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This month Sponsor - MA in Member Care at Redcliffe College



The MA in Member Care at Redcliffe College is a unique flexible learning MA for those working in Member Care in a cross-cultural context. You will be taught by experts in the field, with opportunity for plenty of discussion and the application of what you are learning to your own contexts.

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- Crisis response and trauma debriefing
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- * The member care worker: Equipping self and others*

- * Method and content in missiological study*

and one of the following:

- * The Mission of the Church in the Context of Postcolonialism and Globalisation
- * Prosperity Theology and Suffering: Perspectives and Problems
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- * Crucial Issues in Asian Mission and Theology

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Editorial: Living in Domestic Abuse surroundings

Living in Domestic Abuse surroundings

Are we membercare colleagues doing anything about it?

"Violence against women continues to persist as one of the most heinous, systematic and prevalent human rights abuses in the world. It is a threat to all women, and an obstacle to all our efforts for development, peace, and gender equality in all societies."
Ban Ki moon, United Nations Secretary General, 2007.

Recently I attended a workshop on "Dealing with Domestic Violence/abuse". It was quite interesting as various facilitators, men and women came and facilitated the workshop. The focus was on women dealing with Domestic Abuse. There was no mention of men as victims of 'Domestic Abuse'. However few facilitators and participants acknowledged that men are also victims of domestic abuse. How true! But the majority of domestic abuse happens to women across the world. We have to realize that.

It was a great workshop on Dealing with Domestic Violence emphasizing issues in India. There were issues addressed which one cannot imagine.

I believe that Domestic Violence or abuse is not an issue in only one country or in developing countries, but it is an issue across the world. It is an International issue. No matter which part of the Globe one comes from Domestic violence is existing in different forms. It has to be addressed and not swept under the carpet.

Question that comes to mind? As a care giver or member care person are we addressing domestic violence? Are we looking around for various mission agencies, churches to see if they are dealing with domestic violence victims or survivors in their own agencies? Are we talking about these issues? Are we acknowledging the occurrences of violence at home and helping the victims? Or we are keeping mum?

It is also an issue in Christian homes, churches, missions and in the mission field where missionaries are victims of domestic violence. It is usually hushed and swept under the carpet.

Domestic Violence has various forms: sexual assault, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, physical abuse and economical abuse. Many women go through a nightmare and torture in their own homes, and live in perpetual fear of their partners. It is a very uphill task to unveil the fears, hurts and trauma of women to help them in the process of building trust and understanding to talk about pain, injury on their mind and body. Often the abuse is endured for years till the victim comes to a point of seeking counseling and help from the legal system.

Few symptoms to look for: Injuries to the hands, neck, head, face, chest, abdomen and genitals, or a history of miscarriages, multiple bruises, burns and scars in different stages of healing, signs of stress, headaches constant complaints of not feeling well, using lots of alcohol and medication, difficulty in concentration, unable to sleep, withdrawal or going into isolation from relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbours, moody, suicidal attempts, frequently away from work without any explanation, school or social gatherings etc.

Many times it is shocking to see the pain and trauma on those who are going through domestic violence. There is much to talk about regarding this issue and how one can help and counsel the victims of domestic violence.

On the other hand we also need to look at the perpetrators of domestic violence why they are doing it and what are the causes so they can also be helped.

Lets' be an agent of change and move forward in bringing awareness and giving membercare to those who are victims of domestic violence.

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Editorial comment: events in India

A prophetic article

This article above was written by Pramila Rajendran in India early December.

Written, before the gang rape in India on 16 December set off protests nationwide. It has raised the issue of domestic violence and violence towards women in India, and globally as well. A quite prophetic article Pramila has written here. Thank you.

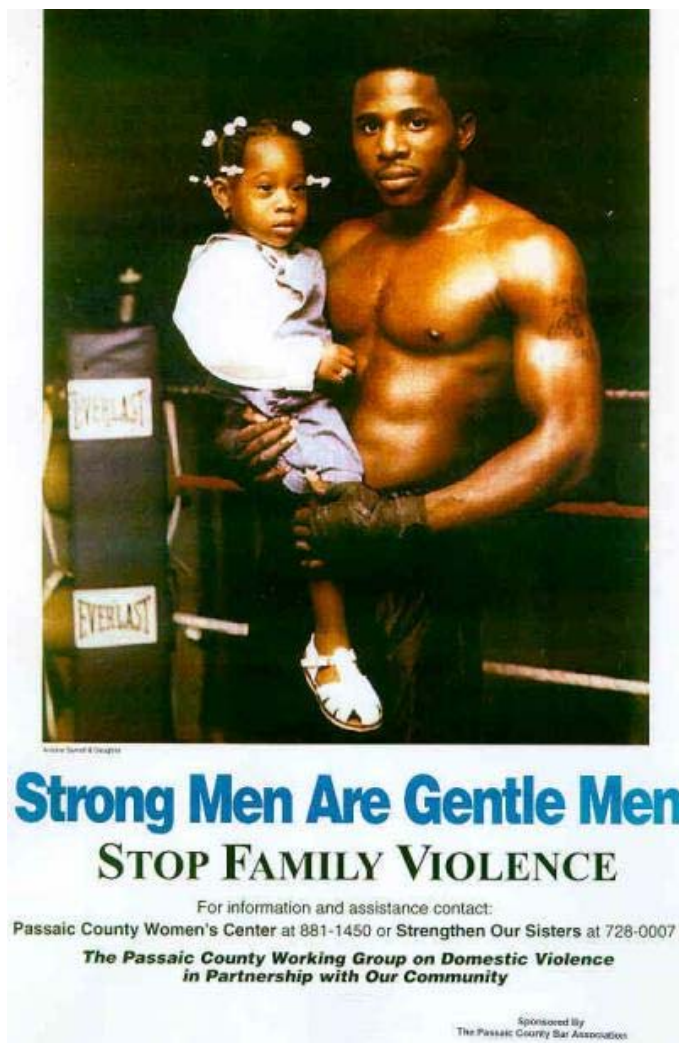
What do we do with this?

To you men: What are you doing with this?

Is missions dangerous for women?



How does manhood/masculinity and missions relate?



Harry Hoffmann
Coordinator - Global Member Care Network

GLOBAL MAP

USA

cleftRock Christian Ministries

My name is Sarah Longest and my husband Patrick and I are the directors of cleftRock Christian Ministries located in Mount Vernon, KY. At cleftRock and through our retreat center we care for missionaries and pastors. In fact, at cleftRock Retreat Center we offer all missionaries and pastors 3 days/2 nights FREE lodging.

Sarah Longest
ministering to those that minister to others
cleftRock Christian Ministries <http://www.cleftrock.org/>

USA

A Lodging Place

A Lodging Place is a place for debriefing, healing and restoration. This two bedroom, fully furnish apartment is now available for cross-cultural workers to receive member care services in Atlanta, GA.

A Lodging Place was started by Beverly Richardson, Ph.D., a licensed Christian Counselor with the Georgia Board of Examiners. God birthed in Beverly a desire to begin the ministry of Member Care because of her own cross-cultural experiences in Kazakhstan.

Beverly worked for three years at The Well Member Care Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand, then with Heartstream Resources in their residential programs and overseas retreats for workers. A Lodging Place is the next journey in her Member Care Ministry.

<http://newsongchristiancounseling.com/missionary-care/>

<http://hosted.verticalresponse.com/538667/79d2382869/1715545001/384d66137f/>

RESOURCES**Tender Care song by Derek Washington**

I have recently written this song, and wanted to send it to you and those you serve, as a small gift for Christmas from Dorothy and me, and all of us at Barnabas International. It was inspired by the Barnabas International book of the same title. This song is a way for us to encourage you, and to say thank you for the many risks you take, and sacrifices you make, to bring Christ's beautiful kiss to the hearts in this world - hearts that He so loved that He gave ... himself.

The link and lyrics are below. Thank you again, from all of us with Barnabas International. We hope the song encourages you deeply. Merry Christmas.

Tender Care song by Derek Washington ([click on the play button by the song title on the website link](#))

Tender Care lyrics:

Tender Care Derek Washington November 13, 2012

Tender love, tender care
 tender mercy we will share
 rest your weary heart here with us
 For His mercies are sure
 redeeming grace it will endure
 rest your wounded heart here with us
 Tender love, tender care
 for your heart you did share
 we're lifting you up to the Father
 in tender love, in tender prayer
 for His heart you did share

Thank you for the risk
 to bring the world His kiss
 We lift your heart to His ...
 His tender care

Derek & Dorothy Washington ps should the song speak to you, you may use it in any way to bring encouragement to those you serve and are connected to.

www.pastoralcareformissionaries.org our ministry website

www.derekwashingtonmusic.com Derek's music site

Research

Ministry Risk Factors

very good and informative article <http://www.christiancoachingcenter.org/index.php/2009/08/ministry-risk-factors-how-do-you-stack-up-by-tony-stoltzfus/>

Risk management**Managing Risk on Mission Trips (oscar.org.uk)**

Faith groups and travellers have a duty to protect their missionaries and themselves on the move. In this month's guest article, Chief Executive of non-profit travel specialists Key Travel, Steve Summers, gives some simple advice on how you can reduce the risks and prepare contingency plans. <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/summers.htm>

Being a Sender**Senders' Guide - (oscar.org.uk)**

maintain a strong and enduring partnership between sender and the one who is sent. www.stewardship.org.uk/downloads/Senders_Guide.pdf

Newsletter - Thailand**The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai , Thailand**

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=4920afba81&e=25f63328eb>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Asia - Thailand**Refresh! Thailand**

June 30—July 10, 2013

If you minister across cultures, unique stresses and complexities permeate your life. The changes of language, value systems, climate, geography, social systems, role definitions and other life elements make a radical impact on you, your family and team members. No wonder so many cross-cultural workers become discouraged and experience burnout!

Refresh! is a retreat designed for the renewal, enrichment, and refreshment of singles, couples, and families serving in cross-cultural settings. Several professional services are offered to you and your family, including medical consultation, counseling and massage therapy. Educational and recreational activities for all ages are aimed at spiritual and emotional restoration.

Refresh! was created by Drs. Larry and Lois Dodds, founders of Heartstream Resources. Since 1992, Heartstream has served the needs of cross-cultural workers worldwide by offering programs of restoration, renewal, education and prevention.

Find more info here www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2013%20RefreshBrochure.pdf

USA

MICHIGAN MEMBER CARE INSERVICE SATURDAY APRIL 13TH

Theme: "Storm to Refuge: Being Safe Harbors for God's Global Workers" Psalm 107:23-32

Date and Location: Saturday April 13th, Calavary Bible Church, Kalamazoo, MI.

Find more info here: <http://www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php>

Europe - UK

Counselling as Mission Think-tank

10.00 to 16.00 Tuesday 12 March 2013

Venue: Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX

The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) recognises that many member care practitioners around the world are working not only with mission partners but also with local people in direct counselling and training/capacity building in local/national churches.

Contexts include:

Catastrophes, Crisis counselling , Historic national trauma , Responding to church requests for People Helper training , Supervision/consulting with local caregivers working in churches and local ministries such as orphanages, street children and anti-trafficking

This think-tank brings together people who want to see counselling, psychology and psychiatry as well as psychosocial approaches expanded and developed as a vital part of mission strategy worldwide. It will explore the vision, strategies, goals and motivation. It will look at ways to empower the church in majority world situations to provide local care to meet people' emotional needs. Besides relationship building, it will determine if the vision is being shared by people in the UK and define what that means in terms of strategies, goals and motivation in the context of the people and agencies present.

Facilitators

In addition to ideas and contributions from participants, the following will make presentations based on their experience of using counselling as mission:

- Harry Hoffmann, coordinator of the World Evangelical Alliance—Mission Commission—Global Member Care Network
- Dr Bradford Smith, Lausanne Senior Associate for Care and Counsel as Mission, Director of Care and Counsel International and a psychologist based in Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- Dr John Warlow, Australian psychiatrist, on the Lausanne Care and Counsel as Mission Global Leadership Team and Lausanne Care and Counsel as Mission representative for Asia/Pacific
- Roger Day, psychotherapist, trainer and strategic partner in the Midlands

Find more info here: www.globalmembercare.org/fileadmin/resources/UK_thinktank.pdf

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