer. The ISMK program is a part of World Missions, and I believe we need to morph and make ISMK what it needs to be for this generation of missionaries and MKs! We will not accept anything but the best possible program for our MKs. We pray you have a great winter/spring (or summer/fall depending on where you are)!

Bwana Chad

2008 Schedule

- 2008 Candidate School
Summer—June 23–July 3
- 2008 Pre-Field Orientation (Missionary Associates)
Spring—March 10–14
Summer—June 23–July 3
Fall—October 20–24
- 2008 Missionary Renewal Week
Summer—July 6–10



**"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to
give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)**

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