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To our Colleagues in Personnel...

This monthly "resource tool" is designed to provide encouragement for personnel workers in ministry-related areas. If you would like to be removed from the list (or a friend would like to be added), please let me know... kenroyer@aol.com or kenroyer@linkcare.org.

Link Care's Program of Restoration and Personal Growth: There is "room in the inn." If we may come alongside and consult or help by providing services, please let me know.

Quick reminder of "Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence." Reserve the date (Jan. 9-13, 2012) and write for an application.

Update: We *really* appreciate your responses from last month's "straw poll" regarding the possibility of your attending Building Skills. Accordingly, we're moving "full steam ahead" with plans and hope you can be with us!

Theme: ***"Make-Or-Break Issues in Missionary Survival."***

Development of the theme: Going back to the most important make-or-break issues – The First and Second Greatest Commandments – To love God with all our heart, soul, mind, strength, and neighbor as ourselves. How can a clear focus on these basics enhance all we do in member care – and *Missions*?

For our "tool" this month we'd like to focus on

**Tips for Missionary Communication
with Those Back Home...**

With permission, I quote from Pastor Dan Crane's monthly letter to missionaries from the First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton.

Your communication

Missionaries soon realize that their prayer and financial support is in proportion to their communication. So we asked a mission savvy person to read the latest batch of missionary letters and give suggestions. Their input reflects some good reminders:

- 1) Keep your letters short.
- 2) Use only a few sentences in a paragraph. This makes it easier for the audience to read.
- 3) Don't assume your audience knows what your ministry is about. Remind them.
- 4) Tell stories.
- 5) Keep information about your family to a minimum. I realize that each of us dearly loves our parents and children. But if a family is stressed too much, people wonder about what is going on in the ministry.
- 6) Write in a way that I feel your passion.

Thanks Pastor Dan Crane! Wise words for all. Hopefully these reminders will help prayer partners to really *pray!*

Sincerely in Christ,

Ken Royer, for your many Link Care Friends
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