



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) August 2012

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This months Sponsor - Equipping Women International

Equipping Women International - a ministry of Barnabas International

\$200 & \$150 scholarships are now available! Learning module co-sponsored by The Well.

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 a years of overseas ministry experience. There are programs beginning each month.

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



Editorial: List of electronic resources, and caring at a distance

Last month the editorial focussed on helping at a distance, and electronic resources.

This month, thanks to those who responded, we can offer the following list of some electronic resources related to member care:

1. Lynn Paulsen has started a non-profit organization offering online video counselling to those serving outside their home country. Her heart is in missions so she offers the services at greatly reduced rates (on average \$20 per hour). Her website is www.careportcounseling.org.
2. For a list of useful websites and electronic resources, see www.careportcounseling.org/resources.
3. The following websites provide free on-line cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) self-help programmes for people suffering from depression:
 - <http://moodgym.anu.edu.au>
 - <http://bluepages.anu.edu.au>
4. Ron Koteskey offers 13 E-books available in five formats available at <http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm>. The Titles are:
 - What Missionaries Ought to Know
 - Missionary Marriage Issues
 - Missionary Singles Issues - new
 - Missionaries and Bribes - new
 - Psychology for Missionaries

- Understanding Adolescence
- Cultural Creations: Third Culture Kids and Adolescence
- Raising Resilient MKs
- Coming Home: The Reentry Transition
- Before You Come "Home": Preparing for Reentry
- We're Going Home - Reentry for Elementary School Children
- I Don't Want to Go Home: Parents Guide for Reentry for Elementary School Children
- Reentry After Short Term Missionary Service

There are also more than 90 brochures available at <http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures.htm>

The books and brochures above use "missionary" words, so people serving in sensitive countries may not want to access them unless they have a secure "tunnel." Therefore Ron has created www.crossculturalworkers.com which never mentions missionaries. 10 books and 90 brochures are available there, without the M word.

5. Many resources are available from <http://www.peopleinaid.org/resources>, including the manual 'Debriefing missionaries and aid workers: A comprehensive manual' (8th edition, 2011) by D Hawker. These resources can be purchased as PDF files.

6. Free online training modules can be downloaded from: <http://www.headington-institute.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2258>. Topics include spirituality, stress, trauma, resilience, family matters and national staff.

7. Many of the chapters from 'Doing Member Care Well' can be downloaded free from <https://sites.google.com/site/membercaravan/test/doing-member-care-well> (in English, Arabic or Chinese).

Many more resources are available electronically, but we hope this will help get you started.

In the meantime, please let us know if there is anything we can help you with, or if you have any suggestions for the network. We'd like to hear from you.

Every blessing,

Debbie at: doctors_hawker@yahoo.co.uk

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

We are very interested in opinions and comments

Health & Wellbeing Practices for Mission Partners across East Africa

InterHealth is a charity committed to the health and wellbeing of those working in relief, development and mission. We are very interested in opinions and comments (the good and bad) on health and wellbeing support for mission partners across East Africa, as we continue to explore how we can further our support to organisations in the region.

We would be very grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey which will take approximately 10 minutes and can be completed through the link below:

<http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/976909/Member-Care-Needs-Assessment>

Alternatively, please feel free to email your thoughts through to leanne.kennedy@interhealth.org.uk

Many thanks for your help Leanne Kennedy www.interhealth.org.uk

GLOBAL MAP

Member Care Southern Africa (NPC)

MEMBER CARE SOUTHERN AFRICA (NPC)

Focus Areas of Ministry:

- * Assessment of missionaries
- * Training and equipping of churches
- * On-field care
- * Re-entry care
- * Networking and Research

MEMBER CARE IS NO LONGER AN OPTION, BUT STRATEGIC IN OUR TASK TO REACH THE LEAST REACHED.

<http://www.memcare.co.za/>

RESOURCES

Newsletter

The Well - Chiangmai , Thailand

[click here](#)

Guidelines for Member Care - New Zealand

New Zealand Missions Interlink Member Care Committee

The purpose of this document is to provide a resource for churches and mission agencies involved in member care who desire to provide the best input and support that they can for their members involved in Global mission. All of us want our mission personnel to thrive, not just survive. These guidelines have been assembled for that purpose. While they will be most helpful to churches and mission agencies, those interested in a missions journey themselves should find the material helpful in moving them forward and in facilitating conversation with their own church and the agencies they choose to have dialogue with.

<http://missions.org.nz/component/content/article/40-resources/140-guidelines-for-member-care.html>

Finding Strength for the Journey

(sent by oscar.org.uk)

This well known resource is a series of 30 bible studies aimed at helping missionaries through the daily struggles of missionary life. It can be used as preparation or as a study guide for those early weeks on the field. Whilst it has been available in print form for a number of years, it's now available online in PDF format for FREE! Go to www.purposepress.net/finding-strength.html

New Code of Ethics for Pastors

(sent by Ken Royer, Link Care Center)

In general the focus is to

- Pursue Integrity
- Be Trustworthy
- Seek Purity
- Embrace Accountability
- Facilitate Fairness

Under each category, there are several statements of clarification or application. <http://www.nae.net/codeofethics>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

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

Switzerland, Europe**ADVANCED COUNSELING TRAINING SEMINAR: LEVEL I**

Join us for two weeks of intensive teaching and hands-on training with Dr. Paul Rodriguez at Chatel, Switzerland.

Seminar Focus: To enhance the level of knowledge and skill proficiency for those involved in counseling in the mission context: member care staff, as well as those who work with crisis, trauma, debriefing, and grief work. The seminar will be open to all mission sending agencies.

Seminar dates: 25 February to 8 March, 2013

Cost: 450 CHF (includes tuition, housing and food)

Find more info here: http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ACTS_Level_I_Information_Sheet.docand here http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ACTS_Level_I_Member_Care_Announcement_PDF_.pdf

Asia, Thailand, Chiangmai**First Equipping Women International module**

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Asia, Thailand, Chiangmai**Wellspring Retreat**

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Spiritually disconnected?

Join us at the, Wellspring Retreat, designed and led by the Well staff, for singles and couples engaged in cross-cultural ministry.

Wellspring is a safe, supportive, peaceful place to rest, renew, share your journey in a small group, as well as, individually with a counselor, and re-connect with God. Wellspring is held at Horizon Village and Resort, a luxurious accommodation situated in an expansive botanical garden several kilometers east of Chiang Mai. www.horizonvillage.net

Dates: November 4 – 6:00 p.m. – November 10 – 12:00 p.m.

10,000 THB or \$335.00 USD per person (double occupancy)

13,500 THB or \$450.00 USD per person (single occupancy)

Deposit: 1500 THB or \$50.00 USD per person (non-refundable after October 18, 2012)

Space is limited to 20 participants so register soon by calling The Well at 053-246 801, Email us at well@thewellcm.com or visit

our website for more details. <http://www.thewellcm.com>

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