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Sponsors: Highland Park Baptist Church; Barnabas International; ElimRetreat Ministries; SEND International; Alongside, Inc.

Theme: CARE ENCOUNTERS CRISES: Member Care in the Midst of Suffering



PlenarySpeakers: Charlie and Frauke Schaefer Missionaries to Nepal and Togo. Now serving with Barnabas International. Authors of *Trauma and Resilience-Effectively Supporting Those Who Serve God*. Charlie holds an M.A. in theology and a PhD in Clinical Psychology from Fuller Seminary. Frauke is a board-certified psychiatrist who trained at Duke University. The Schaefer's passion is to understand the impact of trauma upon missionaries and the spiritual factors contributing to resilience in the lives of those serving in cross-cultural ministry.

Workshop Leaders: (to date, more to follow)

Brent Slater, Senior Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church Served with his wife, Inell, with World Venture in Uganda as church planters, evangelists and in theological education. The Slaters made the choice to remain in their area of missionary service in a period of successive civil wars. Earned an M.Div. Denver Seminary; Ph.D. University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Jody Hesler, Counselor, Alongside, Inc. Earned an M.A. in clinical psychology from Wheaton College. Nearly 20 years of field experience in Ukraine and Central Asia. Jody is passionate about bringing healing and comfort to weary and wounded servants who are crossing cultures to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Workshop Topics: (to date, more to follow)

Jody Hesler: Wrapping Them Tight When Their World Falls Apart How can an ordinary church missions team, or agency personnel leadership, respond appropriately when their global worker is in crises? What is "crisis

debriefing?" When is it needed? Why is it important? What are the mechanics? When do we know we are in over our heads? What do we do with all the secondary trauma that we, as those who care, have been exposed to as we minister to our missionaries?

Brent Slater: When All There Is, Is "Master Care". Your missionary is choosing to stay in an area marked by pillaging, abductions and beheadings. Brent will share what it was like for the Slaters to rely upon the Lord's personal care and protection in this sort of setting.

Should local churches encourage western missionaries to serve in high risk situations? Are we sending missionaries from our agencies and churches well equipped with a sound theology of suffering?

Registration Fee: \$45.00 until February 15th. \$50.00 thereafter.

Date: Saturday, April 18th, 2015

Location: Highland Park Baptist Church, Southfield, Michigan [Registration online HERE.](#)

Editorial: Reflection in Member Care: the forgotten first step of two

Problem solving is a necessary and important skill; otherwise, problems can cost money or cause harm. However, in the arena of member care, reflection is a powerful tool as a first step, which is not problem solving or forward planning. In the book of Jonah, God has sent Jonah to warn the city of Nineveh to repent or else. To Jonah's surprise, anger, and frustration, Nineveh repents. God facilitates reflection in Jonah by first asking him 'Have you a right to be angry?' (Jonah 4:4). Then God asks him 'Have you a right to be angry about the vine?' (Jonah 4:9). These questions facilitate Jonah to check out how he is feeling, the reasons why, and to share with God. Jonah then starts processing and begins to realise what is going on for him, around him, and why.

Reflection is the purposeful sitting in a situation, looking at and recalling feelings and thoughts about an issue that is happening now or has happened. Reflection is the semi-structured unpacking of a situation, challenging assumptions, and then trying to understand the situation.

A few years ago while undertaking member care work in the field overseas, a theme I came across among several missionaries and social justice workers was a sense of failure ie 'not being successful enough' and 'not making enough progress' in God's work. Understandably, this was an important issue for them. The facilitating of reflection brought about clarity for them on the issues of 'failure, success, and progress' before the second step was undertaken – problem solving. Once the member care situation in question had been contextualised through reflection, then the quantitative and analytic process of problem solving had been qualitatively framed. The result - the problem solving process became that much richer and well informed.

Dr Roger Van Der Veen

based in Queensland Australia, is a Human Issues Consultant involved in Member Care.

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

We are heading into February with great expectations, as we closed the registration with 357 participants coming on

February 9-13, 2015, to Antalya, Turkey

Our Theme: Member Care in Hard Places

Frequently Asked Questions :

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/20140917%20FAQ%20for%20GMCC.pdf

GMCN Conference Fees and Refund Policy:

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

GLOBAL MAP

Europe, Portugal

The Haven in Portugal

The Haven in Portugal (www.thehavenportugal.com).

We have 2 guest homes that are open for pastors and missionaries to come.

We offer service ranging from vacation planning all the way through pastoral care, prayer ministry, debriefing, etc.

<http://www.thehavenportugal.com>

RESOURCES

The Well - Member Care Center - Thailand

January Newsletter

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=e8ea961b77&e=25f63328eb>

creative approaches with clients

We want to see more therapists increasing their creative approaches with clients.

All six books are now available on **Amazon Kindle** at about half of their printed price by paying Amazon direct. Click on the links below to read details of each of the books. **Look Inside** each to get an idea of what it is like. If you don't have a Kindle device, you will need to download the **Kindle app** (free of charge) to any I-phone, tablet or computer. Enjoy!

[Matryoshkas in Therapy: Creative ways to use Russian dolls with clients](#)

[Creative Therapy in the Sand: Using sandtray with clients](#)

[Creative Anger Expression](#)

[Stories That Heal: 64 Creative visualisations for use in therapy](#)

[Body Awareness: 64 bodywork activities for therapy](#)

[Therapeutic Adventure: 64 activities for therapy outdoors](#)

If you prefer, you can order an electronic version or a printed version direct from us. The cost for each of the first three (Matryoshkas, Sand and Anger) is £6 (electronic) or £8 plus £2 carriage (UK only). For the other three (Stories, Body, Outdoors) the cost is £8 (electronic) or £10 plus £2 carriage (UK only). For combined postal rates and carriage outside the UK please contact us by email.

Best wishes, Roger & Christine Day

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Christian Mindfulness

I wanted to contact you regarding a new online course that was developed and launched last year. It's a 6 session course on Prayer, Meditation and Mindfulness from a Christian and Biblical perspective. Since I launched the course in June 2014 it has been reviewed and recommended by a range of Church Leaders, Counsellors, Theologians, Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists and Authors - see [here](#).

In only 6 months it is now selling worldwide - In the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

One group that I am very keen to offer the material to is evangelical missionary organisations. The material helps groups and individuals develop a closer relationship with God and also equips Christians to recover from anxiety, stress, low mood and depression. The course offers proven tools to help develop greater mental and emotional resilience. This is especially important for those involved on the mission field.

Please have a look at the website www.christianmindfulness.co.uk for more details on the course. I can be contacted on Skype: richj615 or by return email if you have any questions about this exciting new resource.

Richard Johnston
info@christianmindfulness.co.uk

What Missionaries Ought to Know... (Revised 2015): Free Download—

"What Missionaries Ought to Know....: A Handbook for Life and Service" has been revised and expanded so that the e-book now has 69 chapters in its 430 pages. If you have an old edition with fewer than 69 chapters, you can download a copy of the new 2015 edition FREE. The book is available to download free of charge as .doc, .pdf, or .zip files for your computer and as .mobi or .epub files for your Kindle or Nook. Find it at... http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#ought_to_know

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Nevsehir, Turkey, Europe

Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders

This 3-day training covers all the main coaching skills and mindsets and is eligible for 21 International Coach Federation training hours with an optional Upgrade.

I'm attaching a pdf flier with the details.

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/coaching_flyer_final_medium.pdf

Registration is here: <http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/event-1790499>

Liebenzell, Germany:

Global Mental Health and the Church

Liebenzell, Germany: June 22 – 25, 2015

Mental Health is one of the primary concerns in all parts of the world. Healing from violence and trauma, reconciliation, dealing with depression and anxiety, fighting addiction, helping families overcome domestic violence, developing healthy sexuality and preventing diseases – just to name a few areas – have become increasingly important aspects of missions and church work in the second and third world. In the absence of functioning or trustworthy psychotherapeutic infrastructures, Christian ministries are the mental health providers in many developing countries. However, the people providing Christian care are often poorly trained in clinical skills. Also, indigenous resources are often overlooked. But even if there are many ways to improve the systems, missions and church activities are the backbone of mental health work in many areas in the world. Unsolved emotional issues are at the root of many problems, also of spiritual and economic nature. Missions and church work must include and integrate modern science and healing traditions into their Christian efforts.

The first international conference on Global Mental Health and the Church addresses the role of the church in global mental health in order to assess the strengths and needs, to learn from experts how things can be done well, and to connect with one another.

For more information and registration: www.ihl-symposium.eu

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Wellspring Retreat

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Need spiritual refreshment? Join us at the 5th 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 in a beautiful, peaceful, resort in the Chiang Mai area.

When: Begins Sunday, March 8, 2015 with dinner

Ends Saturday, March 14, 2015 with lunch

More Information: Nancy Todd nancy@thewellcm.com.

Registration: well@thewellcm.com Retreat limited to 20 participants so please register early.

Asia, Hong Kong

The Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 to- Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 5:00 PM (HKT) Hong Kong, Hong Kong

After the 3-day intensive workshop you will be able to:

- Listen actively so others feel you understand them.
- Ask powerful questions that initiate a change of thinking.
- Generate feedback that avoids defensiveness.
- Design action steps that will actually be accomplished.
- Follow-up to increase learning and accountability.

In addition, the program will cover:

- Naturally using the COACH Model™.
- Adopting the mindsets of transformational leaders.
- How to integrate coaching skills into your leadership roles.

For more details please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-coaching-workshop-for-christian-leaders-tickets-14870166067>

Interlaken, Switzerland

TRACTION 2015 Conference for Men

Traction is a 6-day experience designed to encourage global workers who serve in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.

Traction is different than any other kind of conference. It isn't about filling notebooks or honing leadership skills. It is about living as single men, husbands, fathers, leaders, and as guys who deal with tremendous stresses cross-culturally.

Traction is focused on helping men navigate their roles to regain spiritual footing and momentum to move forward.

<http://catalystintl.org/traction-for-men/traction-2015/>

Penang, Malaysia

The Asia Member Care Network Conference

The Asia Member Care Network is a loose network of people working in Asia as Care Providers for those in non-government and humanitarian organizations. Membership is by participation in the bi-annual conference as well as country specific meetings. Members agree and sign the network code of conduct and best practice document.

The conference focuses on:

- Care for NGO (non-government organization)
- Personal encouragement for the - Professional development of the caregiver
- Proactive and preventive response to NGO workers needs
- Partnership with all involved in care giving to NGO workers.

The conference is April 13-17, 2015 in Penang, Malaysia

Theme: 21st Century - Engaging, Change & Challenge

Place: Paradise Sandy Beach Resort, Penang, Malaysia

Cost: RM\$1,088 (US\$312) (Early bird before January 15, 2015 RM\$960 (US\$275) (Fee covers hotel, food and conference fee, one very low price.)

More Info/Registration: AMCNAdmin@gmail.com

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 769 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>

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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