



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) January 2014

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### This months Sponsor - **ELIM RETREATS**

**6 day renewal retreats - Encouraging Leaders In Ministry**



An ELIM Retreat is a six day gathering of Christian global workers for the purposes of debriefing, personal spiritual assessment/renewal, and pastoral care.

Barnabas International ([www.barnabas.org](http://www.barnabas.org)), the parent organization for ELIM Retreat Ministries, exists to provide spiritual care and encouragement to global workers in a variety of ways.

One way that Barnabas serves global workers is by offering 6 day renewal retreats through ELIM Retreat Ministries. These retreats are available to a broad definition of “global workers” which can include pastors (expatriate and national), sending agency staff, and missionaries.

The mission of ELIM Retreat Ministries is to provide places and occasions for the spiritual debriefing, spiritual renewal, and pastoral care of the global worker. We believe that strengthened and encouraged Christian workers result in more fruitful and effective Kingdom work.

Find 2014 Retreat Dates, Locations and more infos: [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org).

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## Editorial: Divorce: tension between theory & practice in member care

Divorce: tension between theory & practice in member care

Member Care is a fairly new discipline that is still budding. It has been a broad practice for around 30 years. Member Care draws strength from its parent disciplines of Intercultural Studies/Missiology, Ministry Leadership, and Psychology. The theory of Member Care has developed slowly within each parent discipline while practice has dominated the field of Member Care. Theory is important because it gives structure and depth to practice. Theory instructs practice and increases the effectiveness of care giving. Without the accumulative knowledge of theory, the potential for poor care is high. Naturally, the question arises, why has practice flourished and theory slowed? Let us look at a few causal factors.

Member Care came onto the Intercultural Studies/Missiology sphere at a time when theory was being devalued. Standard practice in the field of missions, prior to 1990, was for cross-cultural workers to have entry education requirements of 4 or 6 years of Biblical Studies and Intercultural Studies. The 1990's brought the emphasis that 'education is good, but not necessary in the field of Biblical Studies and Intercultural Studies'. A degree in Business Administration was the preferred training for a prospective pastor or cross-cultural worker. Mission organizations filled the knowledge gap by intensifying pre-field training programs. This shift brought an emphasis on practice over theory.

Secondly, Member Care is a new discipline. Does the newness of the discipline and the related establishment of its processes create the slow development of theory? A possibility! Currently there are numerous books being published in Member Care and academic training is growing. These are positive signs that theory is growing in emphasis.

The verdict is out on whether there is a divorce between theory & practice in Member Care. Much will depend upon the leaders in Member Care and how they instruct the next generation of Member Care workers.

Dr. Rhonda 'Roni' Pruitt

Dr. Rhonda Pruitt is a contributor of global Member Care. She has served in missions for over 27 years with field service in Asia and Europe. Roni is the founder of first academic training program in Member Care at Columbia International University. Currently she directs the Asia Member Care Degree Program, held in the US and on the campus of Asian seminaries.



## 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....

## NEW: GMCN Facebook group

**GMCN Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>

**privacy setting - closed group**

We for now chose this to be a "closed group". The closed privacy setting makes it possible for nonmembers to find the group in Facebook search, but the group page's content is hidden. The process for adding a group member is the same for all privacy

levels; all group members can add anyone from his friend list as a group member. When someone requests to join a closed group on Facebook, administrators will receive a notification and can choose to either approve or deny the request.

We might change into secret privacy setting after evaluation and feedback.

We want to make the The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) a network community which connects you with resources, updates, links and people working in the realm of member care around the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>

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## GLOBAL MAP

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### Africa, Kenia, Nairobi

#### **InterHealth is now open in Kenya! Access vaccines, medicals & counselling for your people**

We are delighted to inform you that InterHealth has opened a health and wellbeing centre in Nairobi and we are now taking bookings for appointments. We are offering a high quality clinical service for staff, missionaries and their families living and serving in East Africa.

We are currently offering a majority of the services and training available from our London centre. This includes:

- Vaccines offered by booking a 30 minute travel health consultation discussing your health needs for your upcoming trip
- Trauma support for managers and individuals
- Medicals including pre-assignment, mid & end health reviews as well as short consultations
- Antimalarials
- Counselling services
- Psychological clearance and resilience profiles for new missionaries
- Medical Kits such as PEP kits, small medicine kits, diarrhoea treatment kits, malaria treatment kits
- Training & consultancy on a variety of topics such as first aid, personal resilience, trauma, team dynamics, dealing with conflict, organisational resilience

Our opening hours are from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday. You can contact us on:

Email: [info-kenya@interhealthworldwide.org](mailto:info-kenya@interhealthworldwide.org)

Phone: +254 (0) 714 763 560 / +254 (0) 203 861 023

Website: <http://www.interhealthworldwide.org/>

We look forward to serving you at our new centre, please feel free to contact us and arrange a meeting to discuss the health and wellbeing needs of your organisation.

Best regards, Leanne Leanne Kennedy ( East Africa Regional Manage)

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## RESOURCES

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### **brand new book: Family Accountability in Missions**

#### **Family Accountability in Missions: Korean and Western Case Studies**

This twenty-eight-chapter paperback book (© 2013 OMSC Publications) presents case studies and responses given at the Korean Global Mission Leadership Forum convened June 11–14, 2013.

"Since families are at the core of Protestant evangelical missionary endeavor, mission agencies, sending churches, and families with ministries in a variety of cultural, linguistic, and economic contexts all over the world face a range of expected and sometimes unexpected challenges in regard to the nurture, care, and education of children, the retirement of missionaries, and so on. In addition, missionary families find themselves on the cutting edge of identity issues as their children are reared and educated in cultures quite alien to their home cultures, sometimes marrying across cultures and nationalities, resulting in families scattered across the globe. . . . I believe the case studies in this book speak for themselves." —Jonathan J. Bonk, editor, from the Preface

PURCHASE PAPERBACK BOOK FROM OMSC

PURCHASE E-BOOK FROM OMSC (E-PUB)  
PURCHASE PAPERBACK BOOK FROM AMAZON  
PUBLISHED IN KOREAN BY DURRANO PRESS

<http://omsc.org/accountability.shtml>

The printed program that was distributed is attached too.

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2014/16%20December%202013%20book%20dedication%20brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/16%20December%202013%20book%20dedication%20brochure.pdf)

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### **COPING WITH CRISIS MAGAZINE**

**The Psychosocial Centre of the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent societies**

<http://www.pscentre.org/wp-content/uploads/Coping2-2013.pdf>

To learn more about the Psychosocial Centre and our work, please go to: [www.ifrc.org/psychosocial](http://www.ifrc.org/psychosocial) .

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### **Newsletter - Member Care Europe**

Click here to find updated events <http://membercareeurope.com/>

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### **Article: Coming 'Home': When Missionaries Come Off the Field**

They were so vulnerable and wounded, barely able to look me in the eye. They'd gone into missions directly after college, bright with hope and the thrill of obedience. With sincere love and determination, they'd adopted an unreached people group. Thousands of dollars had been sacrificed for their language study and living expenses. And here they were, three years later, looking so lost and alone, feeling all the weight of their supposed failure.

<http://christianstandard.com/2013/11/coming-home-when-missionaries-come-off-the-field/>

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### **Thailand - The Well Member Care Center Newsletter**

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=873d59c6d9&e=25f63328eb>

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### **Africa Member Care Network**

#### **Newsletter January 2014**

The Africa Member Care Network is an interagency affiliation of colleagues with Member Care responsibility. Our purpose is to help provide and develop Member Care resources in Africa. This bi-monthly Email Forum is a service dedicated to glorify God through networking, discussion and sharing information on issues related to Member Care in Africa. Your contributions are very much appreciated!

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=3d45479ba7&e=a3dbaa64df>

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### **Trauma**

#### **A New Normal: Ten Things I've Learned About Trauma**

Sent to me by a missionary saying: "this speaks sooo much to me" ...

I wasn't really expecting painful things to happen to me.

[sojo.net/blogs/2014/01/13/new-normal-ten-things-ive-learned-about-trauma/](http://sojo.net/blogs/2014/01/13/new-normal-ten-things-ive-learned-about-trauma/)

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### **Spanish**

#### **Retiro Misioneros Transculturales 2014**

Invitación a todos los misioneros transculturales

<http://us7.campaign-archive2.com/?u=a409d40322c7633c6f41b74d0&id=8bd14523f1&e=1cfb3be68b>

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## GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

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### France and in Thailand

#### **Refresh! 2014**

Refresh! 2014 in France and in Thailand

RENEW YOUR HEART,

Refresh! France June 10 - 20

Refresh! Thailand June 29 — July 9

Refresh! was created by Drs. Larry and Lois Dodds, founders of Heartstream Resources. Since 1992, Heartstream has served the needs of cross - cultural workers worldwide by offering programs of restoration, renewal, education and prevention

Find more info in attached brochure

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2014/2014%20RefreshBrochure2.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/2014%20RefreshBrochure2.pdf)

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### Europe -Switzerland

#### **Ten-Day Retreat for Cross-Cultural Workers**

Ten-Day Retreat for Cross-Cultural Workers in Switzerland June 25 - July 5, 2014

Breathe is a 10-day retreat intentionally created for the renewal and encouragement of singles, couples and families who serve in cross-cultural settings. Breathe is led by Dr. Daniel and Lori Hahn of Catalyst Int'l, an organization dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Counseling, medical consultation and massage are provided under the guidance of professionals experienced in member care and cross-cultural work. Children and teens take part in fun programs that consider the needs of TCKs.

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

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### Thailand

#### **WELLSPRING RETREAT**

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Spiritually disconnected? Join us at the 3rd Wellspring Retreat, designed and led by the Well staff, for couples and singles engaged in cross-cultural ministry. Wellspring is a safe, supportive, peaceful place to rest, renew, share your journey in a small group and re-connect with God. Wellspring is held at Horizon Village and Resort, a luxurious accommodation situated in an expansive botanical garden several kilometers east of Chiang Mai.

When: Begins Sunday, March 9th with dinner at 6:00 p.m. / Ends Saturday, March 15th , 2014 with lunch

Cost: 12,500 Baht per person (double occupancy) / 17,000 Baht per person (single occupancy)

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

More Information: Nancy Todd [nancy@thewellcm.com](mailto:nancy@thewellcm.com)

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

Registration Deadline: March 3rd , 2014

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### Germany, Jordan, Italy

#### **Face to Face (F2F) 2014**

Face to Face (F2F) is a course for Christian workers who have been involved in full-time ministry for at least two years. It facilitates a journey of God-discovery and self-discovery by offering a time of spiritual refreshment and an opportunity to develop deeper intimacy with Father God. The course aims to help you begin to implement lasting changes by letting God in to change your heart.

We will offer F2F three times this year. In May in German and then two courses in English, one in June and the other one in November.

I also attach the brochure for 2014.

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2014/F2F%20Courses%202014.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/F2F%20Courses%202014.pdf)

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**Europe: Austria/Croatia****Barnabas Zentrum 2014**

Barnabas Zentrum is specially designed to strengthen the lives of Christian workers who are serving in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East and North, South, and Central America. It serves as an interdenominational counseling retreat center for pastors, missionaries and others in church and para-church staff positions. The relaxed atmosphere of BZ provides a place of solitude and confidentiality in which such issues as marital issues, stress, burnout, team relations, and interpersonal conflicts, etc. may be worked through.

Barnabas Zentrum Winter/Spring Retreat Schedule: [www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2014/Barnabas%20Zentrum%20retreat2014.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Barnabas%20Zentrum%20retreat2014.docx)

For further information please look at our web site at: [www.barnabaszentrum.com](http://www.barnabaszentrum.com)

**Malaysia****Asia Summit and Conference 2014, Malaysia**

I am pleased to enclose the brochure of the Asian Summit and Conference on Christian Counseling scheduled for 29-31 May 2014 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The theme of the Summit and Conference is Culturally-sensitive CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING IN ASIA, with the tagline Towards integrating Psychology and Theology as Care and Counsel in Mission for Christ.

The objective of this inaugural event is to gather leaders in Christian Counselling in Asia to network, dialogue and work out significant issues authentic to the Asian context for practice, ministry and service in Asia.

The Asian Summit and Conference involves the participating partnership of the American Association of Christian Counsellors and the National Christian Counselling Associations of Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines, China, India and Taiwan. It will also involve several other ministry agencies for their theological and mission field input to our deliberations. They include the Asia Graduate School of Theology Philippines, Care and Counsel International (Lausanne Movement) and Interserve. The event is also endorsed by the Asia Theological Association.

You can watch the promotion video at <http://youtu.be/f4KpFgdBldU> or by logging onto our website at [www.nacc-malaysia.org](http://www.nacc-malaysia.org).

Kindly forward this email to your members, past conference delegates and friends who may want to join us in May next year. Registration and online payment for the Summit and Conference as well as hotel reservation will be open on 1 Jan 2014 by logging onto [www.nacc-malaysia.org](http://www.nacc-malaysia.org).

**USA****2014 Great Lakes Member Care In-service**

The 2014 Great Lakes Member Care In-service will take place on Saturday March 29th, at the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Brighton, Michigan. You will find presenter and session descriptions in the pdf file attached.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Missionaries, pastors, local church mission team members, ELIM Retreats church team members, those responsible for the nurture and care of their personnel in denominations and agencies, missions pastors, member care practitioners---anyone with a heart to "stand in the gap" as encouragers, advocates and equippers of global workers.

**HOW WILL THIS IN-SERVICE BE USEFUL TO ME?**

Our presenters will offer us key principles and practices that help missionaries and pastors stay in "thrival" mode in high stress callings. We will take home with us useful concepts and strategies to encourage us personally to thrive in the abundant Life of Christ, and, to be better equipped to care for missionaries and pastors.

REGISTRATION AND DETAILED INFORMATION: [www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php](http://www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php)

**WORKING TOGETHER TO SPONSOR THIS RETREAT ARE:**

SEND International, Thrive Ministries, Barnabas International, ELIM Retreat Ministries, Alongside Inc, Cornerstone Evangelical Church of Brighton, Michigan.

We would so appreciate any forwarding of this material you might do, to any in your networks that might benefit from this event.

Henry Stewart , Barnabas International , ELIM Retreat Ministries

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