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this issue's focus: *Member Care Resources for Single Missionaries*

Dear Friends,

Some months ago an MMCT board member and contributor to the communiqué wrote,

"I am involved in supporting single workers on the field and find there is a real need for information about unfulfilled dreams, desires for closeness and for partnership, coping with loneliness, what to do on holidays, sexuality, living conditions and more. Recommendations for good books, helpful retreats and the like would be appreciated. I have very few answers myself and am always looking for help and support for these issues."

Perhaps you find yourself in the same situation or know someone who is, or perhaps you're single and asking similar questions. If so, we hope this issue of the Communiqué will point you to some useful resources.

*The Mobile Member Care Team*

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Our next issue's focus will be **Sabbath Rest and Margin**. If you have a favorite resource on this topic, send it to [mmct.communique@mmct.org](mailto:mmct.communique@mmct.org)

## retreats for singles

*The number one need of single missionaries is spiritual enrichment. They desire the meat of the Word coupled with times to be with the Lord. Quality staff and deep content are the foundation of a successful singles retreat. Roni Pruitt*

**Single Vision** retreats minister to the Protestant multi-national missions community. Their aim is to enhance spiritual growth, cross-cultural integration skills, emotional health, physical exercise and personal connection with others. Programs are offered in [Asia](#) and [Europe](#).

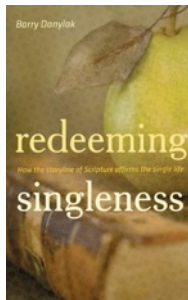
**Pennhurst Retreat Centre** in East Sussex, UK warmly welcomes singles missionaries



**Mission Encouragement Trust** is hosting a retreat for single missionaries from all Christian mission agencies working anywhere in the world. Thirty five places are available for the October 2010 retreat at East Sussex, UK.

***The Single Issue*** by Albert Hsu offers a positive, biblical view of singleness that “avoids trite advice on how to suffer through the single life and offers practical insights on key concerns such as sex, celibacy and the constructive use of solitude.”

## books on SINGLENES



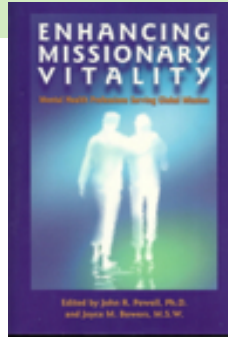
In the soon to be released ***Redeeming Singleness*** Barry Danylak rescues the conversation about singleness from the sphere of experiential teaching and brings it squarely into the realm of biblical theology, where it emerges as a legitimate reflection of the sufficiency of Christ’s redeeming act.

***Getting Serious about Getting Married*** addresses “one of the most urgent questions facing today’s generation of young Christian singles -- does God intend for marriage to be a priority?” Debbie Maken offers serious thinking and an honest approach to this issue.



## reflections on SINGLENESS

“**Negotiating Reality Single**,” a chapter from *Front Line Women: Negotiating Cross Cultural Issues in Ministry* can be read [online](#).



“**Serving Single**” can be found in the book, *Enhancing Missionary Vitality* by John Powell and Joyce Bowers

The website [PETER'S WIFE](#) offers three articles for “Peter’s single sisters”

- [Must Singles be Lonely?](#) by Nairy Ohanian
- [Icing on the Cake](#) by Shanna
- [Challenges of the Single Woman](#)



Answers from missionaries to questions about becoming and being a missionary

**How do singles deal with loneliness and isolation overseas?**

**Should I be a single missionary or should I...?**

reflections on  
SINGLENES (continued)

How we love God in  
our sex lives by  
Glenn T. Stanton

## Human Sexuality as a Picture of the Inner Life of God

Nairy Ohanian explores how  
the search for a life partner  
can lead to a compromise of  
goals, dreams and callings.

## The Missionary Soul Mate: Simultaneous Waiting and Preparation

“If a person married before the age of 30 they have never lived a single lifestyle. When a person is in their teens and 20's they are in the mate selection stage of life; the individual's focus is on dating and considering mates with limited life responsibility. Around the age of 30 there is a transition to focus on one's career and becoming established as an adult in society. This is the true beginning of being 'single.’” Roni Pruitt

## Pure Intimacy for Single Men and Women

John Piper's thoughts on how  
singles must protect their  
spiritual, physical, and  
emotional health

- Single: Lovin' and Hatin' It
- God Really is a Refuge
- Taming Sly Foxes
- The Affair

## Women of the Harvest

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## Two audio resources on singleness



### Single in Christ

To be single in Christ isn't a falling short of God's best, argues John Piper, but a path of Christ-exalting, covenant-keeping obedience.



### Singleness: The Biblical Guidelines [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#)

Timothy and Kathy Keller discuss the Biblical view of dating, sex, and romance; the goodness of singleness; and the Christian ordering of the different types of love. (requires an email address to download)