



## What's on Your Mind? What Can We Address?

Expectations, if clearly communicated up front, can prevent or at least minimize confusion and conflicts. They can also add peace to our personal lives.

I would like to know some expectations you have that have not been addressed or need to be readdressed. Each of us believes in the importance of good

communication, and only you know what issues matter most to you. Therefore, in anticipation of addressing our missionary family on issues of interest, I wish to hear from you.

Currently I have subjects listed through February 2008 that I plan to write about in this communiqué; however, I will adjust to accommodate

what you wish to dialogue about or have addressed.

If you would place on the subject line "What's on your mind? What can we address?" I will know you are writing in direct response to this article. My e-mail address is [RJohnson@ag.org](mailto:RJohnson@ag.org). Let me hear from you!

Your brother,  
*Rick Johnson*

## SPOTLIGHT on The Hewes Family

The Hewes family (Joe, Karen, Shari, and Katie) are missionary associates to Ecuador, where they will be working with Unsión Television.

Although they have not yet raised their budget to begin their assignment, they are anxious to get started.

At approximately 45 percent of their monthly budget, with their entire cash budget raised,



they are rapidly approaching financial clearance so they may depart for the field.

The recent devastating fire at Unsión Television has also fueled a greater fire within their hearts.

In a recent newsletter Joe says, "I have heard from Bill McDonald, the missionary we will be working with in Quito, Ecuador. The need for workers in Quito to rebuild the television network is now extremely urgent. I am also in phone contact with David

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## VALUABLE REENTRY PROGRAMS FOR MKS

### Another Candidate

Orientation is done! It is always exciting to meet with families and hear their passion and how God called them into the ministry. We enjoy hearing about their kids and how God is preparing them for the mission field.

As parents we think a lot about preparing our kids for missions and a new culture, but we may not prepare them as much to return to the United States for college. I have spent a lot of time in the last few months thinking about this final transition (which it is, for most MKs). It can be a very traumatic time. As parents, we think our kids will be fine and adjust well to the transition, but then we find out otherwise. Our office hears regularly from parents asking us to contact their children, who are having a difficult time with the move home.

One thing I always recommend to our missionaries is to send their MKs through a reentry program when they return for

college. The reentry program we run is the weekend prior to SOM. It is a great program! My hope is that upon graduation every high school senior will go through a reentry program.

Several programs are also approved as (00) ADP expenses. Some last over two weeks, with specialized sessions for MKs returning for college. When you are preparing for your trip home, consider sending your college-bound MK to a reentry program. I also recommend they attend SOM.

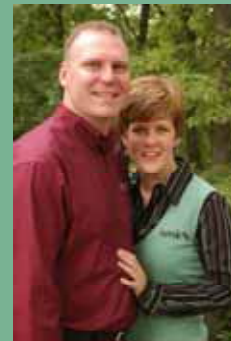
We are reviewing applications of MKs who want to work the upcoming summer programs, and there are several high school graduates returning for college who want to work. But we believe there are plenty of years ahead for them to work the program; it is more important for them to attend the summer programs to help them transition smoothly.

We are continually praying for your MKs! Please let us

know of anything in particular we can pray about. All MKs should have received letters letting them know we are praying for them. Even though that letter itself is a form letter, we pray for each child individually. Each week we come together as a staff and call out the names of about 30 MKs. Then we take those names home for the week and continue to pray for each of them.

Blessings to each of you,

Bwana Chad and Bwanita  
Dargan Phillips



Chad and Dargan Phillips

**Grace and glory differ very little; the one is the seed, the other is the flower; grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant.—Thomas Brooks**

## SPOTLIGHT on The Hewes Family (continued)

Olson, president of the network. I am providing what help I can from afar, but the sooner workers can get to Ecuador in the coming weeks and months, the sooner the network can be rebuilt.”

He explains further, “All programming for the network was produced and originated from the Cuenca studios, which have been totally destroyed. The satellite uplink facilities that reached countries from the tip of Argentina to the Canadian border were also destroyed. At the moment we are ‘off the air’ on 43 cable systems and four



broadcast stations in Ecuador. This is the equivalent of the CBS Broadcast Center going up in flames. The potential loss could be as high as \$1.5 million in equipment and facilities. The most important loss is the people we are NOT reaching for Jesus right now.”

We also wanted to spotlight this associate family because of their Web site. Many missionaries and associates have begun using Web sites and blogs to communicate about their ministry. The Heweses’ site, [www.hewesfamily.org](http://www.hewesfamily.org), is a fine example. It allows the entire family, including the children, to communicate with donors, friends, and others about what is happening in their lives and ministry. A number of resources are available to help in this area if you are interested. The Internet is a great communication tool. If you have your own Web site, please let us know by e-mailing a link to your processing assistant.



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