



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) December 2013

[View pdf version here](#)  
[subscribe here](#)

### Content:

- Editorial: The role of the church in missionary member care
- Next Global Member Care Conference in 2015
- Global Map
- Resources
- Global Member Care Events

**This month's Sponsor - [MA in Member Care at Redcliffe College!](#)**



**There's still time to apply for the MA in Member Care at Redcliffe College!**

Now in its third year, this MA is being recognised as one of the leading Member Care qualifications for anyone involved in this area in mission.

#### Course content

Taught by leading Member Care experts in the field, you will cover issues such as

- A Biblical basis for member care
- Member Care and suffering
- Cross-cultural relationships – teams, marriage, family, singleness, counselling
- Member Care in Crisis situation
- Advance skills in member care

Your optional module helps you explore a particular context or member care issue. Your dissertation also allows you to research an area that is relevant to your work in Member Care.

#### Course structure

The MA is taught in flexible learning mode and takes up to four years to complete. The main teaching takes place during the first two years, where you attend a summer school at Redcliffe College, UK and study alongside other Member Care practitioners. You complete your assignments during the year. Your dissertation is completed during the third and fourth years.

#### What do students think?

"With the MA in Member Care, I feel like I am moving from a kind, compassionate medic who has intuitively practiced Member

Care for 15 years, to a skilled professional specialist, able to use my compassion and intuition in ways that are much more effective and purposeful. *Lina*

"The MA in Member Care allowed me just the specialised study I needed in my work with SIM Australia. There are expert lectures and so much learning also happens on a peer level. Redcliffe College itself offers a highly professional, yet extremely personal setting for study with a truly international student body. This adds to the richness of experience." *Deanna*

#### **Find out more**

Visit the website at <http://www.redcliffe.org/Courses/member-care-ma>

If you have any questions, email [study@redcliffe.org](mailto:study@redcliffe.org)

## **Editorial: The role of the church in missionary member care**

"The role of the church in missionary member care"

I want to ask you a question: What is the role of the church in member care?

The role of the Sending Church

AND

The role of the Receiving Church

Any links, articles, ppts and so on...

Any positive experiences ....

Any provoking thoughts...

Any comments from the Southern Hemisphere, and Asia?

Would be great to hear from you. [globalmembercare@gmail.com](mailto:globalmembercare@gmail.com)

Have a Blessed Christmas time.

Harry Hoffmann

## **Next Global Member Care Conference in 2015**

The Second **Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey**

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

The focus will be to stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the ME, 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...

#### **Pre-conference - Hostage Crisis and Critical Incident**

**Management Training** with Phil Harper. February 7-9, 2015, in Antalya, Turkey.

In 2012, there were 167 incidents of major violence against aid workers in 19 countries. This 2-day course helps you be prepared to facilitate the best resolution to 'live' critical incidents. For directors, crisis management teams, member care providers and church leaders.

More info will follow soon....

## **GLOBAL MAP**

### **Africa, Kenya, Nairobi**

#### **Tumaini Counseling Centre**

The on-field counselling ministries of AIM, SIL, and affiliated organizations are based at Tumaini Counselling Center in Nairobi, Kenya. While we serve the members of these organizations, our services also support missionaries from over 160 like-minded

agencies throughout Africa. Tumaini is a Swahili word meaning “hope.” Our mission is to provide preventative and restorative mental health services and pastoral care in order to enhance missionary resilience and fruitfulness. The experienced mental health clinicians are missionaries themselves, co-workers in the Great Commission, and committed to strengthening God’s servants as they follow His call. We accomplish this through on-site care, occasional travel, distance services, seminars, a loaning library, and other resources. <http://tumainicounselling.net/>

---

## RESOURCES

---

### **Book - Spiritual Survival**

#### **Spiritual Survival - Handbook for Cross-Cultural Workers**

The fight for survival is real. You serve--or are preparing to serve--in the spiritually desolate areas of our world. The elements you face each day are intense. What can you do to prepare for the challenges? Dr. Robert Miller presents a preparedness strategy for surviving the wilderness of ministry that is helpful for the new and the experienced alike. [http://www.amazon.com/dp/B004QZ9X7Q/ref=tsm\\_1\\_fb\\_lk](http://www.amazon.com/dp/B004QZ9X7Q/ref=tsm_1_fb_lk)

---

### **Central Asia Member Care Newsletter (CAMCN)**

#### **ANNOUNCING:**

The Central Asia Member Care Newsletter (CAMCN). The purpose of the CAMCN is:

- 1) to provide networking across the region to meet the needs of individuals and teams for preventative and crisis situations;
- 2) to announce upcoming trainings and conferences;
- 3) to share pastoral encouragement for leaders and organizational member care providers

*to receive subsequent CAMCN e-mails contact [memcare@pobox.com](mailto:memcare@pobox.com)*

---

### **Aid Worker Security Report 2013**

#### **The New Normal: Coping with the kidnapping threat**

Find report here: [http://www.humanitarianoutcomes.org/sites/default/files/HO\\_AidWorkerSectyReport\\_2013\\_0.pdf](http://www.humanitarianoutcomes.org/sites/default/files/HO_AidWorkerSectyReport_2013_0.pdf)

Humanitarian Outcomes

[www.humanitarianoutcomes.org](http://www.humanitarianoutcomes.org)

[www.aidworkersecurity.org](http://www.aidworkersecurity.org)

---

### **Toddlers on the Move (Oscar.org.uk)**

#### **Article**

If you have a toddler or young child and you’ve moved overseas, you might have learned (as I am learning) that the adage that kids are resilient doesn’t mean that change doesn’t cost them.... <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/mckay.htm>

---

### **Church Mission Policies (Oscar.org.uk)**

We have collected together a number of links to various church mission policies. These provide a good point of reference if you're putting together your own church policy:

<http://www.oscar.org.uk/supporter/misc/index.htm>

---

### **Raising Resilient MKs: Free Download—**

**"Raising Resilient MKs: Resources for Caregivers, Parents and Teachers"**

Edited by Joyce Bowers provides 500 pages of invaluable material for those involved with TCKs in any way.

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) published this book in 1998 and have now graciously given permission to make it available free of charge . The book is available to download as .doc, .pdf, or .zip files for your computer and as .mobi or .epub files for your Kindle or Nook.

You can't beat the price.

Find it at...

[http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#resilient\\_mks](http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#resilient_mks)

---

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

December 2013

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f04dda6fb2&e=25f63328eb>

---

**Newsletter SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK****3rd Regional MC newsletter**

Txt [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Regional%20MC%20Newsletter%20-%20Third.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/Regional%20MC%20Newsletter%20-%20Third.pdf)

---

**Newsletter****Member Care and Counseling Resources**

Welcome to the last edition of Member Care and Counseling Resources for 2013.

I trust the coming days provide you many opportunities to reflect on the coming of Christ to this earth.

If you know of someone who could benefit from these Member Care and Counseling resources pass it on to them. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, have a change in your e-mail address or if you would prefer not to receive any more of these e-mails simply make your request to [john.leverington@gmail.com](mailto:john.leverington@gmail.com)

Your comments about how to improve this mailing and your recommendations of resources to share with others are always appreciated.

With Joy and Peace,

John Leverington

Director, Olive Tree Counseling Center [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/201312MemberCareCounselingResources.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/201312MemberCareCounselingResources.pdf)

---

**GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

---

**USA and 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. And this seminar series offers you the opportunity to develop a level of understanding and skill that will allow you to become the most effective instrument in the 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 find 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)—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.

Faculty: Dr. Paul Rodriguez, international speaker and teacher, physician, psychiatrist, therapist, addictions and forensics specialist. Locations, Costs & Dates:

The INN in Franklin, North Carolina, USA ([www.lifeisrelationships.org](http://www.lifeisrelationships.org)): Dates: September 7-20, 2014 Comprehensive Cost: \$700 per person (\$1200 per couple)

YWAM base, Chatel, Switzerland ([www.ywamchatel.com](http://www.ywamchatel.com)): Dates: October 5-18, 2014 Comprehensive Cost: CHF 650 per person (CHF 1200 per couple)

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

For more information on seminar contents, credentials, endorsements, etc., click on the Information Sheet link or go to [www.ywamchatel.com](http://www.ywamchatel.com).

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

More info:

[www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/201312ACTS%20Module%20I%20Information%20Sheet.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/201312ACTS%20Module%20I%20Information%20Sheet.pdf)

---

### **New Zealand, Whakatane**

#### **Missionary Debriefing Retreats**

EXCHANGE AT THE CROSS

Missionary Debriefing Retreats

are now available at

The Titoki Christian Healing Centre, Whakatane

check page 3: <http://www.missions.org.nz/images/pdfs/bulletin/Dec13.pdf>

---

### **USA**

#### **ELIM Retreat Ministries - 2014 Retreat Dates and Locations**

<http://www.elimretreats.org/>

---

### **USA, Georgia**

#### **debriefing training workshop**

April 14 - 18, 2014 - Clarkesville, Georgia, USA

Led by Sarah Lanier and team

A week long debriefing will be offered for participants the week prior to the workshop for those who have not gone through debriefing. We can send you a list of other locations available for getting debriefed, prior to the workshop, as well.

Dates for the Georgia debriefing: April 6 - 11, 2014

To apply to the workshop, the debriefing retreat, or to come as an intern, contact: [sarah\\_a\\_lanier@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_a_lanier@yahoo.com)

---

The Global Member Care Network is an independent network of volunteers. Please consider donating to this important network, to keep the running costs covered. We do this, because we believe in it. This Newsletter is a free service and was created to share and connect member care resources around the world. It goes out in the middle of each month. News and resources need to be posted on our website blog, or send to [office@globalmembercare.com](mailto:office@globalmembercare.com).

Subscribe: go here: <http://www.globalmembercare.org/newsletter/user/subscribe.php>

Unsubscribe: [Click here](#)

This e-mail was sent to [[Name]], [[email]]

If at any time you would like to unsubscribe or update your records click here and enter the email address mentioned above:

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/newsletter/user/login.php>