

Re-Entry Checklist

- 1. Encourage reading books / websites or doing an online course in preparation**
 - Provide information 6 months to a year in advance of their return if possible
- 2. Manage Expectations**
 - Encourage reflection on their own expectations and dialogue with extended family on expectations
- 3. Arrange Practical help**
 - Take care of as much financial administration as possible
 - Encourage churches to provide logistical help and decision-making advice
- 4. Encourage taking a break on the way home**
 - 7-10 days holiday away from their host country on the way home is invaluable to mark the break between an ending and a new beginning
- 5. Make accommodation as stable as possible**
 - Encourage them to settle in one place as soon as is feasible
- 6. Make spiritual mentors available**
 - Encourage the sending church to offer a spiritual mentor, or provide possibilities through your own networks
- 7. Provide a Re-entry buddy**
 - Check with the sending church if they have former returnees that can act as a re-entry buddy (willing person who has “been there, done it”), or provide one
- 8. Offer debriefs and retreats**
 - Include an opt-out of debriefing in their contract, not opt-in. Make sure to provide internal or external debriefing within the first three months of return (preferably sooner rather than later)
- 9. Provide support on future direction**
 - Make returnees aware of the options they have for seeking further support
- 10. Check in with partners after their return**
 - Don't assume someone is fine just because they always have been
 - Check in with them at 3, 6 and 12 months after their return