



SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK



The purpose of this newsletter is:

- To link together Member Care providers from the South Pacific Region who are working both within and outside this region.
- To give a wider perspective of what God is doing in the field of Member Care
- To provide encouragement and support, reducing the sense of isolation
- To provide a platform for sharing resources and ideas with each other that may be helpful
- To provide a forum in which member care providers could offer services to other missions eg. in the field of a trained provider to offer member care to MKs

Your contributions are very much appreciated. Please send details of upcoming events, information and resources that you think will benefit members of the network to Helen Macnaughtan:
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Pacific Island Conference – P2N



Vision Statement: A movement of Pacific people, rising up and launching into the nations, proclaiming the Gospel, and demonstrating God's love and power.

I appreciated the opportunity to attend this Conference in Auckland recently while on a visit to NZ. It was an enriching experience to share with so many Pacific Islanders gathered together in one place for the purpose of learning more about engaging in God's mission across the globe.

There were many highlights: beautiful worship at the two evening sessions, cultural performances, wonderful messages from PI leaders, over 20 mission booths and practical workshops. It was inspiring to see hundreds of young people come forward at the altar call in response to the Great Commission – an amazing sight.

If you would like to view some of the photos plus see a short video, go to the website of MI NZ: <http://www.missions.org.nz/images/pdfs/bulletin/Dec13.pdf>

Unfortunately, there was no space to talk about the need for good Member Care, but the few I did connect with, including one key leader, acknowledged that this is probably their biggest need. How to raise awareness of this among the PI people though, particularly churches, is the burning question. Only then will they be open to receiving some training and help. At the moment they are very focused on mobilising, but, as you and I know, the two need to go hand in hand.

South Pacific Regional MC Conference

A big thank you to all those who sent in responses to the questionnaire I sent out, requesting feedback about the kind of Conference you would like to see happen. They were all very helpful in terms of planning, content, format, timing etc.

The NSW MC Network has done some preliminary work in checking possible venues and prices which is really appreciated. However, the biggest need is to form a good committee, a small group of people who are willing to put their hands up and commit themselves to seeing this event happen. As we are into December it appears unlikely now that we will have a Regional MC Conference in 2014. This is disappointing but realistic as there is a lot of planning still to happen, and we don't have a committee yet to oversee the organisation of it. If we plan for 2015 this will give us a longer period of time to bring it all together.

I'd appreciate any feedback or comments from you folk on this.

A new Ministry and Retreat Centre in NZ

In April we set up a partnership, 'Room With A View Ministries' offering Spiritual Direction, Counselling, Supervision and 'Packages of Care' within the context of Debriefing, Retreat and Pastoral Care.

We are in Feilding, Manawatu, and have created a 'bedsit' room with ensuite at our home, so people can come and stay with us when accessing debriefing, retreat or pastoral care. We are also open to offering this package of care on an itinerant basis.

We have now set up a website www.roomwithaviewministries.co.nz so please do view that for more information about ourselves and the ministry we offer.

Lew and Bev Marsh

The above information about this new Ministry Centre in NZ was in our last newsletter. However, I wanted to mention it again as I had the opportunity while in NZ to visit the Centre. It is wonderfully set up for the kind of ministry that Lew and Bev are offering, very comfortable, completely self contained and with a good library. It has it's own private entrance but accessible to their home if needed and looks out on to lovely grounds - very peaceful and tranquil. For families, Lew and Bev have arranged for the use of another home not far from them. Check it out if you are ever in that vicinity or recheck the website!

RESOURCES

*Single Mission: Thriving as a single person in cross-cultural ministry*

Authored by Debbie Hawker and Tim Herbert and very recently published by Condeo press in the US. Check out the details including how to purchase it, on the GMCN website: www.globalmembercare.org

The following are books that Janet Chapman in the UK has recommended. This was in response to a request from me for help with a family resettling after field service who had pre-school children with some disciplinary issues. I haven't looked at them yet, but if Janet has recommended them I take notice!



Janet is the OMF UK TCK Advisor, and also heads up the TCK ReEntry programs in the UK.

When children grieve James and Friedman, which addresses how to help children deal with loss through death, house moves, divorce etc. This is a secular book but I commend it.

*Helping kids deal with anger, fear and sadness* H Norman Wright. From Toddlers to teens.

It is really helpful if parents learn to recognise stress signs in their particular child and what de-stressors work. There will be some things mum can do and some that dad can do. As children get older, they learn what they can do to help themselves when they feel stressed.

*Emotional resilience and the expat child.* Julia Simens. Practical tips and storytelling techniques that will strengthen the global family.

*Toddlers on the move* - check out the article on www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/mckay.htm

*Parents on the move* Kathleen McAnear Smith. Preparing your family for a successful and creative relocation. Not specifically for m families but Christian. More on school age children but some on preschoolers. American author who has lived in UK and her job is helping families relocate.

*I like it when* Mary Murphy. A lovely book to help your children think how they like love and care to be shown. I advise parents to find out their child's key love language because they need love and care to be shown in that way in times of stress.

*God gave me feelings.* Catherine MacKenzie Board book



➤ **RE-ENTRY RETREATS - 2014**

NSW: 2-4 May.

Contact: Sue Giles sue.giles@wec.com.au

VICTORIA: 19-22 September. 'Elkanah' Marysville.

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➤ **MISSIONARY ENRICHMENT RETREAT - 2014**

NSW: 15 - 22 June at Tahlee Bible College.

Contact: Sue Giles sue.giles@wec.com.au

➤ **CONFERENCE 2014:** The WEA Mission Commission is convening a Global Consultation in Turkey in May (12-16) with the theme "Gospel – Church – Mission". Check out their new website: www.mc.worlddea.org

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