



Be grateful*
for the
opportunity to
return home.
*if fearful,
address the reasons

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Take care
of yourself
(sleep, food,
exercise, recreation,
spiritual reflection)

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Learn from
others who have
returned home.

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Prioritize how
you want to use
your time back home
but be flexible
& make adjustments
along the way.

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▶ This resource is designed to be a conversation starter to address the main issues in student reentry. Use it with an individual student or for group discussion. The ISM worker should be ready to elaborate and explain the rules.

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Anticipate experiencing
mild to intense
reverse culture shock.

i.e. cultural displacement
& confusion..



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Expect, observe and adjust
to changes (BIG or small):

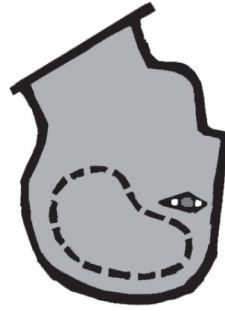
- ▶ in you,
- ▶ in others,
- ▶ in your home,
- ▶ in the pace of life,
- ▶ in values,
- ▶ culture, etc.





Prepare for reentry by understanding the reentry phenomenon. Use reentry resources i.e. Think Home, Home Again.

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Rehearse in your mind how people will welcome, receive, & respond to you. Consider how you will respond to them.

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Recall what builds trust in your culture & decide to adjust attitudes & behavior accordingly.

e.g. gift-giving, respectful gestures



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Have a good sense of humor (do not take yourself too seriously).



Other Reentry resources

- ▶ Customs and Culture: A Reentry Simulation Game by Lisa Espineli Chinn. Published by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship/USA. Available through www.intervarsity.org/store
- ▶ Home Again: Preparing International Students to Serve Christ in Their Home Countries by Nate Mirza. DawsonMedia, P.O.Box 6000, Colorado Springs, CO. 80934
- ▶ The Art of Coming Home by Craig Storti. Intercultural Press, P. O. Box 700, Yarmouth, ME, 04096 Available through www.interculturalpress.com
- ▶ Think Home: A Practical Guide for Christian Internationals Preparing to Return Home by Lisa Espineli Chinn. Published by ISI, Inc. Available through www.isionline.org

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10 Rules of Re-engagement

Reentry Resource Series

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