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Editorial: Will agencies give churches the chance to do their job?

William Carey was a great guy. He will rightly go down in history as a significant character in the church and in the world. But what Carey did had a hugely influential and sadly devastating effect on the church in the West. The consequences of Carey's action still dominate the thinking of most churches and many of them will never be able to change.

Carey's attempts to get Baptist ministers in his area to reach 'the heathen' was so strongly and persistently rejected that he set up the Baptist Missionary Society, to do what the churches refused to do. It is not my intention to blame Carey for what he did. Maybe he had no alternative and he could not have foreseen the long-term consequences. The initiative of Carey and others resulted in the huge growth of the church around the world.

But whether Carey was right or wrong and despite the obvious success of the gospel, the resulting disengagement of the church from mission continues to have a huge impact on church-mission agency relationships today. Missionary societies have 'owned' mission for the last 200 years.

Ask many churches what they are doing in mission and they may proudly say that are supporting mission partners in, say, Tanzania, Peru and Romania, but when you ask why the only reason is that various people volunteered, joined an agency and asked for the church's support. 'Support' is the key word. Churches 'support' the vision, initiative and projects of others but need to be asked, "What does God want YOU to do in global mission?"

As long as the agencies lead mission by trying to get money from churches for *their* projects, recruiting workers from churches for *their* teams, taking the initiative in reaching out to the world, then most of the established churches will let them get on with it. Churches will just see themselves as supporting someone else's responsibility and world mission will remain marginalised in the church.

So do we need to see the end of the mission agency? Certainly not. Specialist agencies are vitally important if mission is going to be accomplished well in our complicated world. Partnership is vital and biblical. Many agencies talk about partnering with churches, but expect churches to partner with them on their terms. But churches need to take the initiative and agencies should act as consultancies and collaborate with churches on the churches' terms.

Churches doing global mission on their own often leads to disaster, but churches fear agencies will take over if given an opportunity. Agencies will have to work very hard to change their reputation in western churches. Non-western churches, without the same history, are far more likely to take the lead in global mission.

An essential change is required. Agencies need to stop communicating to churches, "We want you to support us in our mission" and start saying clearly, sincerely and believably "What does God want you to do in mission and how can we help you?" This is surely of special significance in the world of Member Care.

After 200 years, we are praying for a huge paradigm shift in thinking.

Bryan Knell

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...

GLOBAL MAP

Member Care Africa

In 2008 Patience Ahmed shared her convictions about the need to develop Member Care for Africans by training Africans to do MC. "If we don't have member care, we are going to lose this new generation of missionaries very soon by attrition.

<http://vimeo.com/37963000> (Video)

Mobile Member Care Team (MMCT):

We envision resilient communities of cross cultural workers caring for each other equipped to withstand life's challenges and traumas.

<http://www.mmct.org>

RESOURCES

Spanish, LATINO CROSSCULTURAL WORKERS

HOW DO LATINO CROSSCULTURAL WORKERS SERVING WITHIN AN ISLAMIC CONTEXT DEFINE MEMBER CARE?

While much has been written about member care from European or North American perspectives, we have very few research based articles that reflect the experiences and perspectives of the emerging Latin American missions community. This article seeks to allow Latin American cross-cultural workers to speak into the process by defining their understanding of member care and describing what they value in a member caregiver. Those cited in this short article serve within an Islamic setting or are linked to leading and ministering to these workers, but many of their observations are shared by those who serve in other contexts as well. It contains their definition of member care, a description of the member care received and descriptions of the initiatives they have taken to provide self care. This is followed by a report on who currently provides them with member care as well as a revealing description of what they look for in a member caregiver as well as suggestions for meaningful visits to their fields of service. The article is written with the senders as the intended audience and is followed up by a suggested list of discussion questions which will allow each sending nation, agency, or church to structure member care according to their realities while attending to the specific needs of the workers they responsible for sending.

This article is available in both English and Spanish.

For a copy, please contact: Dr. Jessie Scarrow de Ritchey jritchey@fastmail.fm

Spanish, LATINO CROSSCULTURAL WORKERS

Should We Even Bother Sending Single Women Cross-cultural Workers to Serve in an Islamic Context?

This is a question I am often posed by pastors in our Latin American setting. It is an important question because, on our continent, the sending pastor's blessing and support are decisive factors in whether or not she will be sent. One of the strengths of the Latin American missions movement is that generally the churches are directly involved in the sending. Therefore, since so much of the decision making power lies in the hearts and hands of the leaders, it is important to shine some light on both their spoken and unspoken concerns; perhaps providing some broader perspectives for consideration.

This article is written as a response to pastor's questions. It begins with a generalized description of the cultural patterns which come into play in our church settings and is followed with a frank and pragmatic discussion of singleness and how it interrelates with God's call on women's lives. It delves into a historical look at single women in missions in general and serves as a reminder of the powerful contributions of single women on our own continent. It ends with a discussion of both the challenges and the

advantages that single women face as they serve within the Islamic setting. Sprinkled throughout the article are reflection questions to encourage sending pastors to examine some of the practices and encourage them to select, prepare and support women who sense a strong call to minister in these contexts.

This article is available in both English and Spanish. Please contact Dr. Jessie Ritchey jritchey@fastmail.fm

Coping with Crisis now in English, French, Spanish

Psychosocial Centre - The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Download the latest version of [Coping with Crisis](#) in English here.

Téléchargez [la version française du nouveau numero de Face à la crise](#) ici.

[La versión española del 'Afrontando la Crisis'](#) ahora está lista para bajar aqui.

survey on the challenges faced by repatriates

Just wanted to let you know I have recently done a survey on the challenges faced by repatriates as they adjust to life back in their home countries. It may be of interest in your newsletter to some of your readers. It can be found here:

<http://www.wattsyourpathway.co.uk/Recent-articles/re-entry-survey>

Chart 1 – Work sector of returnees

Chart 2 – Greatest challenges on returning home

Chart 3 – Same career path on return home?

Chart 4 – Who helped you change career?

Chart 5 – The most helpful things in settling back

Chart 6 – What would have been helpful on your return?

Chart 7 – Chart 13 ...

Thanks, Helen Watts

Trauma Recovery Resources

Recovery after Trauma A Guide for People with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder http://www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au/site_resources/guidelines/ACPMH_Recovery_after_Trauma.pdf

Acute Stress Disorder & Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Children & Adolescents

http://www.acpmh.unimelb.edu.au/site_resources/guidelines/ACPMH_Child_Practitioner_Guide.pdf

Newsletter Nederland

Member Care - Nederland

<http://membercare.nl/>

Korean Language

Korean Member Care brochures: What Missionaries Ought to Know...."

For Your Korean Colleagues....: Free Downloads—

Member Care brochures from the "What Missionaries Ought to Know...." series are available from the All Nations Mission Center where 52 of the brochures are available in Korean as free downloads in pdf. If you are on a multicultural team or know other Korean missionaries, please send them this link. They can't beat the price. Find the brochures at...

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

[화해, 트라우마, 탈진, 청소년기, 우울증 극복하기,](#)

Ageing and Retirement

Practical Aspects by Mike Frith, OSCAR

<http://www.oscar.org.uk/ageingandretirement.htm>

Health

Member Care Media

We are creating 50 specific Health media programs, the first phase of the project is for the Cross Cultural Worker and the next phase will be for the African Pastor/church group leader.

On our website under “ Your Health” you can listen to the first 20 programs. The pdf’s will be added soon.

"Encouragement through Media!" Listen to: www.membercaremedia.com

Newsletter Thailand

The Well Member Care Center Chiangmai

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=a2c39e038a&e=25f63328eb>

Book: SINGLE MISSION

‘Single Mission: Thriving as a single person in cross-cultural ministry’ has been written by over 30 women and men, to encourage and assist others. The contributors are from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Australasia and North America.

The challenges discussed include loneliness, pressure to marry, childlessness, being busy, sexual desire, accommodation, touch, care for the elderly and vacations. The book also covers issues of sexuality (such as same sex attraction, masturbation and pornography), cross-cultural dating, being single for the second time and raising children as a single parent on the mission field. Research is also included.

Copies are available from <http://ondemand.condeopress.com>.

<http://ondemand.condeopress.com/single-mission.html>

online learning website

A Social Learning Community - For your cross cultural workers

Hello all. Our online learning website just went live

go to www.crosswired.net and look at the page. If you click on the find out more info, you can complete a 7 question survey and then you can download a detailed PPT of the process. This is really exciting to see this come to pass.

We provide a global learning platform for timely and meaningful input into workers thoughts, understanding and emotions by

providing practical skills for working and living.

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Europe

List of Member Care Events in Europe

<http://www.membercareeurope.com/>

Europe Netherlands

annual conference of Member Care Netherlands, 15th of November 2013

The annual conference of Member Care Netherlands will focus on the intimate relationships of missionaries.

How does a foreign assignment impact a marriage?

How does it impact single life?

How do missionary organisations respond to increasing numbers of missionaries in cross-cultural relationships?

How does member care provide for each of these groups?

These and other topics will be discussed by member care providers from all over the Netherlands on the 15th of November 2013 in the town of Amersfoort. Irene Blom, psychologist at InTransit, and Tim Herbert of the Syzygy Missions Support Network will be the main speakers. Find out more at www.membercare.nl

European Member Care Consultation - Germany

EMCC9 - Investing in People

Greetings to you from European Member Care! I am writing to let you know that registration for the next European Member Care Consultation is now open. Please go to www.membercareeurope.com where you will find application forms.

I do hope you will be able to join us again at Schonblick, Germany from 23-27 March 2014.

As you will see from the website taking Jesus as our model is the theme of EMCC9 - Investing in People will look at issues surrounding discipleship, calling and selection, equipping and empowering for service, preparing for suffering, and working with the broken and the fallen. We will also be tackling issues such as counselling from an Asian perspective, delivering MC via the internet, doing MC in difficult places, building safeguards against internet pornography, and helping short-term teams. For the first time, participants at EMCC9 will include those working in Human Resources. Attendance at EMCC9 will provide you with the opportunity to qualify for CE credits.

Application: <http://membercareeurope.com/index.php/emcc-application>

Asia Member Care training program

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

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 will offer the Asia Member Care training program at Asian seminaries as a ministry to Asia.

For more information here:

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Asia%20Mem%20Care%20Announcement.doc

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

Registration is limited to 20 adults and 20 children so registrar 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

More Info: nancy@thewellcm.com

Registration: well@thewellcm.com

Registration deadline: October 21, 2013

MK Retreat, USA

cleftRock Retreat Center

is excited to announce the 2013 MK Retreat.

All college age MKs are invited to join us for a retreat December 30 - January 1. As we ring in the New Year together, this retreat will offer MKs the chance to connect with other MKs, create lasting friendships, and celebrate the unique role God had given them.

Limited scholarships are available!

To find out more and to register for the retreat visit: <http://cleftrock.org/mkretreat>

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