



ORIENTIERUNGSAHR

Stop. And Go.

Overseas and Back Again
The ideal reentry program for
Missionary Kids and Third Culture Kids

For a successful reentry.



"I grew up in East and West Africa as the child of missionaries. After finishing my secondary education and returning to Germany, I realized I needed to completely reorient myself. I was confronted with culture, customs, and a country that were supposed to be my own. My shift from one culture to another was a challenging process, but **the Orientierungsjahr provided a safe environment in which to face the transition.** I learned a lot, made solid friendships, and got to know Jesus Christ on a whole new level.

These 10 months in the Orientierungsjahr helped me with the transition to Germany. They also helped me understand **who** I am, **where** I'm supposed to be and **what** I want to do with the life I have been given."

The Orientierungsjahr ("Orientation Year") in Korntal seeks to help young people like Elena who have lived most of their lives outside of Germany. **Its 10-month program is an ideal reentry or introduction** to Germany and German-speaking Europe.

Welcome!



Life offers few opportunities for you to 'try yourself out'. We provide four.

The Orientierungsjahr seeks to provide a holistic orientation for young people in four areas:

Career Experience

During the Orientierungsjahr the participants have the opportunity to **complete three internships** in professions and fields of their choice. By working in companies and establishments for three weeks and by interacting with employers, participants form clearer pictures and expectations of different professions. The Orientierungsjahr works alongside 170+ establishments in the Stuttgart area: from schools to hospitals and small architect firms to massive international companies.

Bible School

Books of the Bible and relevant topics are studied during Bible school sessions which are led by the Orientierungsjahr staff, as well as by guest speakers from inside and outside of Germany. The Bible school program includes in-depth Bible studies, prayer and worship evenings, drama workshops, and much more.

Discipleship

Fellowship is an important component of the Orientierungsjahr. While living together in **shared housing**, participants grow in community and independence. Another aspect of fellowship is mentorship: **each participant is guided through the year by a mentor.**

Outreach Trips

The participants go on missions-focused **outreach trips throughout Germany** as well as an **outreach trip outside of Germany**, with the goal of supporting local churches in their work.



Sometimes you reach your goals faster if you take your time.

Children of missionaries, diplomats and expatriates have the privilege of growing up outside of their passport country. This lifestyle brings many benefits in addition to drawbacks, as it can be challenging to reintegrate into a passport country's culture. This **reintegration process that MKs/TCKs undergo takes at least a year**, often longer. **These individuals are encouraged to find the time and place in which to reflect and orient themselves during this period of arrival in a 'new' culture and country.**

Our program is designed to help MKs/TCKs face these challenges.

At the start of our program, we offer a **debriefing with international counselors**, tailored to the needs of reentering MKs/TCKs. The reintegration process cannot be accomplished by one debriefing, which is why each participant is **accompanied by a mentor** for the full 10 months.

Small groups allow for a meaningful exchange of experiences between reentering MKs/TCKs. About half of the Orientierungsjahr participants come from outside of Germany. Rich fellowship between young people of diverse backgrounds ultimately offers **the perfect mix to master the intercultural challenges** and complete the integration of MKs/TCKs.

Because of its combination of young people from inside and outside of Germany, **the Orientierungsjahr provides a unique orientation experience** as participants live and learn together. This is what sets the Orientierungsjahr program apart.



A brief overview.

We look forward to...

- ...Young people, 17-23 years of age, looking to reenter German-speaking Europe.
- ...Young people seeking to improve their German.
- ...Young people in search of the right career.
- ...Young people who desire to better understand themselves and God.

The Orientierungsjahr program is in German, lasts 10 months, and is comprised of:

- **Debriefing and reentry support**
- **Three internships** (3 weeks each)
- **Bible school** (about 23 weeks)
- **Mentorship**
- **Outreach trips within Germany**
- **An outreach trip outside of Germany** (about 2 weeks)

When does it start?

The Orientierungsjahr begins in September and ends in June. Exact dates can be found on our website.

What does it cost?

The majority of the fees are covered by donations. Participants pay for room, board, and Bible school tuition. Current prices can be found on our website, varying from year to year.

Interested?



To maintain a balance of participants from inside and outside of Germany, we restrict the number of vacancies of each applicant group. Early application is therefore advised.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us or pay us a visit!
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We look forward to hearing from you!

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Korntal is located 15 minutes from the Stuttgart city center via public transport. The airport is just 40 minutes away.

www.orientierungsjahr.de



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