# *Suggested Discussion Guide for Re-Connect Issues Discussion*

1. How many of you arrived in the US less than two weeks ago? One month? (continue increments as appropriate)
2. How many are on your first HMA? Second? Etc…
3. What has been your experience since arriving in the US this time?
4. What was your frame of mind as you entered this HMA? Are you tired? Excited? Wishing you didn't have to do such useless stuff as take HMAs? Fearful?
5. Have there been any surprises? What surprised you? (try to get rookies and veterans alike to answer this.)
6. How has your adjustment to your church been?
7. How has your adjustment to your housing been? climate? pace of life? old friendships? American culture?
8. What were some of your expectations for your return?
9. How have they been met or not met?
10. Think about an incident where you felt awkward or like “home” was not “home.” How did you feel? What prompted the reaction?
11. How did you react to your response to the situation?
12. If this is not your first reentry, what are some of the things you encountered last time you came back? Has this time back been similar?
13. What are some of the struggles you have experienced in terms of maintaining a stable lifestyle while visiting churches? How do you build and maintain relationships, accountability, etc., while a nomad?
14. What are the added stresses, if any, for singles on HMA?
15. How does a missionary family handle the balance of family needs versus the churches' desires to see the whole family?
16. For those of you not planning to return to the field, what have your thoughts been regarding returning to this foreign land permanently? Have you encountered a bit of an identity crisis? Are you at peace about it? How does your return relate to your sense of calling?