



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) January 2012

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#### ELIM RETREATS DEBRIEFING AND RENEWAL FOR WHOLE FAMILIES

Barnabas International and ELIM Retreat Ministries will offer its first Retreat for missionary families.

DATE? August 15-22 LOCATION? 1400 acre gorgeous retreat site on the shores of Lake Huron, near Detroit, Michigan.

PURPOSE? To honor the whole family enterprise of cross cultural global ministry; to minister to whole families by providing thoughtful times of debriefing for parents and children; to provide a great time of recreation and renewal.

WHO MAY REGISTER? Families who are involved in cross cultural ministry.

COST? \$160.00 per family for a 6 day Retreat.

For registration and more information, see [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org) or email Henry Stewart at [hstewart5@juno.com](mailto:hstewart5@juno.com)



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## Global Member Care Conference

April 23-27, 2012, Chiangmai Thailand

Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

- Status Quo of Member Care

- Spiritual emptiness & Biblical illiteracy
- Crisis & Catastrophes
- Marriage, Family, Singles, MKs
- Sending Church & Agency

### **Speakers & Presenter**

find the full list with pics here: <http://www.globalmembercare.org/2012>

- Stephen Head (NZ) Christ-like character
- Philip Chang (Malaysia) Suffering
- Larrie Gardner (USA) Reconciliation
- Debbie Hawker (UK) From spiritual poverty to Christ-like character
- Bijoy Koshi (India) Growing through crises and trauma
- Marion Knell (UK) A Community of Grace, TCK guidelines – preparation and support
- Gilberts (UK) Healthy Missionary Marriages
- Belinda Ng (Singapore) Healthy MKs, Needs of Asian MKs
- Roni Pruitt (US) Healthy Singles, Being Single on the field
- Marina Prinns (S Africa) Equipping the local church to do member care
- Jocelyn Head (NZ) Spiritual direction: awareness, noticing and paying attention to God
- Larry Dinkins (USA, living in Chaingmai) The use of Biblical narrative in counselling
- Kevin Stebbings (UK, based in China) Member care through Coaching
- Claudio Muzzi (Argentina) Needs of Latino Families
- Anonymous (ME) Serving in Restricted Contexts: coping with surveillance, arrest, detention and interrogation
- Pramila Rajendran (India) Leader's care
- Storm and Richard Hann (UK) Spiritual retreats
- Lois Dodds (USA) Global Servants: effective cross-cultural work
- Anisa (Zambia) Member care in Africa
- Chantal Tehe (Ivory Coast) Member care in Africa
- Marina Prins (South Africa) Member care in Africa
- Roger Brown (USA but based in Kenya) Member care in Africa
- Polly Chan (Hong Kong) Needs of Asian MKs
- John and Janine Barclay (Australia) Debriefing TCKs, Research on TCKs & resulting tools
- Harry Hoffmann (Germany) Status Quo of MC
- Brent Lindquist (US) Therapeutic Worship for survivors
- Phil Harper (UK) hostage situations
- Siny Widmer (Switzerland) Member Care by Media
- Kevin Belcher (UK) InterHealth,
- Elecah Mbithi (Kenia) Amani Counselling Cente and Training Institute

### **Visit Member Care Centers:**

Wednesday Afternoon will be time to visit:

- THE WELL - Member Care Center Chiangmai
- Cornerstone Counseling Center - Chiangmai
- Grace International School - Chiangmai
- Chiangmai International School (CMIS)
- Asia Educational Resource Center - Chiangmai

### **Member Care reports from around the world:**

In addition to that we will have short Member Care reports with voices from around the world:

- Asian and Pacific region
- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
- South America
- North Amercia

### **And superb worship**

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**REGISTER NOW:**

click the following link and enter the Password in Capital letters:

[https://forms.sameventregistration.com/survey.cfm?su\\_id=199](https://forms.sameventregistration.com/survey.cfm?su_id=199)

Password: GMCN

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Find more INFO here

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/2012>

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For any questions, please contact Harry Hoffmann at [office@globalmembercare.org](mailto:office@globalmembercare.org)

**Endorsement**

This conference is endorsed and recommended by

**Q&A (Questions and Answers)****children prOgram join Thailand**

Hi, I'm helpIng organize the children prOgram for pioneers in Thailand at the end of January.

Not sure if i have the rIght place. Wondering if u know of Any Organisation who lend out children toys (puzzles/crèche toys/balls /sporting equipment/etc) to use on a week long conference. Going to be in going to ragong Thailand (near Bangkok)

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**GLOBAL MAP****Europe, Samobor, Croatia and Millstatt, Austria****Barnabas Zentrum**

We would like to give you an update and encourage you to look on our web site at: [www.bzentrum.eomweb.org](http://www.bzentrum.eomweb.org). We have added staff and I am sure you would like to read their BIO. We are excited about what God is doing in growing the ministry of Barnabas Zentrum.

Scott and Jane Cuidon have joined us as counselors and will be doing retreats in both Samobor, Croatia and Millstatt, Austria. Our ministry is growing not only in retreats but also in locations. We now have three locations. Grand Junction, CO, Samobor, Croatia, and Millstatt, Austria. We also will be doing more traveling to countries to work with teams as needed. So if you have a team that needs someone to come alongside them as they work through their 'growing pains' please contact us, Carl and JoLynn Krause. We also will be doing more preventitive care and seminars.

The following are the nexts retreat dates and locations:

Winter 2012 February 5-17 Singles and Couples Retreat Two Weeks Samobor, Croatia

Winter 2012 March 4-16 Family Retreat Two Week Millstatt, Austria

Spring 2012 April 15-27 Singles and Couples Retreat Two Weeks Samobor, Croatia

Please look at our web site for costs and furthur information. [www.bzentrum.eomweb.org](http://www.bzentrum.eomweb.org)

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**Europe, UK**

**Mission Field Counselling**

online counselling service 'Missionfield counselling' for mission partners.

[www.missionfieldcounselling.co.uk](http://www.missionfieldcounselling.co.uk)

[www.missionfieldcounselling.wordpress.com](http://www.missionfieldcounselling.wordpress.com) is a blog that I've just started to add articles and biblical reflections that may interest mission partners

'First Steps on the Missionary Road' a 28 day Devotional for first time mission partners and two booklets to assist families with children These are available to through 'OSCAR' [www.oscar.org.uk/steps.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/steps.htm)

Claudia Smith

[www.missionfieldcounselling.co.uk](http://www.missionfieldcounselling.co.uk)

Counselling for Christians involved in Global Mission

'for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' Joshua 1:9

**Africa Member Care Network (AMCN)**

Coordinator: Marina Prins, [africamembercarenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:africamembercarenetwork@gmail.com)

The Africa Member Care Network is an interagency affiliation of colleagues with member care responsibility. Our purpose is to help provide and develop member care resources. This bi-monthly Email Forum is a service dedicated to glorify God through networking, discussion and sharing information on issues related to Member Care within and from Africa.

**RESOURCES****New Book****Singing the Lord's Songs in a Foreign land; Biblical Reflections for Expatriates**

I am pleased to announce the publication of Singing the Lord's Songs in a Foreign land; Biblical Reflections for Expatriates, a book designed to assist and encourage people who live overseas. It is especially appropriate for missionaries and perfect for those struggling with cultural adjustment.

As an expat you know the challenges of living in another culture: learning a sometimes difficult language, feeling homesick, experiencing grief at the loss of what is familiar, asking God why He seems to have taken them so far away and why life is so difficult. Having served as the pastor or interim pastor of seven English-language international churches in five countries, I have seen expats who thrive in a foreign environment and others who have struggled with culture shock and other similar issues. The Bible speaks to these and other emotions: "How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?" Psalm 137:4 expresses that lament of so many who have left their home country. Yet, the psalmist also affirms "If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast." (Psalm 139: 9-10).

In Singing The Lord's Songs in a Foreign Land, Biblical Reflections for Expatriates you will find biblical reflections offering insight into those struggles and encouragement while living in a foreign land.

In order to make this helpful book known to as many expats as possible I request your assistance in listing this announcement in your publication or posting the attached announcements on appropriate bulletin boards. Also attached is a brief announcement that can be used in a newsletter or bulletin.

The print version of this book can be ordered anywhere in the world for \$8.95 at [www.createpace.com/3713708](http://www.createpace.com/3713708)

It is also available for \$4.95 for electronic readers. It is also available for \$4.95 for electronic readers. The direct link for kindle is: [http://www.amazon.com/Singing-Lords-Songs-Foreign-ebook/dp/B005ZQP4LO/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1321032537&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/Singing-Lords-Songs-Foreign-ebook/dp/B005ZQP4LO/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1321032537&sr=8-1).

For other electronic versions go to: <http://www.smashwords.com/books/view/102583>.

I trust that you will find this book helpful or an appropriate gift for other expatriates that you know. Don't forget international students and others in your own community.

For more information and a sample chapter see: <http://www.globalvillagepress.org/> or please contact me at [missionaryjournalist@gmail.com](mailto:missionaryjournalist@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Kenneth D. MacHarg, Missionary Journalist, [Missionaryjournalist@gmail.com](mailto:Missionaryjournalist@gmail.com)

**'Sabbaticals'****Have you ever had a sabbatical?**

If not, why not? Who and what are sabbaticals for anyway? Just before last summer, I had my first real sabbatical. Here are some of my tips and advice for anyone thinking about taking one, trying to avoid taking one or never having the time or opportunity to take one. <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/frithm.htm>

**Listening Skills**

Good article in recent Link Care NewsletterTxt [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/1201\\_To\\_our\\_Colleagues\\_in\\_Personnel.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/1201_To_our_Colleagues_in_Personnel.pdf)

**Newsletter**

Jan 2012 Thailand, Chiangmai member care network newsletter> See attachment [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/1201\\_Chiangmai\\_Member\\_Care\\_Network\\_Newsletter.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/1201_Chiangmai_Member_Care_Network_Newsletter.doc)

**GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS****USA****Michigan Member Care Inservice**

Maximizing Member Care-Agency, Local Church, Missionary Partnership

Purpose: To understand how to implement more effective partnerships between local churches, their missionaries, and mission agencies, for the care of missionary singles, married missionaries and their families.

Date: Saturday April 14th

Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$35.00 for all registrations received before March 15. \$45.00 thereafter.

Location: Griswold Street Baptist Church, Port Huron, Michigan

Presenters :

Perry Bradford, Executive Director, Barnabas International

Steve Maybee, Staff Associate, Alongside Inc.

Jim Lacy Michigan Director, Converge Mid-America

Bruce Connor, Member Care/Personnel, SEND International

Don Denyes, Senior Pastor, South Church, Lansing MI.

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Griswold Street Baptist Church, Port Huron, Michigan [www.griswoldstreet.org](http://www.griswoldstreet.org)

Barnabas International, Rockford Illinois [www.barnabas.org](http://www.barnabas.org)

Converge Mid-America, Grand Rapids, Michigan [www.glbc.net](http://www.glbc.net)

ELIM Retreat Ministries, Rockford, Illinois [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org)

Alongside Inc., [www.alongsidecares.net](http://www.alongsidecares.net)

For additional information and registration:

Click here! [www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php](http://www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php)

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"Come unto me and I will give you rest." --Jesus, the heart of member care.

**Middle East****SYIS, Egypt, Jordan, UAE**

Dear Colleagues, One of our tasks in providing long term member care is training, so that we are proactive rather than reactive. The core tool which we recommend to all workers is the Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS) workshop. This coming year, we are again making it available on site in Egypt (Feb. 12-17), Jordan (Mar.8-10,12-14), and the UAE (May 4-9).

WHY SHOULD I—or anyone-- TAKE THIS WORKSHOP?

One of the significant challenges we face on a day-to-day basis is working with others, often from different cultures and with different personalities. Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills Workshops are designed to enhance the knowledge, attitudes and skills of workers in how we relate to family, co-workers, friends as well as those from other cultures.

Please read the attached brochures for more information, and pass them on to your co-workers today, lest it become lost in your IN-BOX. Help us spread the word to others not yet involved in the MEMC Network too. Thank you so much, Jim and Sue De Vries, Middle East Member Care Coordinators [sudevries@oci.org](mailto:sudevries@oci.org)

Egypt: [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/SYIS\\_Egypt\\_2012\\_brochure.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/SYIS_Egypt_2012_brochure.doc)

Jordan: [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/SYIS\\_2012\\_Jordan\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/SYIS_2012_Jordan_Brochure.pdf)

**Europe / Germany****European Member Care Consultation Germany**

At last the time has come that you've all been waiting for – registration is OPEN for EMCC8 in 2012! Speakers are confirmed, prices guaranteed and there's an early bird rate again. Here are the basic details:

Dates: 20-24 March 2012

Venue: Schönblick Christian Centre, Swäbisch Gmünd, Germany

Title: MEMBER CARE: GROWING PEOPLE

- planting • nurturing
- pruning • re-growth

To view the brochure and register go to: [www.membercareeurope.com](http://www.membercareeurope.com) and you can register online by clicking on "Register for EMCCVIII" in the left hand column.

The theme of EMCC8 – 'Growing People: planting, nurturing, pruning and regrowth' centres on the parable of the vine from John 15. The subjects dealt with relate to investing in workers pre-field and in service, notably in the area of spiritual preparation. We will be addressing difficult topics like suffering, risk and response to hardship as well as restoration for those who have fallen or burnt out. Finally we will be looking at the possibilities of Regrowth and continuing development.

**Thailand, France****"vacation with a purpose" program, called "Refresh!"**

I am attaching the Heartstream Resources brochure about our "vacation with a purpose" program, called "Refresh!," for those serving cross-culturally. [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/2012\\_Refresh\\_Brochure1.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2012_Refresh_Brochure1.pdf)

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