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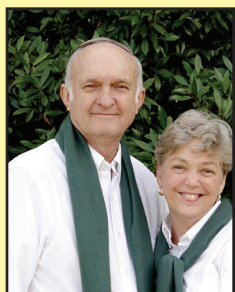
## Short-Term Mission Resources and Bible Curriculum

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Howard & Bonnie Lisech

Question: What are the 3 essential phases of every cross-cultural exposure or missions trip?

Answer: Pre-Field Preparation, On-Field Experience, Purposeful Reentry.

### 1. Pre-Field Preparation

Problem:

Time pressure, distractions, busy culture, work schedules, tourist or consumer mentality, "adventure" attitude, lack of understanding.

Solution:

Insist that every team member prepare their heart for ministry by completing these essential devotional Bible studies before heading out to the field. Provide cost-effective Pre-Field Bible studies.

### 2. On-Field Experience

Problem:

Tyranny of the urgent for leaders, lack of time to prepare, unexpected ministry schedule changes. Good intentions.

Solution:

Schedule 20-30 minutes before breakfast (or another set time) for team members to be ALONE WITH GOD. Provide cost-effective On-Field devotional Bible Studies to help them grow in their walk.

### 3. Purposeful Reentry

Problem:

Time and schedule demands for returning students, workers, professionals. Returnees' failure to understand or feel the need for readjusting to their home culture can cause serious problems later.

Solution:

People often underestimate reentry stresses. Maximize your STM investment; Follow-up and debrief by providing cost-effective Reentry devotional Bible studies that include helpful reentry questions.

"As leaders we can do a great job of team logistics, but we may become so busy with details we fail to help our team members grow spiritually. Our devotional Bible study/journals lead your team members to a closer walk with God before, during, and after the cross-cultural experience."

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# Devotionals for Short-Term or Career Missionaries

## 1. PRE-FIELD DEVOTIONALS

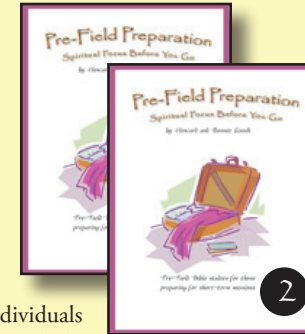
PRE-FIELD PREPARATION—BOOK 1  
Spiritual Focus Before You Go  
Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Pubs

These (Books 1 & 2) devotional Bible studies books are specifically designed for the Pre-Field training of STM individuals and teams. Each devotional is written to help team members grow spiritually and evaluate their attitudes and actions before they leave on a Short-Term Missions trip. Just as a pilot has to PRE-FLIGHT his plane before committing his life and the lives of his passengers to the take-off, we need to make sure that we deliberately prepare and "pre-flight" our hearts for service in another culture. Spiritual preparation is ESSENTIAL to gain the most from the STM experience.

7 day (stapled) or 14 day (spiral bound) editions are available.

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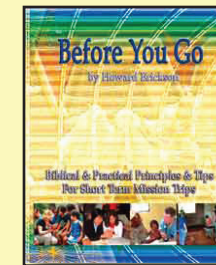


## OTHER PRE-FIELD RESOURCES

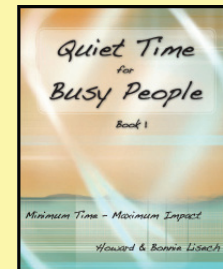
BEFORE YOU GO—A Short-Term Missions Manual  
Howard Erickson, Deeper Roots Publications

This newly revised resource is written primarily for those who will be organizing or leading a trip. The 120 page manual has practical tips on making travel arrangements, communicating with host missionaries and packing. It also includes a helpful section on using media to communicate the value of the trip to friends and supporters. Based on years of travel with short-term missions teams, Before You Go is designed to save time and effort for beginners and pros alike.

Chapters: 1. Introduction, 2. Laying The Foundation, 3. The Biblical Basis For Missions, 4. Who Is a Missionary?, 5. Why, Where & What, 6. Before & After, 7. Expectations & Potential Lessons, 8. Travel Planning & Preparation, 9. Practical Suggestions for Raising Support, 10. Trip Tips & General Conduct, 11. Travel Safety, 12. Avoiding Jet Lag, 13. Ready, Set, Go, 14. Airports, Security & Customs, 15. Remembering What Happened, 16. Presenting Your Trip Visually, 17. Keeping The Memories Fresh, 18. Staying In Touch, 19. The Ministry of Prayer, 20. The Beginning & The End. Appendix 1: Standards of Excellence in Short-Term, Appendix 2: Ten Ways to Ruin Short-Term Mission, Appendix 3: Missions Trip Policy Agreement, Appendix 4: How To Pray For Missionaries, Appendix 5: Top 10 Video Shooting Tips.  
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## OTHER EXCELLENT RESOURCES



### QUIET TIME FOR BUSY PEOPLE

(Book 1, Book 2, Book 3) by Howard & Bonnie Lisech  
Brief, but life-changing, devotional Bible studies that are short but far from shallow. Designed especially for those who want to maintain a quality daily quiet time with the Lord, but are pressed by time constraints. Verses are included to make it quick, convenient, and easy to complete each study and answer the inductive questions. A journal page for each of the 30 studies is included to help you capture valuable insights.

Many people desire to have a quiet time in their lives but find themselves stretched by a busy lifestyle.

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## OTHER PRE-FIELD RESOURCES (CONT.)

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS LANGUAGE PROGRAM DVDs

Wow!

Finally, an easy-to-master language resource customized for Christians who want to share their faith in Christ in another language.



Perfect for preparing for a short-term mission trip, the program teaches the users how to introduce themselves, get around town, talk about their faith, read Scripture passages, and learn correct pronunciation.

The STM Language Program includes one CD and a pocket-size phrase book.

Words and phrases are spoken once in English and then twice by a native speaker with pauses for repetition.

There is room in the back of the book for journaling and recording names of new friends. The short sections of this program are easy to master, and upon completion, you should be able to speak and understand the basics of the language.

"This program is tailored specifically for the short-terminer. It is so good that I am going to recommend it for every team member we send this year."

Roger Peterson (STEM International)

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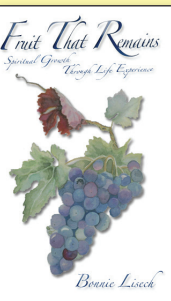
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FRUIT THAT REMAINS—  
Spiritual Growth Through Life Experience  
Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications

Bonnie challenges readers to view life's blessings, trials, and tests as important steps in spiritual growth. Many of these life lessons were learned while in missionary training and serving in Papua New Guinea.

Spiritual encouragement studies include: Living On Target, Special Assignment, The Potter And The Clay, Test Of Faith, The Death-Life Principle, Lesson Of The Pine Cone, Poor In Spirit, Darkness and Light, God Is Personal, and others. Enjoy the discovery of spiritual principles that lead us to bear Fruit That Remains through an intimate relationship and fellowship with God.

Bonnie says, "My goals are to challenge people to grow in their faith and to see them enjoy God's sovereignty, love, and power in all circumstances of life."



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2. ON-FIELD RESOURCES

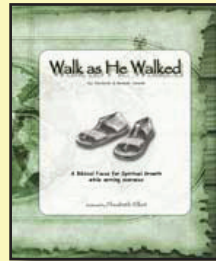


## Walk as He Walked



Elisabeth Elliot  
Missionary Author

“The Lisechs have had not only missionary experience, but much experience of the faithfulness of God in deep personal trials and afflictions. They have blessed the lives of many young people in training them to be faithful, humble, true followers of the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. I believe this little book would be deeply practical in the preparation of anyone who honestly wants to follow the Crucified.”



**WALK AS HE WALKED** – ON-FIELD BOOK 1 OF 4 DIFFERENT DEVOTIONAL BIBLE STUDIES FOR VARIOUS TRIP LENGTHS.

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications

*Walk as He Walked*, first in a series of 4 different devotional Bible studies/spiritual journals, earned an endorsement by Elisabeth Elliot!

Designed for both full time and short-term missionaries, they will add an important dimension to any cross-cultural experience. Thousands have used them with great success. Topics are sequenced for the culture shock curve and missionary usage, but many other believers are using them for personal refreshment and time with God.

14 day, 21 day, 30 day, and 50 day editions are available.

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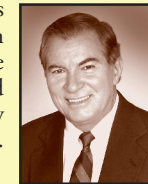
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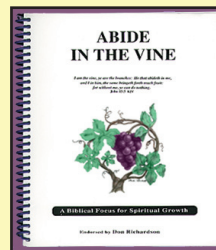
## Abide in The Vine



“Glowing embers from their own devotional hearth—that is what Howard and Bonnie share so warmly through *Abide in the Vine*. Many devotional guides aim solely at God’s glory in the Christian disciple’s personal growth. Abide in the Vine pursues the even greater glory God receives when the disciples do not merely grow, but grow to become disciplers of the world’s unreached people. That is why I am especially delighted to recommend *Abide in the Vine*!”



Don Richardson  
Missionary Author



**ABIDE IN THE VINE** – ON-FIELD BOOK 2 OF 4

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications

The *Abide in the Vine* devotional Bible studies are for those who have already completed *Walk as He Walked*. These were also designed with short-term missionaries in mind and they will add an important spiritual dimension to any STM trip experience. Topics are sequenced for the culture shock curve and missionary usage, but many laymen and church leaders are using them for personal refreshment and time with God. 14 day, 21 day, 30 day, and 50 day editions are available.

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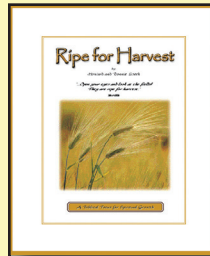
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Request FREE PDF samples of a COMBO book w the table of contents and one devotional from a *Pre-Field*, an *On-Field*, and a *Reentry* devotional book at [DeeperRootsPubs@gmail.com](mailto:DeeperRootsPubs@gmail.com) or [www.DeeperRoots.com](http://www.DeeperRoots.com)

## Ripe For Harvest



This third option for those who have previously used our other devotional Bible studies is uniquely suited to the needs of short-termers or full time workers. The devotional themes are sequenced to correspond to the culture shock curve. They were written for those who have completed multiple STM trips but, like the others, many people are using them for personal devotions.



**RIPE FOR HARVEST** – ON-FIELD BOOK 3 OF 4

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications

*Ripe for Harvest* is great for those who have finished *Walk as He Walked*, or *Abide in the Vine*, while on a missions trip. These devotional Bible study/spiritual journals will add an important dimension to any STM experience. Topics are sequenced for the culture shock curve and missionary usage. They were written for those who have completed multiple STM trips but, like the others, many people are using them for personal devotions. 14 day, and 21 day editions are available.

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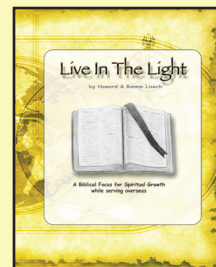
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## Live In The Light

**LIVE IN THE LIGHT** – ON-FIELD BOOK 4 OF 4

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications

Fourth in the *On-Field* series, *Live In The Light* is a *NEW* resource for those who travel on multiple STM trips. Those who have completed *Walk as He Walked*, *Abide in the Vine*, or *Ripe for Harvest* will welcome *Live In The Light* and it will add an important dimension to any STM trip. The devotional Bible study/spiritual journals are sequenced for the culture shock curve and will be welcomed by both long and short-term missionaries. Others will enjoy using them for personal devotions as well. 14 day edition is available.



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## 3. REENTRY RESOURCES

“Who is there for the returning missionary? Family, friends, and the church become key support people who will listen, understand, and encourage the eager and tired returnee.



After the initial sharing and euphoria are over, who stays on to care and listen? *Coming Home* and *Coming Home Again* take the readers to the One who is constantly there to comfort and guide. The Lisechs have skillfully and sensitively woven together the principles of God’s Word and the issues of readjustment and reentry into each of the studies.



Lisa Espinelli Chinn  
Cross-Cultural Trainer

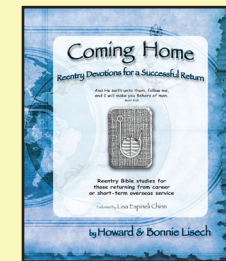
*Coming Home* is a must Bible study guide for everyone returning home after a time of service in another setting or country. It is a refreshing addition to the meager reentry resources in missions today. *Coming Home Again* and *Returning Home* are other excellent choices for those who are making a second or third reentry and have already used and completed *Coming Home* after their first trip.”

## Four Essential Reentry Resources

Never underestimate the value of devotional studies that focus on the reentry issues of successfully returning “home” after serving in another setting or culture.

**COMING HOME** – REENTRY BOOK 1

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications



Thousands of short-term and long-term missionaries have completed *Coming Home* reentry devotionals with excellent results. The devotional studies and focused reentry questions help anyone returning home as they begin readjusting to their own culture. *Coming Home* is especially helpful for those who have completed the *Walk as He Walked*, *Abide in the Vine*, or *Ripe for Harvest*

on-field devotional studies. Several mission agencies provide this book for their missionaries returning from life in a different culture.

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**COMING HOME AGAIN** – REENTRY BOOK 2

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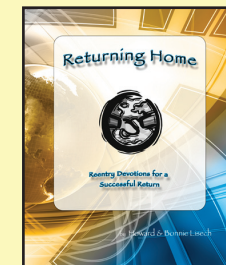
*Coming Home Again* Book 2 is another 14 day reentry devotional Bible study. It is appropriate for those who have *ALREADY* used the *Coming Home* (*Fishers of Men*) reentry devotionals during their first reentry experience. As people return to their home culture from overseas assignments for the second time, this book provides necessary help. Reentry stress is a real issue and returnees need effective tools to help minimize its effects. Lisa Espinelli Chinn says, “*Coming Home Again* is another great resource for help with readjustment to our home culture after a second or third short-term or long-term mission experience.”

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**RETURNING HOME** – REENTRY BOOK 3

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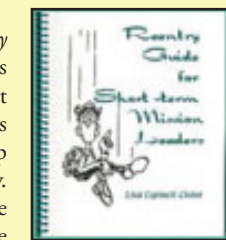


*Returning Home* is a brand new Reentry devotional! It was written especially for those who have *ALREADY* completed *Coming Home* or *Coming Home Again*. Some people return to their home culture without realizing that they have changed during their cross-cultural experience. The devotionals and focused reentry questions in this new volume will help smooth the transition back to the home culture.

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**REENTRY GUIDE FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION LEADERS**, Lisa Espinelli Chinn, Deeper Roots Pubs



Lisa Espinelli Chinn is an authority on *Reentry Stress*. In this book she provides valuable insights and instructions on how to successfully deal with it after your trip. This important publication contains her research, ideas, and concepts that can help you assist your team members return successfully. Nine important chapters, plus four exercises in the appendix, make this small but powerful 76 page book an essential tool in your chest of resources to help you and your team have a successful reentry.

“Every team leader should have this excellent resource! Understanding reentry stress can really help you improve your ministry to your returning team members” – Howard Lisech

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## 4. “COMBINED” BOOK RESOURCES

### 3 books combined into ONE volume

**WALK AS HE WALKED 3 PART COMBO BOOK**

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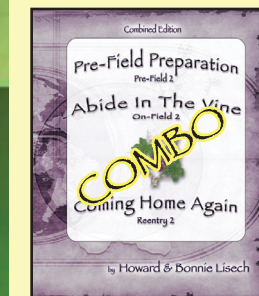


By popular demand and Best Sellers! *ONE volume containing 7 pre-field, 14 On-Field, and 14 Reentry devotional Bible study/spiritual journals*. Tried and true material written with today’s Short-Termers in mind. This innovative volume will help your team members grow spiritually during all 3 phases of the STM missions experience. Help guide those you are sending to a closer walk with God by engaging them with enriching devotional Bible studies presented in an appealing yet inexpensive format. Maximize their STM experience by providing 35 days of *quality* spiritual input for less than 1% of the average overseas per-person trip cost.

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**ABIDE IN THE VINE 3 PART COMBO BOOK**

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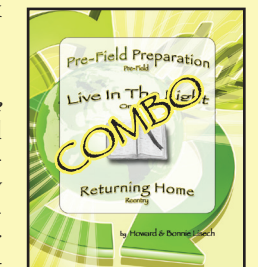
Many have been waiting for the convenience of having a single volume that covers all three essential phases of each STM trip. This ABIDE combo book includes 3 books bound into a single volume to cover the PRE-FIELD training, the ON-FIELD portion, and the REENTRY portion of each trip.

This volume contains 7 days of Pre-Field Preparation, 14 day *Abide in the Vine* (Book 2) dealing with Culture-Shock and *Coming Home Again* (Book 2) dealing with Reentry Stress issues. The devotional Bible study journals are an excellent investment in the overall success of your missions trip. In fact, many churches and organizations can cycle through brand new studies each year for 3 years.

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**LIVE IN THE LIGHT 3 PART COMBO BOOK**

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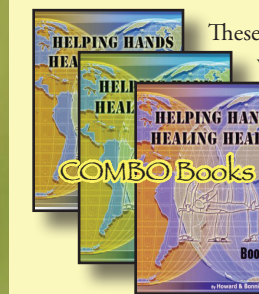
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## 5. MEDICAL TEAM RESOURCES

**HELPING HANDS–HEALING HEARTS**– BOOK 1, 2, OR 3

Howard & Bonnie Lisech, Deeper Roots Publications



These devotional Bible study/journals are especially written with *medical health team members* in mind. They were originally developed for an organization that sends over a thousand medical personnel overseas annually. The devotionals are shortened to fit the restrictive time frames so common on the field. Each book includes 8 *Pre-Field*, 14 *On-Field*, and 8 *Reentry* devotionals covering all 3 essential phases of each trip bound in a single volume with scripture text included.

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