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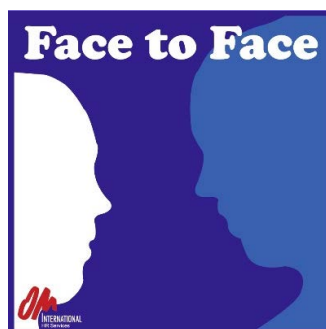
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This months Sponsor - Face to Face (F2F)

**F2F - a journey of God-discovery and self-discovery
three times this year. In German and in English.**



Hungry for a deeper, more authentic relationship with God, others and yourself? Then Face to Face (F2F) might be just the right thing!

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. F2F will be offered two more times this year in English, one in June and the other one in November.

<http://www.face2face.om.org/>

Email: people.care@om.org

Editorial: Resolving member care conflicts

Can there be conflicts in member care? How can there possibly be conflict among people with deep love, caring hearts, empathetic understanding and listening ears?

Acts 15: 36-40 is a very special passage for me. Several years ago as I read this passage, the words from verse 36, "... and see how they are doing" literally leapt out of the pages. As I travel to many places, this is what I seek to do – to see how people are doing. The last week of March 2014 was a great week for me as I engaged with Indonesian Pastors and leaders on the topic "emotional health of pastors and Christian leaders".

Verses 37-41 tells us that there was conflict in choosing the member care team. The conflict involved a sharp disagreement between Paul and Silas over who should or should not be included in the member care team. The result of the disagreement was the parting of company.

Over the past few months, I have been part of an international, cross cultural ministry initiative in Asia and there has been "sharp disagreement". I would have preferred to just let the "project" finish and everyone go their ways to carry on with each of our other "projects". But a wise, senior global mission leader, who is part of the team, insists that we gather together, face to face, and resolve the issues – projects aside. He said we are global leaders and it is a shame if we cannot model amongst ourselves what we crisscross the globe to teach and preach. This meeting will happen this month (April 2014) even though it costs us time, energy and money.

I wonder if there are any Paul-Silas teams and Barnabas-Mark teams who are working separately because of sharp differences, as they seek to edify and encourage members on the mission field. As we see a growth in the number of member care ministries there is potential for sharp differences. Do we have enough global, regional and local missional member care leaders who will take the initiative to facilitate reconciliation, resolution, reinstatement and restoration of relationships? In 2 Tim 4: 11 Paul writes to Timothy and says "get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry". Sharp differences can happen, but they need not last forever.

"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation" (2 Cor 5: 18, 19).

Ravi David

GMCN – Board Member
India Missions Association – Member care network facilitator.
Bangalore, April 2014

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

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

Registration will open June 6, 2014.

A mailing will go out on June 6th.

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>

We just passed the 500 members mark!!!

Thanks you for being part of this Facebook network group. Please continue to make it known among your member care colleagues.

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>

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

I am interested in working with TCKs and MKs.

Last year I qualified as a Social Worker in the UK but continued to follow my passion of working with TCKs. Currently Im working at Amano Christian School, a mission's school in Zambia. Over that time I have had continued contact with MKs, i.e. TCKs and would love to pursue working with them in the future.

Would you know of any organisations that provide member care to TCKs and are need of a worker?

Can you help?
Kerstin Kestner kerstin.kestner@gmail.com

GLOBAL MAP

Canada

Canadian Missionary Kid Network

The Canadian Missionary Kid Network supports and encourages Canadian MKs worldwide to become the people God intended them to be.

We are a Canada-wide cooperative of Mission Agencies & Colleges providing proactive, predictive & reactive member care for Canadian MKs. We are stronger together.

We serve Canadian MKs of all ages with various experiences...those born on the mission field, those mobilizing with their parents, MKs who have grown up overseas and have lived in Canada for decades.

Our history: God has been forming this ministry for decades. Over the last 15 years people have been praying & meeting and providing supportive care for MKs. Summer of 2012 we formalized our structure, operating under the umbrella of Outreach Canada. By Summer 2013, 13 member organizations were working together. We hosted our first MK re-entry retreat, ReBoot 2013. Currently our cooperative has 19 member organizations; summer 2014 we are hosting MKs repatriating to Canada at ReBoot Calgary & ReBoot Kitchener

For more information about CMKN => <http://canadianmk.net/> and download brochure here:

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Canadian%20MK%20Network.pdf

For more information about our annual re-entry retreat "ReBoot" => <http://canadianmk.net/ReBoot.aspx>

Paul Dyck , CMKN National Team Leader , Building tomorrow's global leaders by supporting today's missionary kids
www.canadianmk.net

Europe, Ireland

Comhlámh

was set up in 1975 by Irish returned development workers, who defined the organisations principle objective as, "to enable persons who have rendered services overseas in developing countries upon their return to Ireland to bring to bear their own particular experience in order to further international development co-operation."

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

<http://www.comhlamh.org/resources/>

Hungary, Europe

SHARE Education Services

Expatriate parents raising their families overseas do not want to sacrifice their children's well-being or education. Like all parents, they desire a quality education for their children that prepares them for further education and productive life work. However, they are often located in areas where local schools may not be a good fit, they feel inadequate to homeschool on their own, or their children have learning challenges.

International research suggests that difficulty with their children's adjustment is a main preventable reason why families leave prematurely—and education is a key element in children's adjustment. Almost 20 years ago, veteran cross-cultural educators founded SHARE Education Services to assist parents in providing quality education for their children. Today, SHARE continues to offer overseas families that much-needed help.

SHARE assists families serving in Europe, Russia, and Central Asia by helping them to enrich and enhance the education of their children. This valuable assistance is provided through conferences and seminars, testing services, resource libraries and materials, and personal consultation via e-mail, mail, Skype, VoIP, telephone, fax, or in person.

SHARE's international headquarters is located in Hungary, but staff members live in other countries including England, Czech Republic, Sweden, Spain and the U.S.

www.shareeducation.org

<http://www.shareeducation.org/contact-us>

RESOURCES

Recent books - Publisher: William Carey Library

Career-Defining Crises in Mission

Navigating the Major Decisions of Cross-Cultural Service by: Paul Keidel (Author).

Career-Defining Crises in Mission is written to help missionaries evaluate their ministry approaches and to pursue those that place relationships over programs. Each of the 12 chapters takes a well-known missiological principle and, instead of focusing on the theory behind it, uses Bible studies, illustrations, true stories, and practical suggestions to encourage missionaries to make decisions that cultivate relationships with people as they choose mission methods.

<http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/career-defining-crises-in-mission>

Caring for the Harvest Force in the New Millennium

This volume continues the EMS Series with selected presentations from the November 2000 annual meeting. Caring for the Harvest Force in the New Millennium presents the theological foundations, challenges, and contexts for caring for those in full-time Christian service.

<http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/caring-for-the-harvest-force-in-the-new-millennium-ems-9>

Expectations and Burnout - Women Surviving the Great Commission

Missionary women have high expectations when they respond to God's call; of themselves, their mission agencies, host cultures, churches, co-workers, and even of God. These expectations are often times impossible to fulfill and can lead to mental and physical exhaustion. Eighty percent of missionary women feel they have come close to burnout, whether they were married or single, traditional or tent making, new or experienced. In Expectations and Burnout: Women Surviving the Great Commission, Sue provides research and surveys from the field while Robynn lends her own personal experiences to demonstrate how burnout can happen and how God can bring life from ashes. Join them as they explore how to develop realistic expectations and yet maintain faith in our sovereign God who continues to accomplish the impossible.

<http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/expectations-and-burnout>

Frontline Women - Negotiating Crosscultural Issues in Ministry

Frontline Women is a collection of writings on women's issues from those who have had mission field experience. Each author has special interest and expertise in the area in which he or she has written. In the past we have failed to understand the significance of gender in mission work. Though women have historically been the majority in mission service, they have not been allowed much say in policies or strategizing. This book deals with gender differences in many areas of life and how that affects service to God in mission work. Women's God-given gifting is meant to complement that of men and needs to be recognized, appreciated, and made use of in the day-by-day functioning of missions. In some mission agencies changes are being made in regard to women's role and care. In this edition the authors have updated and added new information from their research and experience.

<http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/frontline-women>

Recovering from Traumatic Stress - A Guide for Missionarie

Experiencing symptoms of traumatic stress can be debilitating. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a normal reaction to an abnormal event. Recovering from Traumatic Stress: A Guide for Missionaries provides information and resources for support that can lead to comfort and healing. This book teaches about the symptoms experienced after a traumatic incident and how to recognize them. It offers strength and ways to talk to children and others about traumatic experiences. With God's help, readers who have experienced traumatic situations can begin to regain a sense of peace for themselves and their families. Stephanie Laite Lanham and Joyce Hartwell Pelletier are presenters with Sunrise Seminars, a Christian association of mental health professionals based in Maine. The group is dedicated to improving the lives of people through education, insight, and change.

<http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/recovering-from-traumatic-stress>

Can people with mental health problems go on mission overseas? (oscar.org.uk)

Mental Health and Mission

This month we're tackling the question 'Can people with mental health problems go on mission overseas?' Helping us answer this is Susanna Morris, a Registered Mental Health Nurse and the Founding Director of the Churches Mental Health Consultancy. <http://www.cmhconsultancy.org.uk/>

Whether you're an HR professional or someone interested for yourself, this is a topic that everyone involved in mission should know about. Go to www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/morris.htm

re-entry & refresher (oscar.org.uk)

If you're planning to return to the UK over the next few months, whether it be from long term service or just a gap year, make sure you're aware of the re-entry issues you might face. OSCAR has a section to help you, of course, but we're also planning two re-entry courses in September. <http://www.oscar.org.uk/service/training/reentry.htm>

Newsletter - Thailand

The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai - May 2014

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=1f2b4cc834&e=25f63328eb>

Third Culture Kids book in Portuguese

Jovens em Movimento: A Construção da Identidade em Contexto Transnacional

Neste livro que é resultado de minha pesquisa de mestrado, debato questões relacionadas com o processo de formação da pessoa e o sentimento de pertença entre jovens que crescem num contexto familiar de grande mobilidade transnacional, resultante da inserção de seus pais em profissões altamente qualificadas – como as de diplomata, militares em escalões mais altos, embaixadores ou mesmo missionários – e que por isso participam e ao mesmo tempo contribuem para o que chamamos de cultura transnacional e/ou “terceira cultura”. Este livro propõe-se a enquadrar a vivência do que Ruth Useem cunhou como Third Culture Kids (TCKs), explorando teorias sobre cultura, identidade e transnacionalismo que iluminam a formação da identidade pessoal desta elite social, com particular referência aos trabalhos de Ulf Hannerz e as alianças possíveis e úteis entre as reflexões deste autor e os estudos sobre a formação da pessoa de Christina Toren.

Partindo de um estudo exploratório realizado entre jovens residentes atualmente em Lisboa/Cascais, fundamentado em três estudos de caso, reflito sobre os dilemas vividos por estes jovens e seu enquadramento familiar. Mostro neste trabalho que em alguns casos estes jovens e seus pais ganham consciência da existência de um modelo hegemônico que valoriza a criação de “raízes” em locais específicos, ao mesmo tempo em que utilizam redes de relacionamentos desterritorializadas para construir suas identidades. O estudo aqui apresentado contribui, assim, para o debate sobre as questões territoriais, a mobilidade e a identidade pessoal tão discutidas nas últimas décadas na Antropologia.

http://www.amazon.com/Jovens-Movimento-Constru%C3%A7%C3%A3o-Identidade-Transnacional-ebook/dp/B00K1CJVRA/ref=la_B00K1KYVQI_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&quad=1398893963&sr=1-1

Newsletter

5.11.14 Member Care & Counseling Resources

Turkey: Olive Tree Counseling Center

[5.11.14%20Member%20Care%20&%20Counseling%20Resources.pdf](http://www.5.11.14.org/Member-Care-Counseling-Resources.pdf)

MC Europe - Newsletter

MC Europe

To keep on receiving news from Member Care Europe, please complete a simple form. Just go to <http://eepurl.com/RtTpr> and it will take you less than a minute.

And don't forget you can still see all the regular updates at our website <http://membercareeurope.com/>. [link](#)

Coming Home Book

2014 – a resource and guide for the returned volunteer.

http://issuu.com/comhlamh/docs/comhlamh_coming_home_book_print

Comhlámh was set up in 1975 by Irish returned development workers, who defined the organisations principle objective as, “to enable persons who have rendered services overseas in developing countries upon their return to Ireland to bring to bear their own particular experience in order to further international development co-operation.”

More resources here: <http://www.comhlamh.org/resources/>

BookEnds International

Title

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GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Africa, Kampala, Uganda

Member Care while Managing Crises (MCMC) workshop

10-16 September 2014, Kampala, Uganda

Sponsored by: Mobile Member Care Team (www.mmct.org)

Contact person: Gail Koski gailkmmct@gmail.com

Member Care while Managing Crises (MCMC) is a six-day workshop designed to equip those who are involved in making decisions which impact missionaries during crisis management situations. Our desire is to help you learn how to manage crises such that member care concerns will be addressed even while you manage the crisis. We believe that your missionaries will have opportunity to grow in their resilience as a result.

New Zealand, Matamata

Missionary Enrichment Retreat - 2014 in Matamata

Look at page 5 of the following document <http://www.missions.org.nz/images/pdfs/bulletin/2014/May-14.pdf>

Antalya, Turkey

Narramore Christian Foundation Counseling & Member Care Seminar

http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_turkey01.php

When: October 19-31, 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 or context; those who counsel or listen to people; those who feel inadequately equipped for their ministry

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

There are still a few openings. For information or an application form, write Cindy Hibma:

ncf.seminars@gmail.com

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

Thailand, near Chiangmai

Equipping Women Int'l Training Seminar

- Do you have a desire:

- 1-To enhance your ministry skills?
- 2-To study challenging material in a peer learning, facilitated environment?
- 3-To find personal enrichment, growth and relationships that contribute to your long-term success?
- 4-Be challenged to grow deeper with God and with others.

We invite you to attend a training module Facilitating Relational Learning. FRL focuses on learning and practicing the latest in adult learning skills and applying them to a broad range of ministry situations.

Developing a Discerning Heart module will also be held for returning participants.

Held at: Horizon Village, near Chiang Mai, Oct. 21-30, 2014. Application & Registration is NOW OPEN. Registration closes July 20, 2014.

See <http://barnabas.org/ewi> for details, application & registration info

ANTALYA, TURKEY, Europe

SHARE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 14-17 ANTALYA, TURKEY

At SHARE conferences, you will find information for parents educating children in a cross-cultural context. These are offered through workshops, resources and private consultations with educators. In addition, we often do educational assessments for children using achievement or diagnostic testing and by gathering qualitative information from parents and teachers. When possible, we provide a program for children while parents are in workshops.

See <http://www.shareeducation.org/services/conferences> for registration details.

Fresno, CA, USA

Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence

Jan. 12-16, 2015 (M-F)

Location: Holiday Inn (Airport), Fresno, CA

Sponsored by: Link Care Center; 1734 W. Shaw Ave; Fresno, CA 93711

We are excited to announce that the Link Care Center member care Building Skills Conference will be held January, 12-16, 2015. We are moving the Conference from Hume Lake to Fresno so that a larger number of our clinicians will be able to provide training sessions during the Conference. This year, nine Link Care counselors will be presenting during the Conference. Our primary objective is to promote skill development that will increase the effectiveness of member care workers as they serve others.

The theme of the January conference is "Equipping to Serve." Sessions will focus on strengthening attendees' skills in working with depression, anxiety, couples and parenting issues, team dynamics, self care, debriefing, and other issues. We will strive to provide practical tools in each session that will increase your effectiveness in ministry.

For Conference Registration and further info contact Ken Royer (kenroyer@linkcare.org; 559 439 5920 ext. 122)

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