



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) July 2012

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This months Sponsor - Equipping Women International

Equipping Women International - a ministry of Barnabas International

Does this sound like you? You have a desire or need...

- To update and enhance your ministry skills.
- To study challenging material in a peer learning, facilitator led environment.
- To find ongoing personal enrichment, growth and relationships that contribute to your long-term success.
- To build a cooperative community amongst orgs in your region.
- To be challenged to grow deeper in your relationship with God and with others.

If any of this resonates with you, we invite you to attend the first Equipping Women International module (in a curriculum of four modules) called **Facilitating Relational Learning**. This module focuses on learning and practicing the latest in adult learning skills and applying them to a broad range of ministry situations.

This training will be held at The Dwelling in Chiang Mai, November 6-15, 2012. Registration is open now. A three month lead time is ideal for the preparation work. See www.barnabas.org/ewi and [flyer](#) for details.

Please don't hesitate to write and ask questions. Contact: jkronbach@barnabas.org.

NOTE: This is a Barnabas International sponsored ministry using the Women to Women Ministry Training curriculum developed by Entrust.



This months Sponsor - Alongside

Alongside - Renewing and Equipping Christian leaders (USA)

Alongside is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore hope, purpose, passion, and relationships among Christian leaders who are making an impact around the world. We exist to promote personal wholeness and ministry effectiveness among persons in Christian ministry.

Alongside offers 3-week residential counseling programs for those in full-time Christian ministry.

We work with missionaries dealing with weariness, discouragement, relational challenges, ministry challenges as well as other emotional and spiritual issues including anxiety, depression, burn-out and other diagnoses.

All of Alongside's counselors have graduate degrees in psychology as well as years of overseas ministry experience.

There are programs beginning each month.

<http://www.alongsidecares.net/>



Editorial: Electronic resources, and caring at a distance

We are very grateful for all the helpful feedback we received from the conference in Thailand in April. In this editorial, I want to respond to one of the many useful comments, which was:

'I think it would be great to have a GMCN effort to encourage more electronic versions of member care resources. Many missionaries are becoming more and more mobile, working in restricted access countries, more member care work is being done from a distance and requires more travel to various field locations. Electronic books will become increasingly vital in caring well in these areas and circumstances'.

Please tell us about any electronic resources which you recommend – including any you have produced. We can list these in the next newsletter.

Concerning the comment that 'more member care work is being done from a distance', those who attended the conference had an opportunity to attend two workshops related to this. One was about building partnerships with member care providers in other locations. In the second, Brent Lindquist warned licensed therapists that they need to check that they are licensed to practice in the places where they are offering services. For those who are allowed (and insured) to offer services by Skype or telephone to a distant location, do you have any 'dos and don'ts' of good practice? Or any resources you would recommend? To get you started, I have attached a handout of my views on this topic, based on my experiences. I'd love to hear your views. You can email me at: doctors_hawker@yahoo.co.uk

See some extra info on "Member care by phone and internet - Good practice" [here](#):

May God guide and sustain you,
Debbie Hawker

RESOURCES

Newsletter June 2012**The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai**[click here](#)**Newsletter****Africa Member Care Network July 2012**[click here](#)**Coaching for Life and Mission (oscar.org.uk)**

When we're not all Olympic athletes or competitors, is there a form of coaching that might be appropriate for someone engaged in mission? This month's guest article, written by long-term YWAMer Sue Pratt, looks at the topic of life coaching and how it might be useful for those with a calling to mission. Go to www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/pratt.htm

NEW BOOK: Sorrow and Blood

new book in the series "Globalization OF Mission" with the title SORROW AND BLOOD, CHRISTIAN MISSION IN CONTEXTS OF SUFFERING, PERSECUTION AND MARTYRDOM

It's a privilege to ask your attention for the new book in the series "Globalization OF Mission" with the title SORROW AND BLOOD, CHRISTIAN MISSION IN CONTEXTS OF SUFFERING, PERSECUTION AND MARTYRDOM.

The book came into existence by the joint efforts of the editorial team: Antonia van der Meer, Reg Reimer and Bill Taylor. Bill says about the book: "It is a unique resource anthology that we know will not be a popular book at local secular or Christian markets, but we are confident it will have a long-term impact on our mission world and prepare the global church for now and the future."

Attached you find a promotional cover letter and a sampler showing what depth of insights you can expect by reading the book

Download: [sampler](#)

Download: [promotional cover letter](#)

Reading the sampler you will become aware of the necessity of this book everywhere in the missional arena.

Discounts up to 65%

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**Asia, Thailand**

**Narramore Chr. Foundation Counseling and Member Care Seminar,
14-26 October 2012, in Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Do you want to be more effective as a member care provider, leader, and listener?

Plan to attend the Narramore Chr. Foundation Counseling and Member Care Seminar, 14-26 October 2012, in Chiang Mai, Thailand, hosted by Cornerstone Counseling Foundation.

Apply now for this intensive training and rich personal growth seminar that integrates Biblical truth and psychological and spiritual insights with practical tools to equip and strengthen you for ministry.

Past participants commend it to you, saying, "This seminar helped me think through my entire understanding of how God heals and helps His children grow" and "It was one of the greatest learning and fellowship experiences of my life."

Contact Cindy Hibma, Seminar Coordinator, at cindyh@cornerstonecounseling.in.th for an application form.

Links: <http://cornerstonecounseling.in.th/seminars.htm> and http://www.ncfliving.org/index_seminars

Asia, Malaysia

3rd Asia Member Care Network Conference, April 8-12, 2013

Place: Penang, Malaysia

Theme: A Toolkit for Workers' Care

Speakers: Perry Bradford, Jocelyn Head, Dr Mark Toh

Workshop Leaders: Dr Lois Dodds, Stephen Head, Perry Bradford, Jocelyn Head, David & Barbara Hagelberg, Cheong Swee Gim, Ong Bee Cheng & Sharon Poon, Elizabeth Choi, Dr Mark Toh and many others.

Cost: US\$ 235 or S\$300 (US\$200 or S\$256 for early registration before January 15, 2013)

For more information please contact: David Tan, david.modesto@gmail.com

Africa

Resilience Week 2012, Kenya

Resilience Week 2012 will be held in Kenya delivered in partnership with Amani Counselling Centre & Training Institute. This will be a great opportunity for those in member care to learn about the importance of psychosocial wellbeing for mission partners and staff working in mission, relief and development. The programme includes:

Monday 24th September - Cultivating Personal Resilience

Tuesday 25th September - Cultivating Organisational Resilience

Wednesday 26th September - Psychological First Aid

Thursday 27th September - Psychological First Aid - Advanced Skills (half day)

Thursday 27th September - Crisis Management - Round Table (half day)

Friday 28th September - Team Dynamics & Dealing with Conflict

For further information please visit <http://www.interhealth.org.uk/training-in-east-africa.html> or email training@interhealth.org.uk. I am happy to provide further information if it would be useful.

Attached is a PDF brochure of the programme.

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/InterHealth_Resilience_Week_Poster.pdf

USA

"Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence"

Jan. 7-11, 2013 (M-F)

Location: Hume Lake Christian Camps (65 Mi. E. of Fresno)

Sponsored by: Link Care Center; 1734 W. Shaw Ave; Fresno, CA 93711

Ph 559 439 5920 ext. 122. Email KenRoyer@linkcare.org

Conference Theme: "When the Enemy Comes in like a flood..."

Development of the theme: We've all struggled with helping ourselves and others to keep a positive balance -- in a world where the incoming tide of evil seems overwhelming! How can we affirm healthy sexuality within God's prescription of marriage? Saying "No" to the bad and "Yes" to the good?

Like Mary's and my getting a Yellow Fever shot before going to Ghana a couple years ago, how may we inoculate our young missionaries against the lure of evil on the Internet -- both here at home and in the context of ministry overseas?

Why is this important? A 2010 survey found that 61 percent of Americans (the number is higher among young people) say they are addicted to the Internet. www.psychologytoday.com/.../technology-is-technology-the-new-op... We all agree -- the problem is serious.

East Africa- Kenia / South Sudan

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills and Member Care while Managing Crisis

SYIS (Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills) workshop - 18-23 August 2012 Location - Dimesse Sisters, near Nairobi, Kenya
MCMC (Member Care while Managing Crisis) workshop - 10-16 October 2012 - Location - Scripture Mission, Nairobi, Kenya

SYIS (Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills) workshop - 4-9 November 2012 - Location - Yei, South Sudan

Contact Connie Crum at conniecrum68@gmail.com for more information

Thank you and please let me know of any other information needed.

Connie Crum

MMCT-EA

Nairobi, Kenya

Resilience Week training programme this September in Nairobi, Kenya.

What do we mean by resilience?

A: The capacity to cope with stress & adversity.

This will be a unique opportunity for managers, HR and those responsible for Member Care to learn about the importance of psychosocial wellbeing for their staff and mission partners. The programme includes:

Cultivating Personal Resilience -24th September

Cultivating Organisational Resilience - 25th September

Psychological First Aid - 26th September

Psychological First Aid Advanced Skills (Half day) - 27th September

Crisis Management Round Table (Half day) - 27th September

Team Dynamics & Conflict Management - 28th September

If you would like further information please visit our website <http://www.interhealth.org.uk/training-in-east-africa.html>

alternatively please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself directly.

Warm regards

Leanne

USA, Clarkesville, GA

Debriefing Training Workshop

Led by Sarah Lanier, Andy and Janet Kerr and staff

Who it is for: Leaders, Membercare Workers or Counselors with at least 10 years experience on the mission field, with basic listening skills. Specific exceptions will be made by the workshop leaders.

The course will offer:

A brief history of debriefing and the reasons why we do debriefing

The difference between debriefing and counseling

One's own limitations and the importance of support and referral

Ethics, confidentiality

Knowledge of:

Debriefing theory

The seven step model of debriefing

Individual and group debriefing

Time frames for debriefing/how to structure a debriefing

Scriptural references

The difference between routine debriefing and critical incident debriefing

Introduction to basic stress and cumulative stress and the symptoms of burnout

Understanding of:

Transition and cross cultural adjustment

Re-entry / culture shock

The need to allow the whole story to unfold before intervening with pastoral help

The place of the cross in missionary care Skills: Refine the skills of active listening, feedback

Recognizing what interventions to use when and where within the framework of the seven step model

Applying the scriptures to situations involving loss and grief

How to use tools, e.g., the stress assessment questionnaire, life event stress chart

How to debrief an individual

How to debrief a group

Location: Clarkesville, GA, in the North Georgia mountains 1 1/2 hr north of Atlanta

Dates: Dec. 2 - 7, 2012

Cost: \$350, all inclusive except transportation

For an application to the workshop, contact: allenc@ywamnsi.org

A week long debrief will be offered for participants the week prior to the workshop for those who have not gone through debriefing themselves and would like to. contact for details : allenc@ywamnsi.org

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