



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) August 2013

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### Next Global Member Care Conference in February 9-13, 2015

Many of you have asked about the next Global Member Care Conference: In less than 2 years time!

February 9-13, 2015, in Antalya, Turkey.

The focus will be to stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the Arab World, and if possible also Central Asia. After the great success of the 2012 Thailand conference, we now made reservations for 400 participants.

More will come...

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### This month's 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 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 2nd annual Equipping Women International (EWI) 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. The **Developing a Discerning Heart** module will also be offered for returning participants.

This training will be held at The Grove (Kalnin LC), near Chiang Mai, November 5-14, 2013. Application & Registration is OPEN NOW and closes August 15th. There is an early registration price break, so we encourage you to inquire now. A 3-month lead time is ideal for the preparation work. See [www.barnabas.org/ewi](http://www.barnabas.org/ewi) for module descriptions and details, application & registration info, or write Debbie at [dlamp@barnabas.org](mailto:dlamp@barnabas.org).

Scholarships now available.

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

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## Editorial: Integrity and Member Care

Recently I was asked by my church, where I facilitate a group called 'Women@Work', to preach on 'Wisdom at Work'. As part of that we looked at Proverbs 8 and picked out the qualities that wisdom offers us – prudence, discernment, sound judgement, knowledge, understanding, insight. How necessary they are for Member Care. Such wisdom brings with it integrity in decision making and life-style.

Unlike counselling, MC providers do not have a code of ethics to which they must adhere, MC is becoming an increasingly popular area of ministry and it is one which profoundly affects the lives of workers. I find myself questioning the competency of some entering the field. We must have the training and competency to carry out the services we offer. And we need proper lines of accountability and responsibility to ensure we behave with integrity. For those working outside organisations, like myself, that is especially important.

Globally, we have talked about setting up a voluntary code of conduct, so that the churches and agencies who entrust their people to us can be assured. I fervently hope that at local, national and global level we can create and encourage a culture of integrity where practitioners are proven to be in good standing with their organisations and networks at all those levels and are committed to being equipped to give the very best service to the workers in the vineyard.

Marion Knell (UK)

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## RESOURCES

### **Burn out**

#### **dealing-with-burnout**

Happy to share the gold nuggets.

[http://thrivingpastor.org/dealing-with-burnout-part-1/?utm\\_source=nl\\_thrivingpastor&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=136001&refcd=136001](http://thrivingpastor.org/dealing-with-burnout-part-1/?utm_source=nl_thrivingpastor&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=136001&refcd=136001)

[http://thrivingpastor.org/dealing-with-burnout-part-2/?utm\\_source=nl\\_thrivingpastor&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=136001&refcd=136001](http://thrivingpastor.org/dealing-with-burnout-part-2/?utm_source=nl_thrivingpastor&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=136001&refcd=136001)

Have a great month.

Ken Royer, for your Link Care Friends

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### **Newsletter**

#### **Well Member Care Center Newsletter, Chiangmai Thailand**

click here <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=89ee2e20dc&e=25f63328eb>

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## GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

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### USA & Switzerland

#### **Advanced Counseling Training Seminar (ACTS) Series:**

Ever felt stuck when you try to counsel or help others? Feeling unequipped at times, or at a loss for effective solutions? Ever find yourself more motivated than, or taking responsibility for, the person you are helping? Frustrated by persistent resistance?

The tools we use in our work or ministry are only as effective as our level of understanding and skill. This is especially true of the most powerful tool we have at our disposal: our relationship with each person we help. And, unfortunately, this is one major area in which the counseling and member care community have not reached the level of mastery that allows us to become the most effective instruments in our Master's hands.

If you have the calling and passion to help others heal, grow, and experience spiritual freedom, and you want to be equipped with the skills and understanding you need to overcome these common obstacles, then consider this two-week intensive—designed to increase your spiritual resilience, to equip you to be much more effective in your work with others, and to keep you from falling into the pitfalls and dead ends in which too many in the counseling and member care fields often finds themselves.

**Seminar Focus:** To enhance the level of knowledge and skill proficiency for those involved—or have the passion and calling to be involved—in counseling and member care work in the mission or ministry context (debriefing, crisis, trauma, transitional stress, grief work, sex-traffic and prostitution victims, prison inmates, addictions, and other counseling situations, including group work)—as well as for those in the leadership, discipleship, and mentoring, who want to be equipped to make a real difference in the life of others.

Due to the nature of the personalized hands-on training we offer, space will be limited to a maximum of 10-12 participants.

For those who have completed Module 1 successfully, we will also be offering the first Module 2 in the seminar series at Chatel, March 23-April 4, 2014

**Faculty:** Dr. Paul Rodriguez, international speaker and teacher, physician, psychiatrist, addictionologist ([click here for the Information Sheet](#), or go to [www.ywamchatel.com](http://www.ywamchatel.com)).

#### **Locations, Costs & Dates:**

The INN in Franklin, North Carolina, USA ([www.lifeisrelationships.com](http://www.lifeisrelationships.com)): Dates: Sept 15-27, 2013 Comprehensive Cost: \$780 per person (\$1280 per couple)

YWAM base, Chatel, Switzerland ([www.ywamchatel.com](http://www.ywamchatel.com)): Dates: Feb 23-March 7, 2014 Comprehensive Cost: CHF 650 per person (CHF 1200 per couple)

For more information: [click on the Information Sheet link](#).

For application form (or any other questions): contact us at [pcrod71@gmail.com](mailto:pcrod71@gmail.com)

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### Europe - Switzerland

#### **Traction Men's Conference, September 21-27, 2013**

If you're a guy who serves internationally, please keep reading. If you're married to a guy who works cross-culturally, please keep reading.

A very special gathering called Traction is coming, near Interlaken, Switzerland, September 21-27, 2013 designed to encourage North American and Western European cross-cultural workers who serve in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Traction is led by Dr. Daniel Hahn of Catalyst Int'l ([www.catalystintl.org](http://www.catalystintl.org)), a ministry founded in 2004 dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Daniel and his wife, Lori, lead the annual Breathe Conference ([www.breatheconference.org](http://www.breatheconference.org)), also held in Switzerland.

Traction will deal squarely with issues guys contend with:

- Balancing leadership and soul care
- Navigating difficult relationships
- Persevering in the face of challenges

- Family life
- Confronting sexual compromise
- Recovery from failure
- Learning to develop a lifestyle of worship

All of this will be approached within the context of life on the field as an international worker, whether you are single or married. The mornings at Traction are given to exploring these issues while the afternoons are free for counseling appointments, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection.

Imagine, 6 days in the Alps, surrounded by a community of men who really understand. Imagine taking time to restore your soul, refuel your passion, and refresh your body. Please get more details and register at this secure link: [Traction Conference](#)

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[http://encounterlife.org/con\\_communityLife.cfm?m=201&c=1001090](http://encounterlife.org/con_communityLife.cfm?m=201&c=1001090)  
[Registration](#)

download Brochure [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/traction-brochure.jpg](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/traction-brochure.jpg)

## USA

### **ELIM Retreat Ministries**

Dear Colleagues in Member Care,

This is to let you know that ELIM Retreat Ministries has space for two couples in our Retreat of October 27th-November 1st. The Retreat site is Eagle Center House, in southeast Wisconsin. The cost is \$80.00.

We would welcome any state-side pastoring couple; any stateside missionary personnel or those missionaries on home assignment.

We so appreciate anything you could do to get the word out to your personnel about this opportunity.

Those interested should register online at [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org).

Henry Stewart , Barnabas International, ELIM Retreat Ministries

## Asia

### **Asia Member Care Degree Program**

Missions in Asia is blossoming as it is a major missions sending region of the world. Member Care is essential to enrich the life of the missionary for longevity of service. To assist in getting these resources to Asia, Columbia International University USA will offer the Asia Member Care training program at Asian seminaries as a ministry to Asia.

The first class will be held in the Philippines June 8-14, 2014 in Manila.

Find detailed infos here: [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Asia Mem Care Announcement-Word.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Asia Mem Care Announcement-Word.doc)

## USA

### **2013 Mental Health and Missions Conference**

This year's conference is November 21-24, 2013. It will be held in Angola, Indiana at the beautiful Potawatomi Inn. Attached you will find the MHM brochure. In it you will read information and details on what to expect from this year's conference!

Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on Thursday and the Welcome Banquet starts at 6:00 pm.

The early registration fee is only good until September 30th. So, you will want to register soon to get the early bird rate. Please visit <http://www.mti.org/programs/MHM> to register!

Find more info here: [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/MHM\\_2013\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/MHM_2013_Brochure.pdf)

## **Mission Commission Global Consultation in Europe**

### **WEA Mission Commission Global Consultation May 2014**

Dear Missional Colleagues

Warm greetings on behalf of the WEA Mission Commission!

The MC is convening a Global Consultation in Turkey in May (13-17) 2014 with the theme “Gospel – Church – Mission”. God has given the MC the unique capacity to convene key missional leaders and shape the participation of the global Evangelical movement in God’s mission and in the advance of His kingdom. The MC is able to function as a network-alliance that brokers strategic research projects, publications and training events for global mission because it has built lasting and trusting relationships. Younger leaders dialogue with senior leaders, mission executives with missional pastors, missiologists with missionaries and leaders of global organisations with national movements.

These relationships are the result of the MC’s effort to link “reflective-practitioners” in mission, and offer safe places for deep reflection on missiological issues combined with partnership building for concrete actions in integral cross-cultural mission. One of the most strategic “safe places” that the MC has offered are the Global Consultations convened every two or three years. It is through the Global Consultations that the MC creates the space for practitioners to focus on and grapple with global issues and challenges. Previous consultations have resulted in mutual encouragement, growth in understanding, joint work and strategies and new materials for publication and wider distribution.

The Global Consultation in Turkey will be the next important opportunity for this dynamic meeting of leaders, representing both older and newer mission moments. The theme “Gospel – Church – Mission” reflects the essential elements in global mission. Gospel is the message, the good news that needs to be taken to every people and every person on this earth. It is an integral gospel that speaks the whole person and that includes the whole creation. Church is the agent of mission, called to proclaim and to live out the gospel truth in its neighbourhood and beyond. A church is missionary by nature, otherwise its existence can be questioned. Mission is God’s mission, and we are all invited to partner with Him in order to advance His kingdom. We will look at gospel and church from a missiological perspective and see the biblical and practical integration between these three elements.

More info will follow next month ....

## Asia - Thailand

### **WELLSPRING RETREAT**

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Feeling spiritually disconnected? Join us at the 2nd annual Wellspring Retreat, designed and led by the Well staff, for those engaged in cross-cultural ministry. Wellspring is a safe, supportive, peaceful place to rest, renew, share your journey in a small group and individually with a counselor, and re-connect with God. A children's program is also offered. 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)

Registration is limited to 20 adults and 20 children so register early!

**Dates:** Begins Sunday, Nov. 10, 2012 with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ends Saturday, Nov. 16, 2012 with lunch

**Cost:** 10,500 Thai Baht per person (double occupancy)

15,000 Thai Baht per person (single occupancy)

7,500 Thai Baht per child

**Where:** Horizon Village and Resort [www.horizonvillage.net](http://www.horizonvillage.net)

More Info: [nancy@thewellcm.com](mailto:nancy@thewellcm.com)

Registration: [well@thewellcm.com](mailto:well@thewellcm.com)

Registration deadline: October 21, 2013

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