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Global Member Care Network (GMCN)
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GLOBAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK CONFERENCE

CHIANGMAI, THAILAND
Lotus Hotel
APRIL 23-27, 2012
THEME: "GLOBAL MEMBER CARE VOICES"
REGISTRATION WILL SOON OPEN
ENQUIRIES: office@globalmembercare.com

Editorial - BENEFITS OF MEMBER CARE NETWORKS IN AUSTRALIA - OCEANIA

Australia:

Missions Interlink Member Care networks in Australia are of relatively recent origin, apart from the State of NSW which has had a MC committee operating for quite a long time. This probably began in the time of Dr Kath Donovan and Ruth Myers who established a counselling service for missionaries and ReEntry week-ends for returned field workers. This helped to raise a greater awareness among agencies and churches of the needs of missionaries.

A MC network started in Victoria about 5yrs ago and more recently MC networks have also been established in two other States, South Australia and Queensland. These are now all linked into a National network. In Nov 2008, we held our first ever National MC consultation in Sydney, which further strengthened our ties as MC providers. As participants we realised that we are not on our own, we are a part of a larger group sharing similar passions and goals, and we can be encouragers of each other.

It was significant that this National MC Consultation followed on the heels of the WEA Missions Commission Consultation in Thailand, which linked us into the Global MC Network for the first time. This has proved to be of enormous benefit, providing us with a much wider range of resources and access to international speakers like Annemie Grosshauser, Marjory Foyle and now Bryan and Marion Knell. Each have contributed from their own particular areas of expertise which has greatly resourced and equipped MC providers, widening our horizons.

Marion's teaching on Families/TCKs was very timely, as many of us feel this is our biggest unmet area of need. The impact of her recent ministry is ongoing, as we begin to implement some changes and new programs to address the needs of Families, both on and off the field.

As a result of the above, the MC Community in Australia continues to grow and develop and we look forward to holding our first ever Regional MC Consultation in 2013, God willing.

Helen Macnaughtan - MC Co-ordinator

New Zealand:

Missions Interlink in NZ has recently established a Member Care committee, and a priority was identified to work on resources and best practice for caring for MKs and their families.

Helen Macnaughtan alerted us to Marion Knell's visit to Australia to speak at their MI conference, and Marion and Bryan were also planning to holiday in NZ. They were willing to add in meetings here in NZ, and the outcome was 3 very successful seminars targeted at agencies caring for families, parents in missions and a networking meeting for returned MKs.

NZ's connection to the international MC network gave the opportunity for timely input which has generated energy and collaboration among agencies in NZ, to support and resource these most important people.

Jenny Manson - NZ MC Co-ordinator

This months topics:

- **Editorial** - BENEFITS OF MEMBER CARE NETWORKS IN AUSTRALIA - OCEANIA
- Reports/News/Requests
- Q&A
- Resources
- Global Member Care Events

RESOURCES

2. TOPICS

Of Lent, Resurrection Sunday and Hidden Addictions

- <http://theglobalpilgrim.com/>

Handling Failure Successfully

I'm not a businessman but I find Harvard Business Review to be the most interesting, relevant and research-oriented publication that I read on a regular basis. The April 2011 issue, for example, is devoted to "Failure: How to understand it, learn from it, and recover from it." Most articles have corporate implications but personal, career and coaching applications pervade the writers' conclusions as well.

<http://peoplebuilder.wordpress.com/2011/04/28/newsletter-433-handling-failure-successfully/>

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

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.ncfliving.org/seminar_thailand01.php

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

3. AUSTRALIA OCEANIA

MISSIONARY ENRICHMENT RETREAT Australia

- MISSIONARY ENRICHMENT RETREAT Australia 26 JUNE TO 2ND JULY 2011 http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2011_MER_brochure.pdf

Coming up events Australia

- http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2011_Australia.pdf

4. EUROPE

Member Care while Managing Crises - Germany

- Member Care while Managing Crises (MCMC) is a five-day workshop that will gather together interested leaders of serving organizations in Central Asia, Turkey and Germany to share and learn about the strategic role they play in member care while managing crisis situations.

Topics will include:

- ▣ normal response to a crisis
- ▣ stages of grief following loss or trauma
- ▣ theology of suffering and risk
- ▣ helpful policies, procedures and protocols
- ▣ confidentiality and communication
- ▣ assessment of vulnerable members
- ▣ leadership style in crisis
- ▣ the when, why and how's of crisis debriefings and how the Mobile Member Care Team model trains local Peer Responders for crisis care alongside agency leaders (www.mmct.org).

The workshop is very interactive and includes a fair amount of reading in preparation for each day's sessions. Participants should come prepared to work at this "work-shop" and leave other work behind.

Date: 16. - 21.10. 2011

Sunday 16th starting at 3pm , Friday 21st finishing at 3pm

Location: Familien-Ferienstätte Holzhausen , Blau-Kreuz-Heim-Straße 1 , 57299 Burbach – Holzhausen , Germany
Please contact Annemie Grosshauser, Member Care Partners Germany agrosshauser@online.de for more info.

Find Flyer here:

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/MCMC_flyer_English.doc

debriefing training day in London, UK

- Debbie Hawker will be running a debriefing training day in London, UK on 22nd June, with Part 2 on 19th Sept.

Details from www.peopleinaid.org

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 or contact Henry Stewart at huroncity@gmail.org

a week long debriefing, USA

To all in member care: You may know of people who are furloughing in the States this fall, who would benefit from having a week long debriefing. Le Rucher Ministries in France is offering a group debriefing Sept. 18 - 24, 2011 in Georgia. I'll be working with it. We'll have a staff of 8 seasoned fulltime missionaries who work in member care, are still fulltime on the field, and have been trained in debriefing. Sarah Lanier

The details are attached. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Debriefing_Retreat_brochure_Clarkesville.doc

"Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence", USA

- Jan. 9-13, 2012 (M-F)

Conference Theme: "Make-Or-Break Issues in Missionary Survival"

Development of the theme: Let's go back to the most important make-or-break issues – The First and Second Greatest Commandments – To love God with all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and neighbor as ourselves. Nothing is more important than these.

See attachment http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Link_Care_2012_01.pdf

Retreats in the US for furloughing missionaries and pastors

- Barnabas Zentrum is expanding to offer retreats in the US for furloughing missionaries and pastors in rural areas of the US. Please open the attached announcement. Thanks so much for referring your dear missionaries to us at BZ. It is always a privilege to work with your people.

Together in the Gap

Dr. Carl and JoLynn Krause, Baden, Austria, Europe, www.bzentrum.eomweb.org

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Barnabas_Zentrum_is_Expanding.docx

It's time for the global member care community to renew it's connections, and move member care to a new level of influence, presence, credibility and knowledge.

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