

MCD Just checking In

Just Checking In is an exhortation from the Missionary Care Division intended to encourage you in your life and ministry transitions. Your sacrifice and perseverance are deeply appreciated by all of us in the ABWE MCD family.

Old Term: ~~%Culture Shock+~~

New Term: ~~%Transition Stress+~~

Reality: ~~%Adjusting to change is neither easy, painless nor rapid. It's a process.+~~

Accept the reality that adjusting to your new culture is a process measured in years, not months. By God's grace you will survive, eventually thrive and even enjoy your new culture and its precious people.

The speed of your adjustment is unpredictable. You are unique, so don't measure yourself by preconceived expectations; yours or others. No one can bypass any step in the process. Everyone moves through it on their own and at their own pace. For most, it's a four year process.

You have been given a unique opportunity to enter into the ~~%sufferings+~~of Christ in a new and special way. His transition was not only geographical (from heaven to Nazareth), and vocational (Lord of heaven to a carpenter), it was also personal and essential.

That He, the God of heaven, could become a man, would become a man, did become a man, and became a man forever, just for you. This is ~~%Mission+~~in its most absolute form. Phil. 2:5-10

He truly ~~%adjusted+~~, learning obedience through the things that He suffered. Hebrews 5:8

He understands, like no one else can understand, what ~~%voluntary transition+~~into a new place, to a new people, in a new role for a saving purpose is all about. Philippians 2:5-8

How very special you are to Him. Blessing upon you for taking on His yoke, His burden, His cross, His call. In your weakness you are being made strong. I am praying for you. In Him, Ron

The Wonder of Christmas

The Almighty became an infant

The Shepherd became a lamb

The Judge took our sentence

The Lord became a man

The Invisible became visible

The Eternal stepped into history

To make us His own again

Amazing beyond explanation

Too marvelous for words

That God could become man

That God would become man

That God did become man

That God became man forever

To make us His own again

We owed a debt we could not pay

He paid a debt He did not owe

We spurned His word, His law, His love

In spite of all He came to save

*Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us
Taking our form, our sin, our cross
To make us His own again*

We ran... He reached

We sinned... He died

We left... He came

We fell... He lifted

We rejected... He accepted

We condemned... He forgave

To make us His own again

A window of time

A door of hope

An offer of opportunity

To believe the promise

To receive the Savior

To bow the knee

To be made His own again

Wishing you a Christmas filled with recaptured wonder,