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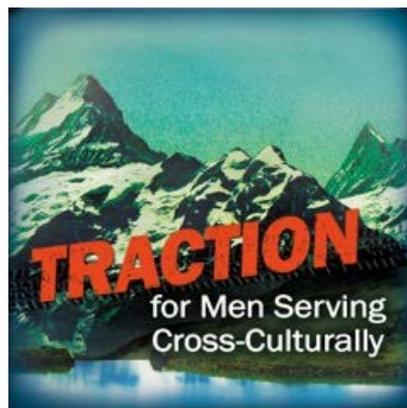
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### This months Sponsor - Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland

Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland  
September 15-21, 2015



Traction is a 6-day experience September 15-21, 2015 for men who serve in cross-cultural settings. This week of restoration is all about helping guys navigate their roles as leaders in order to gain spiritual footing and momentum to move forward. Traction is designed to encourage cross-cultural workers who serve in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Traction is held at Credo ([www.credo.ch](http://www.credo.ch)) located in one of Switzerland's most breathtaking regions near Interlaken. Traction is led by Dr. Daniel Hahn of Catalyst Int'l, a ministry founded in 2004 dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Daniel and his wife, Lori, lead the annual Breathe Conference ([www.breatheconference.org](http://www.breatheconference.org)), also held in Switzerland.

The mornings at Traction are given to these issues while the afternoons are free for counseling appointments, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection. We have room for about 80 men; space is filled on a first come, first served basis.

More Info in the EVENT section.

REGISTER AT <http://catalystintl.org/>

Contact Daniel Hahn [info@tractionconference.org](mailto:info@tractionconference.org)

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## Editorial: LATIN AMERICAN MISSIONARY MC CONSIDERATIONS

By: Dr. Carlos Pinto  
COMIBAM Member Care Andean Coordinator

Member care focuses on supporting missionaries and their families in their cross-cultural transitions and other life events. We are dealing with missionaries born within a Latin American cultural matrix that are living and serving in other cultures. This particular factor is always present and impacts during different moments such as: recruitment, pre-field orientation, service on the field and in the different stages of home visits during furlough (and then sometimes when returning to care for family members) as well as in the return stages of their missionary life cycle. There are several cultural patterns that are important to consider in order to increase our understanding about the unique cultural, theological and psychological make-up of the Latin American missionary. Following are a few of the pertinent issues:

**BEING FAMILY ORIENTED (...)**

**FAMILY LOYALTY(...)**

**PASSIONATE DECISION MAKING (...)**

**BACK HOME (...)**

**PSYCHOLOGY & THE HOLY SPIRIT (...)**

Find the full article here: [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/gmcn-LATIN%20AMERICAN%20MC-1.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/gmcn-LATIN%20AMERICAN%20MC-1.pdf)

Dr. Carlos Pinto  
Clinical Psychologist  
Native of Peru and missionary in Quito, Ecuador

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## Vacancies

### The Well Member Care Center - Thailand

#### **seeking a new director, based in Chiang Mai**

The Well International, a global leader in missionary member care, is seeking a new Director. Based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, the Well serves cross-cultural workers in Asia and around the world through Clinical Counselling, Pastoral Care, Training and Events.

The Board of Directors requests your assistance in recruiting a new Director for this significant organization. Please find attached a cover letter and the job description with qualifications.

Thank you very much for your help.

For more info:

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/JD%20for%20Executive%20Director-The%20Well.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/JD%20for%20Executive%20Director-The%20Well.pdf)

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### Tumaini - Nairobi

#### **vacancies for mental health professionals to work at Tumaini in Nairobi.**

Here is a link for psychologists/therapeutic staff:

<http://eu.aimint.org/long-term-mental-health-professional/>

and one for a Psychiatrists:

<http://eu.aimint.org/long-term-psychiatrist>

Please find more info here:

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/Tumaini%20Counselling%20Centre%20vacancies%20v2.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/Tumaini%20Counselling%20Centre%20vacancies%20v2.pdf)

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## GLOBAL MAP

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**Nairobi, Kenya**

## **Tumaini Counselling Centre**

Mark Phippen, Clinical Team Leader

P.O. Box 21141, Nairobi, Kenya

Email: [tumaini.ac\(at\)aimint.org](mailto:tumaini.ac(at)aimint.org)

Website: [www.tumainicounselling.net](http://www.tumainicounselling.net)

Serving missionaries working in 26 African nations from over 100 mission organizations: care following trauma and evacuations, marriage/family counseling, short-term individual counseling, consulting with MK schools and organizations, and preventive care seminars [link](#)

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## **RESOURCES**

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### **Newsletter**

#### **Olive Tree Turkey**

<http://us9.campaign-archive2.com/?u=478dddd77818aeaaf84c40a3f&id=bcd96a4a8e&e=73487f3c0b>

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### **Newsletter**

#### **Africa Member Care Network - August 2015**

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=6ac332b356&e=a3dbaa64df>

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### **Book:**

#### **Mind the Gaps: Engaging the Church in Missionary Care**

Mind the Gaps: Engaging the Church in Missionary Care is a practical guide to equip churches and church leaders to care for their missionaries. Filled with personal stories, lessons learned, insights from practitioners and best practices, this book seeks to encourage the church to take proactive steps to reduce missionary attrition rates and to help overseas workers be successful on the field.

Most churches care about their missionaries, but Mind the Gaps will prepare a church to be intentional in caring for their missionaries. Recognizing that all churches are different, this book offers principles for engagement rather than a step-by-step method for missionary care. Care for missionaries begins before they depart for the mission field and is needed all the way through their retirement years. The church needs to have sound wisdom to navigate the complexity of the rapidly changing environment of the global missionary movement.

Mind the Gaps provides a distinct contribution to existing missionary care literature because it is collaboratively written by an experienced and practicing missionary care team from a local church. They share their experiences, both good and bad, and relate real stories and lessons learned. By minding the gaps in missionary care, the church can create a system of proactive care, which will ensure lasting engagement of both the church and the agency into the lives of our precious and beloved missionaries.

Available on our website: [www.MindTheGaps.org](http://www.MindTheGaps.org)

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### **Online course**

#### **Relational Fundraising.com Discovering God's gift of partnership in ministry**

<http://relationalfundraising.com/>

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### **Resources**

#### **How to Lose Supporters (Oscar.org.uk)**

There are several ways to lose supporters (probably more if you try hard enough) but from our experience the No.1 danger area is relationship. <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/frithmearns.htm>

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### **The PATH Assessment.**

**(Periodic Assessment of Team Health)**

at: <http://www.cultureconceptsconsulting.com/>

PATH can be used to help a team discover its strengths and challenges and with skilled debriefing find a path forward toward greater effectiveness. It can be used during pre-field training, routinely during on-field service for team development, and as an intervention. PATH is built around 7 critical characteristics for healthy teams: Team Commitment, Diversity, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Leadership, Decision Making, and Trust & Openness

(from: The Central Asia/Middle East Member Care Newsletter (CAME MCN) Vol.3 No.6, June/July 2015)

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## **SEXUAL ADDICTION RESOURCE LIST**

### **BOOKS**

(If you have suggestions to add, please write to [memcare@pobox.com](mailto:memcare@pobox.com))

1. An Affair of the Mind, by Laurie Hall – One woman's courageous battle to salvage her family from the devastation of pornography
2. Every Heart Restored, by Stephen Arterburn, Fred & Brenda Stoeker – A wife's guide to healing in the wake of her husband's sexual sin
3. Living With Your Husband's Secret Wars, by Marsha Means
4. Don't Call It Love, by Patrick Carnes, - Recovery from Sexual Addiction
5. The Sexual Man, by Archibald D. Hart – A psychologically sound and biblically respectful view of what men secretly think and feel about important sexual issues
6. Restoring the Fallen, by Earl and Sandy Wilson, Paul & Virginia Friesen, & Larry & Nancy Paulson –A team approach to caring, confronting, and reconciling

### **WEBSITES**

[www.characterthatcounts.com](http://www.characterthatcounts.com)

### **BLOCKING WEBSITES**

[www.bsecure.com](http://www.bsecure.com)

[www.covenanteyes.com](http://www.covenanteyes.com)

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### **Book: RETURNING WELL**

**Your Guide to Thriving Back "Home" After Serving Cross-Culturally**

<http://www.returningwell.com/>

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### **Newsletter**

**Member Care Netherlands**

<http://membercare.nl/ajax/nieuwsbrieven/>

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### **USA, Fresno, Link Care**

#### **"Building Skills -- Equipping To Serve"**

We are excited to announce the Link Care Center member care conference, Building Skills – Equipping to Serve. By hosting the conference in Fresno, most of our clinicians and pastoral care providers are able to provide training sessions. 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." We will begin our mornings together with devotions. Following sessions will focus on strengthening attendees' skills in working with marriages, utilizing healthy boundaries in a cross-cultural context, addictions, thriving in a new culture, pastoral first aid, the persistently pestering person, appropriate confidentiality in pastoral care, depression, and a preliminary understanding of symptoms of trauma survivors vs spiritual warfare (i.e. the demonic), and other issues related to pastoral and clinical care. We will strive to provide practical tools in

each session that will increase your effectiveness in ministry.

For more Information and Conference Registration, send application to Ken Royer ([kenroyer@linkcare.org](mailto:kenroyer@linkcare.org))

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**Thailand, Chiang Mai**

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

TRAINING CONFERENCE in LEADERSHIP and CRISIS MANAGEMENT  
with Phil Harper QPM.

October 24-26, 2015, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

In 2012, there were 167 incidents of major violence against aid workers in 19 countries.

This 3-day 2-night course helps you be prepared to facilitate the best resolution to 'live' critical incidents and hostage taking.

see attached statistics on Aid Worker Security Report 2015

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/HO\\_AidWorkerSectyPreview\\_V1.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/HO_AidWorkerSectyPreview_V1.pdf)

For directors, crisis management teams, member care providers and church leaders.

For all details please direct to Phil at [sheep100conferencing@gmail.com](mailto:sheep100conferencing@gmail.com)

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**The first South Pacific Region Member Care Conference**

**Member Care Bootcamp: 7-11 Sept 2015 - Australia**

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>

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**USA**

**Missionary Care Foundations Course (MCFC)**

We are pleased to announce that the Missionary Care Foundations Course (MCFC) will be hosted in January 2016 by YWAM Chico in Northern California. Registration will soon be available on their website [www.ywamchico.com](http://www.ywamchico.com) or writing to [schools@ywamchico.com](mailto:schools@ywamchico.com)

Find more Info here:

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/MCFC%202016%20at%20YWAM%20Chico.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/MCFC%202016%20at%20YWAM%20Chico.pdf)

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**Redlands, CA, USA**

**Mind the Gaps: A Senders Forum**

Please mark your calendar for March 3-5, 2016. We would like to invite you to a Senders Forum here in Redlands, CA.

Churches and agencies which have invested in the development of our book will be gathering to discuss best practices in the field of member care. Our keynote speaker will be Neal Pirolo, author of "Serving as Senders", "The Re-Entry Team" and many other resources for churches and missionary care providers. More details will come in September when we open registration on our website: [www.MindTheGaps.org](http://www.MindTheGaps.org)

Find us on Facebook: Mind The Gaps Conference

Follow us on Twitter: @MindTheGapsConf

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**Thailand, Chiang Mai**

**Wellspring Retreat**

Contemplating a change? Need spiritual refreshment? Are you weary? Nearing burnout? burned out? Join us at the 6th 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 reconnect 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 8th, 2015 with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ends Saturday, November 14th, 2015 with lunch

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

17,000 Baht per person (single occupancy)

Where: Horizon Village and Resort [www.horizonvillage.net](http://www.horizonvillage.net)  
More Information: Karen Block [karen.b@thewellcm.com](mailto:karen.b@thewellcm.com)  
Registration: <http://www.thewellintl.org/events>

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**Joplin, MO, USA.**

**ABIDE re-entry retreat & debriefing**

TRAIN International is holding its next ABIDE re-entry retreat & debriefing October 11-16 in Joplin, MO, USA. For more info you can call our offices at 417.625.1400 or visit us at <http://traininternational.org/Abide.html>.

During this 5-day re-entry retreat at our facility overlooking peaceful streams and nestled in 40 acres of oak forest, experienced TRAIN International personnel invest in renewing, debriefing and equipping adults and children for the challenges faced in re-entry.

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## GMCN Facebook group

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

**We just reached 1024 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>

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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](mailto:office@globalmembercare.com).

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