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**Global Member Care Network (GMCN)**

April 2011

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**Editorial** - We need professional missionaries

**CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LATIN MISSIONARIES**

In light of the five centuries of Christian missionary activity in Latin America, a valid question is, how will the Latin missionaries be trained in this new century? What changes in preparation and in training methodology will be necessary for the **professional missionaries**?

**CONTEXT:**

1. Persistent dichotomy in the theological mindset of Latin America: between the spiritual and the material. With the spiritual = the Bible, and the material = secular profession
2. Missiological dichotomy, where missions are conceived as being the activity of establishing churches, but there is an absence of a practical understanding of holistic missions.
3. Charismatic Pentecostalism that affirms the perspective that the Spirit edifies and the letter (studies) kills. So, the power of the Spirit edifies, and ones calling matters vs. educational pursuits.
4. In Latin America becoming a professional is a luxury and something that parents aspire that their children attain. Because of this, the Christian professional has a strong sense that it is their loyal duty to work in their profession in order to repay their parents, and becoming involved in missions carries with it a sense of financial embezzlement and of family disloyalty.
5. The Latin mentality regarding education tends to be that one studies in order to get a degree, and not as a foundation for building life-long skills, or in building permanence to self-driven academic learning for use in practical service.
6. The professional missionary will tend to want to listen to, or consider as their mentor, only other professionals, and will tend to look down on, or sub-estimate the teachings of a pastor or\ of a traditional non-professional missionary.
7. If we have a holistic view of missions that is aligned with what we see in the kingdom of God, then we need professional missionaries that can attend to different types of needs in order to become agents of redemption within the whole of creation. So, then we need people who carry with them the vision to reach out with the whole gospel that we see Jesus reached out with, one that does not just attend to spiritual needs.

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**This months topics:**

- Editorial: PROFESSIONAL LATIN MISSIONARIES
- Global Member Care Conference: Chiangmai Thailand, April 2012
- Reports/News/Requests
- Q&A
- Global Map
- Resources
- Global Member Care Events

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----- Sponsored Links -----

**Global Member Care conference**

GMCN conference "Global Voices" will be in Chiangmai, Thailand, April 23-27, 2012 (next year).  
Infos and registration will soon be send out.

For any prior infos, please contact [harry@globalmembercare.com](mailto:harry@globalmembercare.com)

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## Reports/News/Requests

### Prevention of moral failure survey

- TO TAKE THE SURVEY online follow this link to the "Survey Monkey" site: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Nathansurvey>. You should be able to fill out the survey in 10-15 minutes.

Or go here for more info (doc file) [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Nathan\\_Survey\\_v2.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Nathan_Survey_v2.doc)

## Q&A (Questions and Answers)

### Premature departure - Resources needed

- I debriefed a family last week who have not long returned from the field. It was their first term and they had intended staying considerably longer. Their own cultural and language learning was going extremely well and their ministry was beginning to take off, but their children, had major cultural shock so they had to return quite unexpectedly which has been a source of extreme disappointment. One of the children is still quite traumatised and emotionally fragile. I have worked through re-entry stuff with them but I don't have anything that addresses the problem of premature departure from the field, and am wondering if any of you have something appropriate that I could pass on to them? Please post any responses to [globalmembercare@gmail.com](mailto:globalmembercare@gmail.com)

### Re: Premature departure - Resources needed

I saw that post on the newsletter.

Wow! Even though I;m not married with kids, my story is so similar in that I had to return prematurely, after thinking God had called me to that field long term and after being seemingly very succesful.

Many times I have asked the question: "why did I feel God's 'call' and then it 'all went wrong'?"

Spiritual mentoring has definitely been key to me, lots of counseling, care and finding meaning to my loss.

I am praying that the Lord will bring people around them to love them and show them that they are not a failure. Also meditating in God's truth about their identity in Christ would help, although, as you say, it may take time.

But my concern for this couple is that they were not seeing their children's needs for a healthy transition. What about the book Pollock, D. C., & Van Reken, R. E. (2009). Third culture kids: Growing up among worlds (rev. ed.). Boston, MA: Nicholas Brealey Publishing.

What about looking more into what the family dynamics are and how they can become a healthier family? The kids probably need a lot of love and reassurance from their parents.

Also the book on Crisis and Trauma: Wright, H. Norman. A New Guide to Crisis and Trauma Counseling. Regal Books, 2003.

### What Missionaries Ought to Know about Premature Departure from the Field

- [http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures/br\\_premature\\_departure.htm](http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures/br_premature_departure.htm)

### Kids might benefit from rekonnnect (for ages 6-12yrs) or rekonnnect-teens (for age 13 plus).

rekonnnect - a holiday specially tailored for TCKs

1 - 5 August 2011 (6-12 yrs) [www.globalconnections.co.uk/rekonnnect2011a](http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/rekonnnect2011a)

8 - 12 August 2011 (6-12 yrs) [www.globalconnections.co.uk/rekonnnect2011b](http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/rekonnnect2011b)

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Time of food, films, games, rambles, and more!! Plus a great chance to gain a better understanding of themselves and adjustment back into the UK scene.

## GLOBAL MAP

### AUSTRALIA OCEANIA

**Member Care Stream - Seminar Report Australia**

- see page 4 <http://www.miprivilege.info/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/March-2011.pdf>

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**RESOURCES**

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**TOPICS****Mission and sacrifice**

- The current issue, entitled "Mission and sacrifice", examines the growing level of risk in modern mission and the costs that it can entail, as exemplified by the recent killing of ten medical workers in Afghanistan. How can Christians understand and prepare for these risks without letting them affect our passion for mission? Is it possible to minimise risk? How can Christians remain faithful to the example of Jesus in situations of risk? This issue features articles by Christians on various aspects of this theme, surely one of the most relevant issues in mission thinking at the present time. [http://www.interserve.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=83:tim&catid=39:mission-today&Itemid=80](http://www.interserve.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83:tim&catid=39:mission-today&Itemid=80)

contains several articles:

**Where Christ is not known (Arab World)**

Serving Christ in the hard places of the world can be difficult, dangerous - even deadly. And we should still do it, says an Interserve Partner.

**Why Go? (Arab World)**

A reflection on why Christians should be involved in mission in spite of the risks that it sometimes entails, by an Interserve Partner with long experience of service in the Middle East.

**Security Risk (UK and Europe)**

Insights from Interserve's International Director on the increasing level of risk in cross-cultural mission, and how we need to be prepared for it.

**Stay on Target (South Asia)**

An emotional article by an Interserve Partner reflecting on her 30 years of service in South Asia, and the sacrifices she had to make for the gospel.

**Distance Counseling**

- Distance Counseling See attached pdf - good article on distance counseling from the Middle East Member care Newsletter [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/distance\\_counseling.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/distance_counseling.pdf)

**When Disaster Strikes (Source: Oscar)**

Last month reminded us all that disaster can strike at any time in any place. With earthquakes in Japan and New Zealand, it's not always just the developing world that needs help and support from outside. Some mission organisations and individuals have found themselves dealing with issues they never thought possible. Shortly after the Japan earthquake, InterHealth issued recommendations for those living or working in the affected areas. We also try to collate resources useful for those who are trying to prevent, plan for or deal with a crisis.

For InterHealth's advice, go to [www.interhealth.org.uk/news-japanese-earthquake-advice.html](http://www.interhealth.org.uk/news-japanese-earthquake-advice.html)

For OSCAR's Crisis Management section, go to [www.oscar.org.uk/service/logistics/crisis](http://www.oscar.org.uk/service/logistics/crisis)

Japan Appeals Launched [www.oscar.org.uk/der.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/der.htm)

**new blog for single ministers and missionaries**

- I am just sharing that there is a new blog for single ministers and missionaries that may be helpful to others.

<http://singleandcalled.blogspot.com/>

**3. BOOKS****Global Servants: Cross-cultural Humanitarian Heroes**

Global Servants: Cross-cultural Humanitarian Heroes:  
Factors in Formation Effectiveness and Care  
Vol I. Factors in Formation

Vol. II. Twelve Factors in Effectiveness and Longevity

Available now online e-versions or paper copies:

[www.heartstreamresources.org](http://www.heartstreamresources.org)

Vol. III. The Art and Heart of Agency Care

Forthcoming--Summer release

Find more info here:

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&L=cxtemaqs&tx\\_wecdiscussion\[single\]=409](http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&L=cxtemaqs&tx_wecdiscussion[single]=409)

#### **book: Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy**

- book: Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy Recently I wrote down many of the lessons the Lord has taught us over the years in a book entitled Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy, Period! Reception of the book by readers has been enthusiastically positive. I am writing to you because this book, subtitled "Lessons from the Battle Lines" is helpful in member care and I would like to make an announcement about it in your news letter. If you would like to have a copy of it to look at first, I will send you one, either hard copy or electronic. (If you want a hard copy, please send my your mailing address) You can see more info at [www.edifyingservices.com](http://www.edifyingservices.com) See attached announcement to give an idea of the content and reader's responses: [www.edifyingservices.com](http://www.edifyingservices.com)  
[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/book\\_knowingJesus.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/book_knowingJesus.pdf)

## **4. NEWSLETTERS**

### **Link Care Newsletter Conflict**

- see attachment [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/201104\\_linkcare.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/201104_linkcare.pdf)

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

### **2. ASIA**

#### **NCF Counseling and Member Care Seminar Thailand**

WHEN: 9-21 October 2011

WHERE: Chiang Mai, Thailand

This is an intensive counseling seminar designed to increase one's counseling and member care skills. The instructors will emphasize a strong integration of biblical and theological truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques. It is particularly designed for leaders, member care providers, and those in cross-cultural settings called to counsel a great variety of people, but who feel that their education has not adequately equipped them to deal with the many problems they encounter in their ministries.

To receive an application, write Cindy Hibma at [cindyh@cornerstonecounseling.in.th](mailto:cindyh@cornerstonecounseling.in.th)

Enrollment is limited to 35 participants, so it is wise to apply early. Singles, married couples who attend together, and those who stay in residence are given priority acceptance. [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/NCF\\_Counseling\\_Member\\_Care\\_Seminar\\_2011.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/NCF_Counseling_Member_Care_Seminar_2011.pdf)

[http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar\\_thailand01.php](http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_thailand01.php)

<http://cornerstonecounseling.in.th/seminars.htm>

### **3. AUSTRALIA OCEANIA**

#### **MISSIONARY RE-ENTRY retreat Australia**

- See attachment MISSIONARY RE-ENTRY retreat A RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND RETREAT Friday 20th May to Sunday 22nd May 2011

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/NSW\\_2011\\_Re-entry\\_Retreat\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/NSW_2011_Re-entry_Retreat_brochure.pdf)

#### **Missionary Transition + Re entry Australia**

- See attachment Missionary Transition + Re entry A residential retreat 15-18 September 2011

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Vic\\_ReEntry\\_Retreat\\_Brochure2011.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Vic_ReEntry_Retreat_Brochure2011.pdf)

#### **DEBRIEFING TRAINING DAY Australia**

- See attachment DEBRIEFING TRAINING DAY for Mission agency and Church mission reps DATE; Sat May 28

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Flyer\\_for\\_2011\\_Debriefing\\_Day.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Flyer_for_2011_Debriefing_Day.pdf)

**MISSIONARY ENRICHMENT RETREAT Australia**

- See attachment MISSIONARY ENRICHMENT RETREAT 26 JUNE TO 2ND JUL 2011

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/2011\\_MER\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2011_MER_brochure.pdf)

**4. EUROPE****reconnect - a holiday specially tailored for TCKs**

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**7. NORTH AMERICA****BARNABAS INTERNATIONAL and ELIM RETREAT MINISTRIES 2011**

- BARNABAS INTERNATIONAL and ELIM RETREAT MINISTRIES will sponsor 8 renewal retreats for global workers in 2011.

6 day Retreats for adults only; spiritual debriefing, renewal, and encouragement. Low key schedule; beautiful settings State-side. With deep appreciation for the value of quiet, rest, technology fasting, the Spirit and the Word.

State-side personnel as well as overseas expats welcome.

Low cost.

For video clip, testimonies, pics and registration, see [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org) or contact Henry Stewart at [huroncity@gmail.org](mailto:huroncity@gmail.org)

**Engage - USA**

- June 1-4, 2011 [http://www.crossgoballink.org/ENGAGE\\_Agency\\_Leadership](http://www.crossgoballink.org/ENGAGE_Agency_Leadership)

**Member Care Consultation & Training Canada**

YWAM Nexia Member Care Consultation & Training - Banff, Alberta, Canada - June 5-10th, 2011

YWAM Nexia is hosting a Member Care Consultation and Training in Banff from June 5th to 10th, 2011. It begins with a 3-day Consultation to share what is being done in Canada in member care within YWAM and in other organizations, to assess member care needs at your ministry location, and to share ideas for sharing of resources and moving forward in member care in Canada. It will be followed by a 2-day Training to learn more in-depth concepts and tools for handling member care at your location. The medium will be teaching, interviewing, small group workgroups and discussions. You can choose to be part of just the Consultation or just the Training but we highly recommend that you attend both the Consultation and the Training.

Topics

- Introduction and Overview of Member Care; Attrition; Setting Up Pastoral Care Structures; Why Do Member Care Providers Burn out if they Know about Burnout?; Self-Care for Member Care Providers and CEOs/Leaders; Accountability; How do we help staff maintain purity?

Special Guest Speaker

We have invited Brenda Bosch, an international member care trainer, to facilitate the Consultation and Training. Brenda has been in full-time Christian ministry for 30 years, of which at least 22 years were spent in cross-cultural work. 18 years of these were spent on Member Care – either looking after global workers, teaching on Member Care, or both. Brenda has conducted a one-month Member Care Course in various countries and for various agencies, including YWAM.

Brenda will also share with us some of the results of a survey she did with 2,000+ global workers for her doctoral thesis, which show some of the stressors they face, care they would like, what would refresh them, and what topics they feel are vital for Member Care Providers.

We are looking forward to this time together to share our thoughts, ideas and resources.

For more information, see: <http://www.ywamnexia.org/mobilizing/consultation.html> <http://www.ywamnexia.org/mobilizing/consultation.html>

**MICHIGAN MEMBER CARE INSERVICE APRIL 16, 2011**

- find more info here: [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/201104\\_elim.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/201104_elim.pdf)

**Stateside personnel need "member care"!**

I'm convinced that one of the most underserved populations of people in Great Commission work are Stateside missions workers. That could include missions pastors, those working in the missions side of denominational leadership; those working in missions agencies as administrative workers; personnel and recruitment people, agency leadership, tech specialists, missionary educators and candidate trainers, linguistics specialists etc. ELIM Retreat Ministries exists to serve the member care needs of ALL global workers. We believe that such workers that "aren't overseas" or "aren't on the field right now"...are called of God in what you do.

We want to honor all of you who work so hard in your agency or church on behalf of God's work around the world. We would like to serve you!

Please consider an ELIM Retreat for your own renewal and care in 2011. Your total health as God's servant is vital to the Kingdom work. The details are attached. [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/new\\_mc\\_info\\_blurb.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/new_mc_info_blurb.doc)

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