



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) April 2015

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This month's Sponsor - Equipping Women International

Equipping Women International
www.barnabas.org/ewi {a ministry of Barnabas International}

We are looking for women who want to...

- Experience true community with other women serving in cross-cultural ministry.
- Study challenging material and unpack it through facilitated discussions & a variety of learning activities.
- Learn new ministry and life skills to be used in a wide range of arenas.
- Give God an opportunity to transform their inner life and ways of thinking.
- Enhance their disciple-making skills.
- Be encouraged!



If any of this resonates with you, we invite you to attend the 4th annual Equipping Women International (EWI) module called Facilitating Relational Learning. This module focuses on learning and practicing the latest in adult learning skills and applying them to a broad range of ministry situations. The Developing a Discerning Heart and Discovery Bible Study module will also be offered for returning participants.

This training will be held at The Horizon Village Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 27th to November 5th, 2015. The early registration price break ends May 20th, 2015, so we encourage you to inquire now. Final registration closes July 20th. A 3-month lead time is necessary for completion of the preparation work. See www.barnabas.org/ewi for details of module descriptions, syllabi, application form, FAQ & registration info, or write

Debbie at dlamp@barnabas.org.

NOTE: This is a Barnabas International sponsored ministry using the WWMT curriculum developed by Entrust.

Editorial: Psychological assessment

Since the recent Germanwings plane crash, there has been a lot of discussion about psychological assessment – for pilots and others.

Many of our organisations use psychological assessment, but there is little agreement about the best way to do it. Is it better to use a psychological interview, psychometric tests, simulation exercises or other methods? Each of these can add something to the picture, but no method is perfect in predicting effectiveness.

Observing how someone behaves when living in community can be very helpful – for example, seeing how they live at Bible College or on an orientation course.

Psychological assessment will never be perfect. Alongside good assessment we need to have good ongoing prayer, training, mentoring and support. That is what can help prevent some crashes.

Debbie Hawker

Q&A - Vacancies

Vacancies

living well Centre, Phnom Penh

www.livingwellcambodia.org

living well centre in Phnom Penh opened in February 2014. It has been developed as a result of an identified need in the expat and missionary community in Cambodia. The centre seeks to provide a wide range of member care services for the expatriate community serving in this country.

At present there is a Director and two part-time staff who are professional counsellors. We are now looking for other staff that can join the team. We are looking for people with experience in the field of pastoral/mental health care who can contribute to provide a range of member care services. We would expect them to have had cross-cultural experience themselves and be able to understand the issues faced by those living cross-culturally. We are especially interested in people who are able to undertake training in areas of helping others living successfully in a cross-cultural context, family life and parenting, and spiritual direction.

We are looking for people who would be self-supported, and probably join us with the support of a mission agency. We would also be looking for those who can commit to help us continue to develop the ongoing work of the centre for 2 to 3 years.

Expressions of interest, or questions people have, should be directed in the first instance to Jodi Chee who is Director of the centre. This should be done by email to jodichee@livingwellcambodia.org

GLOBAL MAP

Slovakia/Europe

The Good Book Oasis in Slovakia

A place of rest and refreshment for missionaries and pastors and their families. Come to the Oasis for some quiet time with the Lord or some fun time with your family!

Suggested donations:

20E/night single or couple

25E/night family

Breakfast is provided and other meals can be arranged.

More information and contact details on our website: <http://lifeimpactministries.net/locations/slovakia-oasis/>

RESOURCES

book

Stronger Together - Effective Training for Missionary Care

<https://en.outreach.ca/Resources/Store/CMKNStore/tabid/5368/ProductID/510/Default.aspx>

Blog

Think developmentally

I'm a child psychiatrist and I worked with MK's abroad for six years. I found developmental theory helpful in my work. I wrote this blog to share those concepts with our non-clinician colleagues. Have a look if you're interested

<https://thinkdevelopmentally.wordpress.com/>

Missionary transitions: Free Download—

"Missionary Transitions"

"Missionary Transitions" is a new 15-chapter e-book about many of the transitions that missionaries experience. Of course, it includes the major transitions to and from the field. However, its 230 pages also contain information about the transitions missionaries go through before they leave home, while serving in their host culture, and after they return home. 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#transitions>

Newsletter MUT India

Care & Serve March 2015

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/Care_Serve_March2015.pdf

Blog

An international school in India with a message for the world

<http://tedchris.posthaven.com/an-international-school-in-india-with-a-messa>

Newsletter Thailand

THE WELL Member Care Center Chiangmai Thailand

April 2015 <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=4015abc8ed&e=25f63328eb>

Correction: Registration info for Letting Go: A Creative Quiet Day Retreat <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=da1166fbd7&e=25f63328eb>

Resources for Missionary Care

Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis 6, no. 1 (February 2015) - See more at:

<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-6-1&author=md-6-1-schulz>

Brigada Member Care Resource List: 26 Pages of Great Help

http://www.brigada.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Brigada-Member_Care_Resources_List_2015.pdf

workbook about Cross-cultural marriages

Love Across Latitudes

This workbook about Cross-cultural marriages has been re-printed. A cross-cultural marriage is where one partner comes from a different culture or social grouping than other. It's amazing how many mission workers, short-term or long-term, meet their partner on the mission field, although it shouldn't be surprising as it could just be the perfect meeting place for two people with a heart for mission. This book will help you work through the particular challenges of marrying across cultures.

Go to <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/reviews/lal.htm>

Newsletter Turkey

Olive Tree

<http://us9.campaign-archive1.com/?u=478ddddd77818aeaaf84c40a3f&id=c09dfda025&e=73487f3c0b>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

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

Switzerland

Traction 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/>

UK

'All Change' Re-entry Day

We have just scheduled our next 'All Change' re-entry day, to be held in Gloucester on 10th October 2015. If you're coming back to the UK over the next 6 months, or if you are part of a church or organisation receiving people back

from overseas during 2015, then this day is for you. It includes an overview covering significant re-entry issues and gives you a 'toolkit' to help you, or those you care for, through the transition back to the UK. Put the date in your diary! Go to <http://oscaractive.ning.com/events/all-change-re-entry-course>

Hong Kong:

Single Vision: A Retreat for Single Missionaries

A multicultural Member Care retreat open to all organizations.

May 11-17, 2015 at Noah's Ark

Contact: Catherine Butler at: catbutler@abwe.cc

Website: www.SingleVisionInternational.com

Portugal:

Single Vision: A Retreat for Single Missionaries

A multicultural Member Care retreat open to all organizations.

June 5-13, 2015 in Lisbon. Contact: Catherine Butler at: catbutler@abwe.cc

Website: www.SingleVisionInternational.com

Australia

The first South Pacific Region Member Care Conference

Member Care Bootcamp: 7-11 Sept 2015

Good Member Care doesn't just happen, it requires information, experience, practice and resources.

This conference will bring together people from all over Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific Islands, to learn, discover, experience, and share how to do Member Care well.

The conference is aimed at mission leaders, staff, multicultural teams, trainers, churches, counsellors, and others involved in the care of missionaries.

<http://www.missionsinterlink.org.au/events/member-care-bootcamp-2015>

Nairobi Kenya

The Missionary Care Foundations Course (MCFC)

The Missionary Care Foundations Course (MCFC) will be held in Nairobi Kenya July 27th to August 14th, 2015. This is an intense interactive training designed for training member care givers. The emphasis will be on a preventative perspective and developing 16 practical people skills that undergird effective member care.

Contact Wairimu Kamau, course convener, at "mamanyakio(at)yahoo.com", for brochure, application and Kenya questions..

Contact Randy/Jane Rhoades at "randyrhoades(at)juno.com" for curriculum questions.

Chiang Mai, Thailand

NCF Counseling & Member Care Seminar,

NCF Counseling & Member Care Seminar, 4-16 Oct 2015 in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Designed for those who would like to develop their own member care skills or develop member care within their context, and for anyone who counsels and listens to people, this intensive training offers practical psychological insights and counseling techniques with a strong integration of biblical and theological truth. Daily worship, breakout groups to practice what is learned, and individual or couple consultations or counseling make this a life-changing experience. A past participant shared:

"An amazing opportunity! The caliber of the presentations was superb; the topics practical and inspiring; the professionalism, authenticity, and compassion of the staff kept me engaged. A real quality team presented excellent information, making me better equipped to serve in my field."

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/CMCS%20Brochure%202015.pdf

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/CMCS%202015%20Poster.pdf

Write Cindy Hibma at ncf.seminars@gmail.com to receive an application form, seminar brochure, or more information.

USA

Building Skills – Equipping to Serve

January 11-15, 2016

Location: Holiday Inn, Fresno (California) Airport

Sponsored by Link Care Center

1734 W. Shaw Ave.

Fresno, CA 93711

559 439 5290 ext. 122

kenroyer@linkcare.org

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 864 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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