# MK MERIMNA committed to caring for cross-cultural families



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Please find enclosed one copy of each our books published to assist both children and adults in their understanding of what it means to live overseas in another culture. The books are also a very valuable resource material for those preparing to or associated with serving overseas.

## 'And Bees Make Honey'

This book captures the pathos, the predicaments, the pain and the purpose of what it means to be an MK. Read of the beauty of their environments, the baggage that comes with travelling across continents, the bandaids needed during times of ill health, the moments of fear as they are faced with balaclava-type situations and their constant search for belonging.

#### 'Scamps, Scholars and Saints'

'And Bees Make Honey' is the companion volume to this book. In this book the reader is allowed to participate in the fun and scary adventures of the Scamps. Our Scholars reveal life in schools overseas, often necessitating travel to places far from their parents' location. The Saints have sensitively shared intimate moments of their lives; times when God's loving care and purpose has been paramount.

### 'What Makes Aussie Kids Tick'

Because of its usefulness and popularity, we have reprinted this our first book. This book is designed to provide a commonsense guide for Australian families living overseas and to assist in understanding how Aussies 'tick' when serving overseas.

## 'Harold and Stanley Say Goodbye'

This is a delightful children's story about a family of special bears. More than just a story, it is a useful tool for helping children understand the role of a missionary and the preparation involved before departure overseas

We have lived and worked overseas for eight year and continue to work with people going and returning from overseas.

Please accept these books as our submission to the Inquiry into Australian Expatriates.

Regards.