



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) September 2012

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### This months Sponsor - Barnabas Zentrum

Barnabas Zentrum - Ministering to Those Who Minister



*"I appreciate the ministry of Barnabas Zentrum . . . it is a heartfelt vision to come alongside the wounded warrior . . . it is gained through experience and empowered by God. You are the medics coming to aid in the heat of battle. Attrition is high here; I am sure many of us would not still be here if it were not for you." – BZ attendee*

The Barnabas Zentrum team provides a holistic approach through counseling, consulting, training and encouragement to missionaries and Christian workers from all over the world.

Singles, couples, and families can come away to our counseling retreats at one of our three locations – Samobor, Croatia; Millstatt, Austria; and Grand Junction, Colorado. These retreats serve as an opportunity to heal, gain perspective, and receive input and counsel from fellow missionary counselors in a confidential, safe atmosphere. Medical personnel are also available for consultation.

For schedule and costs check out BZ's web site at: [www.barnabaszentrum.com](http://www.barnabaszentrum.com).

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## Editorial: What Is A Quality Member Care Provider?

Everyone seems to have a different means of measurement. Attend a Member Care event and you will soon learn what that group esteems as a quality Member Care Provider. It is confusing at times and very confusing for those new to Member Care.

At mission and conference events the eager new comer asks the question "I want to train in Member Care, so... tell me what makes a quality provider?" They quickly list all of their field experience, academic training and assure me they can send a copy of their resume. These are essential elements, however is this what makes a quality Member Care Provider? I am not looking for an employee to work at the mission, or a student to study at the university; rather I am looking for a minister. The foundation of a minister is character - character matters!

The entrance exam to Member Care service is character. Character is 'Christ alive and present in life and relationships'. It is meeting challenge with a steadfast focus on Christ that God's name is glorified. Honoring and preferring others, because it is the right thing to do that honors God.

Why does character matter? The role of a Member Care Provider is to journey with God's global servants and partake in their character development.

Dr. Roni Pruitt  
Columbia International University  
Director of Member Care Degree Program

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## GLOBAL MAP

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### USA

#### **Lassen Retreat House, Northern California**

Debriefing, Training, and Rest for International Workers in the Mountains of Northern California

Bob & Nancy Scott offer the following services by Skype and email:

- Life Adjustment Consultancy
- Coaching
- Debriefing
- Crisis response
- Training
- Management/HR Consulting
- Spiritual Formation

While in the USA they provide a full range of services to international personnel in their home in the mountains of northern California.

For more information, email [sozocare@yahoo.com](mailto:sozocare@yahoo.com)

pdf flyer:

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Lassen%20Retreat%20House%20Brochure%20E3.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Lassen%20Retreat%20House%20Brochure%20E3.pdf)

Word doc info:

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/International-1.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/International-1.doc)

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### Asia, Malaysia

#### **blessingshomestay**

We are a Christian family operating a Bed & Breakfast (B&B) in Bangsar Kuala Lumpur and we have 7 rooms, one family suite (2 connecting rooms for 6persons) and 1 dorm. All rooms except the dorm has private bath. We are now serving mainly missionaries when they are in KL to renew their visa, have a break in KL before or after receiving their trainings and those who are just taking their time off. <http://blessingshomestay.com.my/>

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## RESOURCES

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### **Child health and disaster risk reduction (pdf document)**

#### **Staying alive and well: Child health and disaster risk reduction**

How we can keep children safe, before and after disaster strikes.

Children are particularly vulnerable to disasters.

Disaster risk reduction (DRR) is any activity carried out by a village, community, aid agency or government that helps to prepare for, mitigate, adapt to or increase resilience towards the impact of disasters.

This paper provides guidance to encourage policy-makers and health professions to integrate disaster risk reduction into their health policies and programmes in order to safeguard children.

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Children%20and%20disasters.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Children%20and%20disasters.pdf)

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### **Language: Korean**

#### **"What Missionaries Ought to Know..."**

Korean translations of "Ought to Know..." brochures. Last month Korean translations of 53 of the brochures were posted at

<http://www.anmcusa.org/brochures>

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### **Newsletter**

#### **The Well Member Care Center - Chiangmai Thailand**

August 2012 <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=8040327c82&e=25f63328eb>

September 2012 <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=4cbbbada6e&e=25f63328eb>

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### **free pdf Books**

#### **Where There Is No Psychiatrist -**

[http://www.asksource.info/pdf/30256\\_where\\_there\\_is\\_no\\_psych\\_ch1\\_2003.pdf](http://www.asksource.info/pdf/30256_where_there_is_no_psych_ch1_2003.pdf)

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### **Evangelical Training Directory**

Greetings from the Evangelical Training Directory, a project endorsed by the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) as a central database of evangelical training.

We run the WEA training search page, and training search pages for other Evangelical Alliances. We also have many Bible Colleges using our site to explain what courses they are offering You can see our main page here.

<http://www.evangelicaltrainingdirectory.org/>

We do not charge Christian organisations for adding courses to our site or using our search facilities. Please feel free to sign up and use our facility.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

May God bless you in all your endeavours in His service.

With kind regards,

Gareth Owens, Administrator

The Evangelical Training Directory [etdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:etdirectory@gmail.com)

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## Newsletter Africa

### **Africa Member Care Network September 2012**

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=30f1d3567c&e=a3dbaa64df>

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## Book

### **The Stress Effect Why Smart Leaders Make dumb Decisions - And What to Do About It**

excellent book summary on stress. [click here](#)

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## Music Resource

### **Music for M: MfM - GREAT offer for free!**

Many years ago we got in touch with “MfM”. Ever since we keep receiving about six quality–CD’s with great music yearly, also some especially for children.

We can’t express how much it helped us through some draining and heavy times in ministry. We can wholeheartedly recommend it to you all – wherever you are.

Please do get in touch with MfM and be at the receiving end – you will not regret and be richly blessed! And above all it’s for free  
J

Paul Garratt with his team having served so faithfully over so many years and still active, writes:

“MfM is a ministry that seeks to bless, encourage, challenge and inspire folk serving overseas, especially those in isolated or hostile environments.

We do this by making available, without charge, praise and worship orientated CDs sent by post, or downloaded from our secure website.

We recognise we are all subject to many pressures, stresses and strains, so it is important that we keep our “batteries” fully charged.

It is our desire to provide resources that will help achieve this.

We realise it is sometimes difficult to enter into P&W because of work and culture–related pressures.

This is why we seek materials that will encourage an atmosphere where the Spirit is free to bless, guide and encourage.

Attached are two files:

The General Information tells who we are and what we will do, and how we operate.

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/MfM%20Gen%20Info%20Jan%202012-FINAL.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/MfM%20Gen%20Info%20Jan%202012-FINAL.doc)

The MfM Questionnaire seeks the information we need to help us keep in touch with you. This is held securely here and not passed to others.

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/MfM%20MfmQ%20Jan%202012.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/MfM%20MfmQ%20Jan%202012.doc)

I hope this is a help and thanks for your willingness to forward it to likeminded folks.

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### 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](mailto:david.modesto@gmail.com)

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**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%20Level%20I%20Info%20Sheet%20PDF.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/_ACTS%20Level%20I%20Info%20Sheet%20PDF.pdf)

and here [http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/ACTS%20Level%20I%20Member%20Care%20Announcement%20PDF.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/ACTS%20Level%20I%20Member%20Care%20Announcement%20PDF.pdf)

and here:

YWAM Chatel's website address ([www.ywamchatel.com](http://www.ywamchatel.com))

**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](http://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](mailto:well@thewellcm.com) or visit our website for more details. <http://www.thewellcm.com>

**Europe - UKRAINE****EEMA: CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION FORUM 3**

18-22ND SEPTEMBER 2012

with lot's of member care workshops [http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/CEEMF%20Consultation%20Brochure%202012%20v2.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/user_upload/CEEMF%20Consultation%20Brochure%202012%20v2.pdf)

**Europe, UK****'All Change' Re-entry Day**

On Sept 22nd OSCAR is running a re-entry day in Gloucester for those recently returned from overseas. We already have a good range of bookings from people who have just come back to some who have been back several months. We are also open to those who seek to understand and care for returnees. Spaces are still available but book soon to avoid disappointment.

Go to <http://oscaractive.ning.com/events/all-change-re-entry-course-1>

care resources around the world. It goes out in the middle of each month. News and resources need to be posted on our website blog, or send to [office@globalmembercare.com](mailto:office@globalmembercare.com).

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