



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) June 2014

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Member Care Media (MCM) has been broadcasting radio programs into Central Asia since 1999, striving to reach Christian workers serving in isolation in this region. In the past eight years, MCM began making the radio programs and core content available via the Internet. After 15 years of specific content development, we now have a new DVD! It contains member care resources—hundreds of audio files and transcripts—that will help enhance, enable, and encourage the cross-cultural Christian worker, from recruitment through retirement. These resources are portable, searchable, and adaptable. It is important to note that this is “version one,” the goal is to keep on adding new content and optimize the DVD. This will be made available via our website: www.membercareradio.com.
"Encouragement through Media!" - Listen to: www.membercaremedia.com

Editorial: The GMCN within the WEA Mission Commission

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is a global Evangelical ministry working with a network of churches in 128 nations that have each formed an Evangelical alliance and over 100 international organizations joining together to give a worldwide identity, voice and platform to more than 600 million evangelical Christians.

The WEA Mission Commission is a group of people entrusted by a WEA with authority to stand with national and regional mission movements and global mission networks as instruments to assist churches to engage in mission. Some 50 countries with significant Evangelical mission presence have been identified as "sending nations." The WEA Mission Commission has dedicated its energies to strengthening these continental and national entities. Find here a list of some of these entities: <http://mc.worldea.org/main-content/regional-and-national-mission-networks-website-links>

The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) is a network under the WEA Mission Commission, to resource, equip and connect internationally all Christian practitioners of member care at any level. It is a professional community in which mutual learning, training and sharing can take place. It is committed to developing the member care profession by setting high standards, advancing the kingdom of God and glorifying His name.

Note:

It is just amazing to serve and have access to the WEA Mission Commission constituency and friends. It's a mutual learning, mutual growing, mutual serving. Last month we met for a Mission Commission Consultation in Izmir,



Turkey. See picture. The GMCN presented in a group-presentation of seven GMCN board members, and in the final report it says: "The Member Care team, led by Harry Hoffmann and ably and dramatically assisted by others, presented three scenarios, each of which highlighted something lacking in much member care. One scenario was focused on re-entry issues, a second on family issues, and a third on a single missionary woefully ignorant of the cultural patterns of the community to which he had recently moved. The table groups looked at ways in which churches, agencies, and mission training could have prevented problems, or could have handled situations much better. It was

recognized that member care must embrace pre-field orientation; clear policies; good and supportive communication between the missionary, his/her home church, the agency if one is involved, and the receiving church and/or the supervisor (where there is one) of the agency; prompt intervention when things go wrong; and sensitive long-term reorientation on re-entry, with equally sensitive and skillful debriefing. This applies to children of missionaries as well as to adult missionaries. This presentation was very effective in engaging lively discussion in table groups."

Find the full report here:

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/WEAMC2014consultationreport.pdf

Global work has something quite unique. A dynamic, prespective and learning that you can not get locally nor regionally. The GMCN will have it's own global event coming up soon in February 2015, also in Turkey, in the city of Antalya "Member Care in Hard place". We believe this to be an event of amazing influence and breathtaking significance.

Looking forward seeing many of you there.

Harry Hoffmann - coordinator of the GMCN

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

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Registration is NOW open - Click here to registger:

<https://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=1574817&MethodId=0&EventSessionId&startnewreg=1>

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.

Speakers

We invited and contacted high quality speakers from around the world.

Updates will be posted on our conference website at

<http://www.globalmembercare.org>

and on facebook

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

Prayer & Intercession Team

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

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 reached 571 members!

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>

GLOBAL MAP

Italy, Southern Europe

The Oaks Oasis

The Oaks Oasis in Italy provides a peaceful setting where you can be refreshed spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically. The Oaks welcomes all Christian workers to come for up to ten days to experience the Lord's peace. Suggested Donations: Single/Couple 50€/night, Family 65€/night. This ministry on a donations-only basis; please do not let finances keep you from taking advantage of a much-needed rest. For reservations or inquiries please e-mail Celeste at: TheOaksOasis@gmail.com Website: <http://lifeimpactministries.net/locations/italy-oasis/>

Olive Tree Counseling Center | Antalya, Turkey

opening on June 17th 2014

We are excited to announce the opening of the Olive Tree Counseling Center on June 17th 2014 in Antalya, Turkey. Olive Tree provides counseling, crisis-response, training, and consulting services to cross-cultural personnel and organizations. We exist to encourage, restore, and equip people so they may increasingly experience and share God's transformation, wholeness, and peace.

Please visit our website 'www.olivetrecounseling.org' for more information or to inquire about services. We look forward to hearing from you. Please forward this to all who may be interested in the great news

Asia, Cambodia

Member Care Center, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

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

Cyprus, Europe

Katafiyio ('place of refuge') Retreat House

I am writing to let you know of the Katafiyio ('place of refuge') Retreat House in Cyprus to which we are delighted to welcome anyone for rest, reflection and listening to God. It is a small traditional house situated in a small village on the edge of the Machairas Forest.

Katafiyio is the retreat house of the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and a member of the Retreats Association in the UK. People booking to use the house have the choice of organising their own programme or opting for an Individually Guided Retreat. We also offer help from our Bursary Fund for those in voluntary work or mission unable to give the suggested donation.

The brochure can be found on our website below along with short videos and other retreats brochures.

Maggie Le-Roy

Retreats Facilitator , Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf , www.cypgulf.org/retreats/ , Office: +357-22-671220

Germany

www.neuehoffnung-marburg.de

Lebensgemeinschaft Wir laden ein, in unserer Lebensgemeinschaft für eine Weile mit zu leben. Für ein bis vier Wochen zum Aufatmen oder ein bis drei Monate zur Klärung tiefer gehender Probleme und bei Erschöpfung. Wenn Sie Interesse haben, zu uns zu kommen, nehmen Sie doch Kontakt mit uns auf, so dass wir einen Termin zum Kennen lernen vereinbaren können.

Here is the address: www.neuehoffnung-marburg.de

Email: Neue-Hoffnung@gmx.com

RESOURCES

Trauma Healing Institute

Bible-based trauma healing programs from the Trauma Healing Institute at American Bible Society equip local churches to care for people with deep emotional and spiritual injuries caused by war, domestic violence, natural disasters and other traumatic events.

Our proven model combines biblical and mental health resources into an effective intervention that fosters healing and restores relationships with God and others. <http://thi.americanbible.org/products>

Member Care Service - Needs Assessment/Satisfaction Survey

Attached is a Needs Assessment/Satisfaction Survey that I created and have recently distributed to our members. Hope this is helpful and I'd like to hear any feedback you might have on the instrument.

Mark Powell, mpowell@teachbeyond.org

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/MemberSatisfactionImportanceScale.pdf

Understanding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

http://www.fagellaw.com/Resources/2014/June/Understanding_Post_Traumatic_Stress_Disorder_PTS.aspx

Book in portuguese

Os Evangélicos e a Transformação Social

download FREE pdf 48pages

<http://www.aliancaevangelica.org.br/cartilhacidada2014/Cartilha-Cidada-2014.pdf>

<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=a6665beac89a03e8d28a5bb12&id=8913112378&e=c526332307>

Newsletter: Member Care Southern Africa - Serving through Caring

June 2014

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=407209516f9457da095ea4268&id=82619d1c52&e=673b949319>

Article: We Have Stopped Supporting Your Ministry

... we have decided to discontinue the support

Our mission committee met last week to discuss your work, and we have decided to discontinue the annual support that we have been sending for your ministry.

<http://bibleandmission.blogspot.co.uk/2014/05/issues-facing-missions-today-14-we-have.html>

Resources for Those Returning Home from Service

reentry

<http://www.brigada.org/tag/reentry>

Blog: Criss Cross Culture

This blog ponders questions big and small that crop up at the intersection of cultures, with a special focus on how things look from here in Asia.

I think you would be interested in Joyce Man's blog...and see in her story and what she writes about Danau Tanu's

research how many more things there are to think about in today's changing world if we want to stay relevant and aware in the topics we work with every day...

The absurdities of grouping people by nationality <http://www.crisscrossculture.net/?p=249>

Being 'White' and 'Local': The Hidden Social Hierarchy at International Schools <http://www.crisscrossculture.net/?p=278>

book review

The Garden of Sparkling Delight by Deborah Varen

'The Garden of Sparkling Delight,' is a story of both light and shadow. Shadow first comes in the person of a man who prowls around remote villages in Brazil looking through windows at the inmates especially the young girls. There are shadows too in the back streets of the big city where abuse and cruelty go unnoticed.

In contrast to this are the love, loyalty and sacrifice of two happy families whose bonds are unbreakable. Both light and shadow eventually mingle bringing hope to bleak and abandoned lives and dignity to those caught in dehumanizing poverty. Cameos of characters from the book can be found on my blog -

<http://debvaren.blogspot.co.uk/>

Review: I'm impressed with the very good writing style and intriguing plot, as well as the tenderness of the characters who are victimized, and the couple who are galvanized into action. The descriptions of each place are vivid and draw the reader in easily. Every chapter kept my interest all the way through, and the problem of sex trafficking, its horrific evil of hardened people who solely want to make money, is very clearly portrayed. I would recommend this book to anyone who is not aware of this dreadful international problem, as well as anyone who wants to do something to bring about healing change in the lives of the victims. V. Shepard

http://www.amazon.com/Garden-Sparkling-Delight-Deborah-Varen/dp/1484970241/ref=cm_cr_pr_orig_subj

Member Care Europe Newsletter

Subscribe

Due to the limitations of using a Yahoo group for communicating, we're migrating our newsletter over to Mailchimp. While we could simply transfer your details, we're aware that there's a lot of out-of-date contact information on Yahoo which has built up since the group was set up way back in 1999! So we're going to ask you to complete a simple sign up form if you want to keep receiving our updates. Just go to <http://eepurl.com/RtTpr> and it will take you less than a minute.

<http://membercareeurope.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6bc4a139953bb7b45f6a213f3&id=c091a3d3cb>

People ministering in Europe may be aware that Member Care Europe has its own website advertising events, materials, retreat centres and resources which can be found at www.membercareeurope.com. Anyone wishing to promote their European member care services should email the webmaster at info@syzygy.org.uk. We also produce a regular newsletter featuring highlights from the website, which you can sign up to receive at the website. This replaces the previous Yahoo Group which is now closed, and anyone who was part of that will need to re-register.

South Pacific Regional Member Care Network - Newsletter

4th Member Care Newsletter

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Regional%20MC%20Newsletter%20-%20Fourth.pdf

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

USA

Le Rucher model debriefing retreat

We'd like to announce that another Le Rucher model debriefing retreat is offered this August, 10 -15, 2014, outside Atlanta, Georgia, USA. For details email Sarah Lanier (sarah_a_lanier@yahoo.com) or John Harvey (jharvey64@windstream.net).

Northern Ireland, Switzerland, Europe

Advanced Counseling Training Series (ACTS) seminars:

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 effective instrument in the Master's hands.

If you have the calling and passion to help others heal, grow, and attain the victory and spiritual freedom found only in Christ, and you want to be equipped with the tools, skills and understanding to do so, then consider this two-week intensive—designed to increase your spiritual resilience, to equip you to be much more effective and efficient 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.

Module 1 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, mentoring, community development and reconciliation work, 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 specialist.

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

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YWAM Rostrevor, Northern Ireland (www.ywamrostrevor.org):

Dates: October 5-18, 2014 Comprehensive Cost: GBP 363 per participant

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

YWAM base, Chatel, Switzerland (www.ywamchatel.com): Dates: April 12-25, 2015: Comprehensive Cost: CHF 650 per person (CHF 1200 per participating couple)

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

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

Thailand, Chiangmai

Wellspring Retreat

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Need spiritual renewal and refreshment? Join us at the 4th bi-annual 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, November 9th with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ends Saturday, November 15th after lunch

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

Where: Horizon Village and Resort www.horizonvillage.net

More Information: Nancy Todd nancy@thewellcm.com

Registration: well@thewellcm.com (events)

The Retreat is limited to 20 people so we encourage you to register early!

USA, Fresno, CA

Building Skills – Equipping to Serve

member care conference sponsored by Link Care Jan. 12-16 (M-F),

2015 held at Holiday Inn, Fresno Airport. This year's theme will be, "Equipping to Serve." Please write for further information / application. We'd love to have you with us. kenroyer@linkcare.org

Penang, Malaysia

4th Asia Member Care Network Conference

21st Century Care: Engaging, Change and Challenges

April 13-17, 2015

Rainbow Paradise Hotel

Penang, Malaysia

Cost: RM\$1088 (US\$340), Early bird registration RM\$960 (US\$300)

Fee includes hotel, food and conference fee. We keep the cost low and affordable for Asian workers.

Pre-conference events:

a) 3 Days Spiritual Retreat, Friday April 10 to Monday April 13

b) 2 Days Critical Incident Debriefing, Sunday April 12 to Monday April 13

Contact conference Administrator: Dr David Tan, david.modesto@gmail.com

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

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.

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