



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) November 2013

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Editorial: Single Mission**Single Mission**

(by Debbie Hawker, UK)

Many months ago in this newsletter I invited people to tell me about their experiences of serving as a single person on the mission field.

Thank you to everyone who responded. As a result, a new book has just been published, called 'Single Mission: Thriving as a single person in cross-cultural ministry'. Tim Herbert and I had the privilege of editing the testimonies of many single people who are serving in mission. We heard of the joys and the challenges, and we have been inspired by these lives.

We want to publically thank everyone who sent in comments, and especially the 30 women and men who wrote chapters in order to encourage and assist others. The contributors are from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Australasia and North America. I found it interesting to learn about the similarities and differences of single mission workers from these different continents.

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 (including same sex attraction, masturbation and pornography), cross-cultural dating, being single for the second time and fostering children as a single parent on the mission field. Research is also included. The book is written for single missionaries, their supporters and member care providers.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this book, which has come out of the Global Member Care Network. Copies are available from www.condeopress.com, at \$11.95 US per copy.

As shipping costs for individual copies can be expensive for customers outside the USA, some copies are also available from the UK. For details contact doctors_hawker@yahoo.co.uk.

We are planning to have a lower cost eBook version available soon, through Amazon.

All profits from this book will be used to support mission workers. How about giving a copy away as a Christmas present, or putting it on your own Christmas list?

God bless you, Debbie Hawker, www.resilient expat.co.uk

Special: Help for Philippines typhoon victims**check out our recent GMCN Philippines - Special**

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/1311GMCN_Phil_special.pdf

Requests / Q&A/ Looking for:

Cambodia Member Care Network - Appointment of a Director

Cambodia Member Care Network Appointment of a Director

Here is a summary of what is required and can be sent out to churches and mission agencies that are willing to be involved in recruiting a Director:

“The Cambodia Member Care network in Cambodia has been meeting since late 2009. The network is made up of a range of people representing international churches and mission agencies in Cambodia.

The network is now developing a more formal structure and is planning to open a Member Care Centre in Phnom Penh. It is anticipated that in time this will provide a wide range of member care services for the expatriate community serving in this country.

We are looking to appoint a Director. Network members already have a range of skills that they can contribute, but we need someone to help us develop a programme of Member Care services, including counselling of individuals/families, as we move forward.

The Director would need to be a professional counsellor who also has good organisational and management skills. We are looking for someone who would be self-supported, maybe through a mission agency. We would also be looking for someone who can commit to help us lead this developing organisation for 2 to 3 years.

Expressions of interest, or questions people have about this post, should be directed in the first instance to Bob Toan who presently chairs the network. This should be done by email to bobtoan@gmail.com”

Request for people interested or involved in pastoring of pastors

Do you know anyone who is using membercare models, methods or tools with pastors and pastors wives? The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is beginning a new initiative called "Pastoring of Pastors" (POP) that especially focuses on pastors having relational support, be it in mentoring relationships, be it in small groups with mutual pastoring. If you'd like more details, see the two attachments (the strategic value of POP and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about POP). Clearly POP overlaps with member care in at least two ways. Firstly, missionaries will be better cared for by their pastors in their home country as the pastors themselves are cared for. Secondly, many missionaries work with pastors on the field and their work will be much more effective if that pastor is healthy and receives pastoral care and mentoring in his/her life.

Dave Kornfield who leads that task force would like feedback about people involved in POP at any of the following levels who would be interested in networking with others doing the same:

1. Hands on POP in their city or denomination.
2. A POP ministry at a national level.
3. A POP ministry at an international level.

Please send any names and e-mails of those who could fit one of those three levels to Dave at davidkornfield@gmail.com, indicating at which level you see them.

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Strategic%20Value%20of%20Pastoring%20of%20Pastors.pdf

RESOURCES

Cultural Differences that Impacts Providing Member Care

Since YWAM serves a very multicultural body of missionaries, I am compiling a list of cultural differences that could impact member care and how we provide member for our staff. I would love to hear your thoughts, suggestions, or additions. Jane Rhoades. Please send responses to: office@globalmembercare.com

- 1) Different perceptions of what are considered "needs" (differing values or expectations)
- 2) Different perspectives of what good leadership and care is (expectations of member care providers and leaders)
- 3) Differing perceptions of what is acceptable or "normal" hardship or suffering in the mission setting
- 4) Variety of view of the role of the church/the organization/and the missionary in the mission process
- 5) Different perceptions of what makes good community life within the mission team (warm cultures/cold cultures)

- 6) Differing expectations of power distance between the missionary, his peers, his immediate leaders & the big leaders
- 7) Differing perspectives of managing and reporting conflict
- 8) Different views of appropriate care for emotional needs (psychological, counseling, spiritual)
- 9) Differing need for feedback and direction in ministry
- 10) Differences in perspectives of appropriate qualifications for leadership or member care roles (ascribed, attributed, age, education, gender, etc.)
- 11) Variety of conceptions of crisis orientation and response (prevention, don't worry...)

Mental Health Resources for Students

<http://www.onlinecolleges.net/for-students/mental-health-resources/>

I'm a researcher with a site that publishes resource guides for college students.

I recently visited globalmembercare.org while working on our most recent guide, "Critical Mental Health Resources for College Students," and thought you might be interested in what we put together. With 44% of college students reporting symptoms of depression, we thought it was critical to address the mental health concerns of these young adults. We offer a comprehensive discussion of the most common issues facing students, from depression and anxiety to substance abuse and eating disorders. Most importantly, however, we clearly outline several options for finding treatment and support.

- I'd love to hear what you and your readers think! bell.jennifer14@gmail.com

Article - Book:Sorrow & Blood

Here is a link to the article, was published just now: <http://www.christianpost.com/news/sorrow-blood-resource-anthology-chronicles-centuries-of-christian-suffering-persecution-and-martyrdom-107839/pageall.html>

Book: Belonging Everywhere and Nowhere: Insights into Counseling the Globally Mobile

Bushong, a licensed marriage and family therapist, delves into this previously, unexplored world of how to effectively counsel clients raised outside of their parents' home culture. The readers will discover what are the basic characteristics and counseling skills effective with Third Culture Kids (those who have spent the majority of their developmental years outside of their passport country). Because of the rapid growth of the expat community, counselors must look at the uniqueness of working with children who grow up as a Third Culture Kid, the common presenting issues for adults TCKs and what often lies hidden beneath the surface. The book is filled with practical examples, interesting stories, tips, charts, resources, theories, techniques and discussion questions for further study. <http://www.amazon.com/Belonging-Everywhere-Nowhere-Insights-Counseling/dp/0615696066>

Newsletter

Member Care & Counseling Resources

John Leverington / Director, Olive Tree Counseling Center www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2%20November%202013%20Member%20Care%20Counseling%20Resources.pdf

Newsletter: Africa Member Care Network

November 2013

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=8acbc0099b&e=a3dbaa64df>

The latest Well Member Care Center Newsletter - Thailand

November 2013

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=a891f6e04e&e=25f63328eb>

Learn About Humanitarian Aid Projects

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<http://www.wakanow.com/ng/pages/learn-about-humanitarian-aid-projects#.UoblWiclHVQ>

NOVEMBER 2013 WEA MISSION COMMISSION NEWS**A NEW WEB WINESKIN FOR THE MISSION COMMISSION**

<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=3b409d6566bcd1b4056adb203&id=f386d30eb3&e=de0425024d>

Facebook Link: <https://www.facebook.com/WEAMissionCommission>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**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

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>

Brazil**VII CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO DE MISSÕES**

Tema: Realidades Que Não Podemos Ignorar: Sudeste Asiático, Ásia Central, Leste Europeu, Mundo Árabe, Europa, Oeste Africano, Diásporas, Desafios Indígenas, Grupos Sem Testemunho e Desafios Brasileiros.

Data: O congresso será realizado de 06 a 10 de outubro de 2014.

Local: Hotel Monte Real em Águas de Lindóia, Estado de São Paulo.

Detalhes no site: <http://www.congressobrasileirodemissoes.com>

Switzerland**Breathe - Ten-Day Retreat for Cross-Cultural Workers**

June 25 - July 5, 2014 in Switzerland <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=du94h4cab&oeidk=a07e7xi7x8219ed45b9&oseq=a01c3g4vi0atn>

Turkey

Thrive Retreat Opportunity for Cross-Cultural Workers

Our mission at Thrive is to encourage and empower Global Women to thrive and to be their advocate.

Global women (cross-cultural missionaries) face unique challenges. Our Thrive retreats strive to be an oasis of restoration, renewal, and connection for these special women.

We would love to personally invite cross-cultural workers living in the surrounding area to join us in Antalya, Turkey for this retreat.

Please see <http://thriveministry.org/retreats/2014/middle-east/> for more information about this particular retreat and feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

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