



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) March 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), 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.

Editorial: Prayers -The most powerful support for missionaries and their families

Prayers -The most powerful support for missionaries and their families

“Brothers, pray for us.” 1Thessalonians 5:25

The words I most frequently hear from missionaries are ‘I have been serving on the mission field because many people have been praying for us.’

My son, an MK, said at his baptismal ceremony, ‘I could put my faith in Jesus and be baptized because my parents and many people have been praying for me.’ Prayers are the most powerful support for missionaries and their families.

Last December I made a visit to a local church in Kanto area, the central part of Japan, because the pastor there asked me to come and explain the activities of our prayer groups called ‘Wycliffe Prayer Circle’.

I was very much encouraged by visiting the new church and meeting with the church members there. Particularly, I was very much impressed to know that it was a lady in her 80’s who wanted to have a prayer time together with other people as a group! She signed up to serve for the overseas mission committee of her church and made my visit possible in order to start the Wycliffe Prayer Circle. She hopes to pass this activity on to the younger generations.

As a result of my visit, they started their own ‘Wycliffe Prayer Circle’ the following month and have been regularly praying for the missionaries.

Now, we have 9 Wycliffe Prayer Circles from Hokkaido, in the northern part of Japan, to Osaka, in the western part of Japan. The local Christians get together once a month to pray for each Wycliffe member’s prayer requests and for the activities of our home office using the prayer items booklet we regularly produce.

In Japan, not only our mission organization but also other mission organizations encourage local Christians to pray for their missionaries. This activity is giving great encouragement to the Japanese missionaries. Prayers are the most powerful support for missionaries and their families.

Katie Doi (GMCN board member, Japan)

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

The Second **Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey** (MARK your calendars)

Date:

February 9-13, 2015, in Antalya, Turkey

Venue: The conference will take place at the very nice ANTEDON GARDEN HOTEL in Antalya, Turkey. Due to off-season, we were able to negotiate an amazing price.

Theme: Member Care in Hard Places

Streams:

- Member care in the context of suffering
- Member care in the context of persecution
- Sending to hard places – the role of the local church in member care
- Being effective in hard places

Aims and Objectives

The conference is designed to

- be an encouragement to the many international Christians working in difficult or isolated circumstances in the Middle East, Arab World, and Central Asia.
- stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the Middle East, Arab World, and if possible also Central Asia.
- give excellent theological grounding
- offer wisdom and revelation, practical advice and experience for and from those working in hard places

After the great success of the 2012 Thailand conference, we now made reservations for 400 participants.

Prayer & Intersession Team

We just started a conference prayer and intersession team. In case you want to join this virtual team, please write to harry@globalmembercare.com

Format

We also now started to contact high quality speakers from around the world.

And we will post updates on our conference website

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=191&L=>

and on facebook

Plenary speakers, Workshop titles and Workshop presenters, and how to register..... Will be coming soon.

any inquiries contact Sue at sue@globalmembercare.com

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.

For all details please direct to Phil at sheep100conferencing@gmail.com

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 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>

Job Opportunities

We're looking to fill a Member Care staff position with our ministry

Position: Member Care Specialist

Position Purpose: To serve World Orphans by providing pastoral and counseling care to World Orphans international staff (personnel) and family members.

The job description we're sharing is attached.

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Member%20Care%20Job%20Description.pdf

Please feel free to contact me via phone or email if you have any questions.

Kate Borders

World Orphans

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GLOBAL MAP

Asia - Bali

ISLAND OF BALI - LIFE IMPACT:

LIFE IMPACT: Strengthening Christian Workers to Impact Their Nations!

This is our newest Partner Retreat Home for personal retreats. Many Christian Workers are stressed out, closed in, tired, and in need of some spiritual and physical refreshment.

Our Website lists 11 Hosted Oases where you can go for rest, reconnecting with God, and personal coaching on issues you face knocking you down. In addition there are 9 Unhosted Retreat Homes like the Bali Oasis.

www.LifeImpactMinistries.net

RESOURCES

Missionary Care at Missions Resource Network

monthly newsletter to stewarding churches and their missionaries

Missionary Care sends out a monthly newsletter to stewarding churches and their missionaries. If you would like to see back copies go to www.mrnet.org, click Library, click Missionary Care, click Missionary Care Newsletters. We have other good articles for missionaries and churches at this site. This year we are adding a retreat for Parents of Missionaries (see FB page) and a retreat for Adult Third Culture Kids. www.mrnet.org

Newsletter: Member Care and Counseling Resources

The February addition of Member Care and Counseling Resources features a variety of mental health issues

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/2.22.14%20Member%20Care%20&%20Counseling.pdf

Avoiding Burnout (www.oscar.org.uk)

What three things would you recommend to other missionaries for avoiding burnout? That was the question asked of this month's guest author, Ana Werner. Whilst it may seem slightly simplistic to reduce it to three fairly obvious things, it's amazing how they can get squeeze out with busy lives and ministry. Go to www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/werner.htm

The Well Member Care Center Chiangmai Thailand - Newsletter - March 2014

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f93f0f0330&e=25f63328eb>

Book: Loss

Seven Choices: Finding Daylight After Loss Shatters Your World.

There's a list of about eight things that you can click on, and then a more detailed list or article for each one.

<http://www.elizabethharperneeld.com/articles/resilience-things-that-help-when-times-are-tough/>

Africa Member Care Network - newsletter

March 2014

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=e20b1d40d6&e=a3dbaa64df>

SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK

3rd Newsletter

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Regional%20MC%20Newsletter%20-%20Third.doc

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Europe- outside of Geneva, Switzerland

Combined Community Development Training and Personal Debriefing

Being a change-agent in a developing community is greatly rewarding but doesn't come without its stresses and difficulties. It's not uncommon to put a lot of energy into a community development project only to have results and community response less than what you had hoped for.

The folks at Le Rucher Ministries know – they have years of experience in bringing wholistic Community Development in recovering war-torn areas as well as debriefing cross-cultural workers. They are offering a two week training and personal debriefing combination August 17-29. Explore wholistic biblical principles on how to help a community reach its God-given potential, at the same time as processing the impact of your current experiences and projects. This training is for Community Development practitioners and field workers who want to hone their skills as well as debrief their current experiences. The training is held at their center just outside of Geneva, Switzerland and the cost of 650 Euro covers all materials, meals and accommodation for two weeks

For more information go to their webpage at: <https://lerucher.org>

email: Info@lerucher.org

Space is limited so fill out an application today and get ready to hone your skills for greater effectiveness.

Africa - Bamenda, Cameroon Region

Trauma Healing Equipping Session

25–29 August 2014

Language for Sessions: English

Sponsors: SIL and Trauma Healing Institute at American Bible Society

Contact: Truus Babila truus_babila@sil.org

Registration Cost for the week: 55,000 CFA or US \$110 (including snacks, noon meal, and materials).

About the Program Model

The proven model of the Trauma Healing Institute uses applied Scripture and mental health principles to address spiritual and emotional wounds caused by trauma of war, violence, natural disasters, and abuse. The book *Healing the Wounds of Trauma: How the Church Can Help* has been translated and taught in over 40 countries with more than 150 language groups in Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas.

For more information and a flyer, go to www.traumahealinginsititute.org

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.

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.

Antalya, Turkey

Narramore Christian Foundation Counseling & Member Care Seminar

When: 19-31 October 2014

Where: Antalya, Turkey at the Akka Antedon Hotel, a beautiful, restful resort on the Mediterranean Sea

Who should apply: Member care providers or those who would like to develop member care within their organizations, those who counsel or listen to people, those who feel inadequately equipped for their ministry, and leaders

Focus: This intensive, life-changing training offers practical psychological insights and counseling techniques with a strong integration of biblical and theological truth.

For information or an application form: write Cindy Hibma, ncc.seminars@gmail.com

What do past participants say?

"I have been able to rest, express and work through several matters that brought much stress and trauma to me. [This seminar led] me to a deeper view of myself...I am very grateful for the way you arranged that it was possible have someone on a one to one basis, because not everything could be discussed in a group form."

"I am so glad I came and with my husband! I feel I got a great education and some real soul work too. I leave enriched and greatly encouraged in my faith and more equipped for member care in the future. The counselors were so humble and caring and shared their own stories. Thanks so much!"

"I wasn't sure what to expect...but the holistic approach to learning, practice and facilitating the processing of my own personal story made this a great experience. I grew in my own understanding of my self which helps me to be even more empathic towards others. [I] learned about how much emotion is involved in my life and the life/story of others [and] listening better without imposing my agenda."

"As member care workers it is so seldom that we get to be cared for in this way...Having worked in member care for 16 years I wish I could have had this training a lot earlier. At the same time, the timing was very good for our current personal situation and it also gave us great insight into issues we are facing as an organization. I will recommend the seminar to anyone working with member care." .

Switzerland, Europe and North Carolina, U.S.A.

Advanced Counseling Training Series (ACTS) seminars:

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 enhance your level of understanding and skill proficiency, and become truly 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 tools, skills and understanding you will need to bring each person to the healing and freedom found only in Christ, 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.

Focus: This training series is intended primarily for those involved—or those who have the passion and calling to be involved—in counseling or 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. (Refer to attached Information Sheet for details.)

Faculty: Dr. Paul Rodriguez, international speaker and teacher, physician, psychiatrist, therapist, addictions specialist.

Locations, Costs & Dates: (prices include cost for room and board)

YWAM base, Chatel, Switzerland (www.ywamchatel.com): Dates: October 4-17, 2014 Comprehensive Cost: CHF 650 per person (CHF 1200 per couple)

Christian Training Center International, Franklin, North Carolina, USA (www.lifeisrelationships.com): Dates: March 15-28, 2015 Comprehensive Cost: \$700 per person (\$1200 per couple)

Limited Space: Due to the nature of the personalized hands-on training we offer, space is usually limited to a maximum of 10-12 participants.

For more information (regarding seminar contents, credentials, endorsements, etc.) see the attached Information Sheet link or go to www.ywamchatel.com.

For application form (or any other questions): contact us at pcrod71@gmail.com. Many blessings to all, Paul Rodriguez and the ACTS staff.

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/ACTS%20Module%20I%20Information%20Sheet.doc

France & Thailand

Heartstream Resources - Refresh! 2014

Refresh! France June 10-20

Camp des Cimes is about an hour from Grenoble. Flights can be scheduled to Grenoble, Lyon, or Geneva and transportation connections made to the camp. (www.campdescimes.net)

Refresh! Thailand June 29—July 9

Horizon Village Resort is near Chiang Mai. It has botanical gardens, a small zoo, swimming pools, bicycle trails, paddle boats, Thai massage, and other attractions. (www.horizonvillage.net)

Find brochure with more info here:

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/2014%20Refresh_Brochure-2.pdf

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