



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) December 2015

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### This month's Sponsor - [ELIM Retreats](#)

#### A RETREAT FOR HOMESCHOOLING MISSIONARY FAMILIES



**For Whom?** Homeschooling missionary families that serve cross culturally. This Retreat is designed to serve the entire family from the teeniest to Mom and Dad and everyone in between.

**What is the purpose?** Providing a time and place for missionary families to recreate, rest, and tell their story in a safe place with caring and experienced people on site to serve them.

**What will this retreat not provide?** In depth counseling; formal missionary debriefing; lots of meetings.

**What is the setting for this retreat?** 1400 private acres of forest, farmland, and over a mile of beach frontage on Lake Huron. Bald eagles, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, canoes, kayaks, hammocks, beach chairs, great swimming, miles of trails on the property, great hiking, biking, tennis, golf, running, tree house. The site is in Michigan, near Port Austin, 3 hours north of Detroit.

**What will this Retreat provide?** A genuine opportunity to be "off". Lots of laughter. Lots of time for yourself. Child care for the littlest; age-appropriate activities for elementary, junior and senior high age students; time alone together for Mom and Dad; whole family fun things to do; a huge use of drama for fun and learning.

**Each family lives in their own fully equipped home on the property. No sharing of space allowed :) All meals provided. The world's greatest ice cream. Worship and creative interaction with God's Word.**

**What are the dates for this Retreat?** September 8-13, 2016

**How many families may attend?** Five families, first come, first served.

**What is the cost?** \$240.00 per family ( yes you've got that right. That's it.)

**Who is this Retreat provided by?** Dayspring, Barnabas International, and ELIM Retreat Ministries.

**How do I register?** [www.elimretreats.org](http://www.elimretreats.org) click on the appropriate dates on the home page.

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## Editorial: Narnia

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The Narnia stories by C.S. Lewis tell us about children who go into a strange land, Narnia, and have great adventures.

Travelling on mission overseas and then returning home can feel like coming back from Narnia. You might have had huge responsibilities in Narnia, fighting battles, but back home you are treated like a little child again - unnoticed. You have changed beyond recognition, and feel like you have been away for a very long time but when you get home it is as if no time has passed at all, and people do not even realise you have been away. No-one wants to listen to your stories. It seems like you really have been to a different world.

When we speak to non-believers about our faith, they might also treat us as if we are speaking about a fantasy world. They can't see that if they would open the door, they too could enter a new way of life which has far more meaning.

As member care people, we try to listen to people's experiences. When Christmas came to Narnia, it was a time of great celebration. May this Christmas be a special time for you also, whether you spend it at home or in a faraway land.

(Debbie Hawker)

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## GLOBAL MAP

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### Northern California

#### **Debriefing & Revival**

Invites all cross-cultural missionaries, educators and humanitarian aid workers for a week of

Feb 07 - 13 | Apr 10 - 16 | Jun 05 - 11 | Oct 23 - 29



[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/DebriefingRevival.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/DebriefingRevival.pdf)

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## RESOURCES

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**Newsletter - The Well Member Care Center Chiang Mai Thailand**

**December 2015**

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=ce1aad204c&e=25f63328eb>

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**YWAM India magazine Lifeline Plus, Member Care special**

**Member Care India special**

Hi were you aware of this bi-lingual YWAM India magazine Lifeline Plus, featuring member care.

[http://issuu.com/lifelineplus/docs/lifelineplus\\_member\\_care](http://issuu.com/lifelineplus/docs/lifelineplus_member_care)

I have this amazing hard copy here with me. It would be good to send this out globally.

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**Are you Returning to Your Home Culture for a Year or More?**

**http://www.ReturningWell.com**

Do you want to return well? You can. Returning Well is a customizable resource designed with the transitioning servant in mind. It creatively leads you through the process of a debriefing that leads to renewal so that you may be fully released to uniquely and wholeheartedly love and serve your Creator in the season of life following re-entry. Find out more (including individual and bulk purchasing options) at <http://www.ReturningWell.com>

I just used this book this past week to plan reentry and debriefing for personnel returning from Bosnia. Good stuff.

Source: Brigada "For a free subscription to Brigada's weekly missions publication, visit Brigada on the web at [www.brigada.org](http://www.brigada.org)."

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**Married in Mission: A handbook for couples in cross-cultural service**

**by Alexis C. Kenny**

I have been working with a young scholar who has written a splendid book about marriages in missions. She asked me to write an endorsement of her book, which I have done.

Here is that endorsement: "This erudite, articulate young author writes with passion about her life as a young, newly married humanitarian worker. The book is unique in three aspects: First, it is fresh, powerful, and stimulating. Secondly, the exercises she has created for sustaining and deepening the marriage relationship are superb. And third, her presentation covers seven stages of ministry, from beginning to reintegration. This volume will be of great value to married workers in mission as well as to those tasked with preparing such workers for service. The bibliography alone is worth the price of the book."

<http://dailytheology.org/2015/10/08/married-in-mission-a-handbook-for-couples-in-cross-cultural-service-a-book-review/>

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**A survey**

**researching experiences of moving to different places and adjusting to them**

Hi, I am a Third Culture Kid who grew up living in America and Taiwan. I'm now working on a PhD in Counseling Psychology and researching experiences of moving to different places and adjusting to them. I'm developing a survey tool to measure how much "global mobility" someone has experienced. A survey like the one I'm developing will pave the way for more research to be done about the impact of living a globally mobile life.

I need participants who are age 18 or older, and who have all different levels of global mobility. So if you've moved around a lot or a little or not at all, please take my survey. It will take about thirty to forty minutes. All responses will be anonymous. If you are willing, click on the link below.

Survey link: <http://tinyurl.com/globalmobilitymeasure>

Thank you! And let me know if you have any questions.  
Sarah Forcey, M.Ed.

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**GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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**European Member Care Consultation - EMCC 10**  
**GERMANY 14-18 MARCH 2016**



**Going and Growing - Mission and Member Care**  
**Bookings now open!**

This is the subject of the 10th European Member Care Consultation which will examine the role of member care in helping those who go not merely to survive but thrive. Peter Nicholl, our Bible teacher, will be bringing us daily studies from the life of Moses to demonstrate different aspects of member care in action.

Other speakers include Inger Bang Carlsen, Ulrike Ernvik, Sarah Lanier and Harry Hoffman. Five workshop streams will tackle different topics including for the first time an introductory **Foundations of Member Care** by Marion Knell which will be an effective entry point for new member care workers. Other streams are **Relationships, Going and Growing through Hard Times, Growing Towards Maturity in Relationships**, and **Trends in Mission**.

EMCC 10 will be held once again in Schönblick, Germany from 14th to 18th March 2016. Please put the date in your diaries now! For more information please click [here](#).

website: [www.membercareeurope.com](http://www.membercareeurope.com)

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**Restenäs, Sweden / North Carolina, USA**

**Advanced Counseling Training Series (ACTS) seminar**

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 an effective instrument in the Master's hands.

Who should consider our two-week intensive seminars?

Those who have the passion and calling to help others heal, grow, and attain the victory and spiritual freedom found only in Christ.

Those who want to be equipped with the tools, skills and understanding to do so—regardless of educational background, previous training or experience, and regardless of the particular populations or cultures they serve. Whether your present mission is counseling, member care, debriefing, working with grief and loss, or working with the victims of trauma, sex trafficking or addictions—or whether your calling is mentoring or leadership, working with marriages and families, conflict resolution or community and group development—we offer you the understanding, the skills and the tools to become effective instruments in the hands of our Master.

For an overview of seminar, as well as information regarding credentials, endorsements, etc., see the attached Information & Overview file.

Locations, Dates & Costs:

Christian Training Center International, North Carolina, USA ([www.lifeisrelationships.com](http://www.lifeisrelationships.com))

Dates: April 10-23, 2016

Costs: \$840 per participant; \$1440 per couple

Restenäs, Sweden (<http://www.ywamrestenas.se/>):

Dates: May 15-28, 2016

Cost: 6,000 Swedish Krona (about \$720-750) per participant

(Note: The cost includes full room and meals for the 13 night and days of the seminar. During the weekend that falls in the middle of the two weeks of the seminar, participants will be free to relax, sight-see, etc.)

Remember that, because we are committed to personalized hands-on training and skill acquisition, the number of participants that we accept for each seminar will be VERY LIMITED. If you are committed and want us to save you a place, send in your application as soon as possible.

For an application form (or any other questions), contact us at [pcrod71@gmail.com](mailto:pcrod71@gmail.com)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/ACTSPOSTER.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/ACTSPOSTER.docx)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/RESTENASFLYER.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/RESTENASFLYER.docx)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2015/InfoACTS%20Module1.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/InfoACTS%20Module1.docx)

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**Liverpool, PA, USA**

**Heartstream - Member Care Course**

Member Care Course, two-weeks, offered by Heartstream Resources in Pennsylvania.

Week 1: Foundations of Member Care

Week 2: Implementation of Member Care

Date: February 9 to 19, 2016

Another course October 4 to 14, 2016

Place: Liverpool, PA, USA

Guest lecturers: Dr. Laura Mae Gardner of SIL and Dr. Margaret Aleg of the Philippines.  
Dr. Lois Dodds will be the instructor of record.

The 70 hours in class covers topics involved in Member Care. (For details see the website.) Many universities give 6 graduate credit hours for the course. For cost see the website: [www.heartstreamresources.org](http://www.heartstreamresources.org)  
Please write to us at [heartstreamresources@hotmail.com](mailto:heartstreamresources@hotmail.com) for further information

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## **Australia**

### **Iron Sharpens Iron**

'Iron Sharpens Iron (Prov 27:17) is a no cost, short-term counselling and respite ministry in Australia for missionaries and development workers, of any denomination and hailing from any country. Please visit [ironsharpensiron@mackaybaptist.org.au](mailto:ironsharpensiron@mackaybaptist.org.au) for more information.

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## **Singapore**

### **Member Care School in Singapore, YWAM**

We are running our fifth Member Care School in Singapore from 4 to 29 July 2016. We have more than 20 topics lined up for this Course such as Debriefing, Conflict Resolution, Cross Cultural Stress, Support Raising, Staff Policies, Counseling, Contingency Planning, Team Work, Relationships between Church, Agency and Missionary, Family, Missionary Kids, Singles, Re-entry and many more

At the end of the Course, the participants are able to develop competency skills in these areas: - conduct a re-entry briefing - do a trauma debriefing - helping others to solve problems - coach others to resolve conflict - set up a member care ministry

PLEASE VISIT [www.ywam.org.sg](http://www.ywam.org.sg) for more details

The Course Consultant and Adviser is Ms Lim Ah Kie, the current leader in Ywam International Member Care  
Please write to [membercare@ywam.org.sg](mailto:membercare@ywam.org.sg)

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## **Izmir, Turkey**

### **Crisis Response Training for Leaders / 4 more seats left**

- The "**Crisis Response Training for Leaders**", also known as the "Member Care While Managing Crisis" workshop, co-facilitated by staff from MMCT (Mobile Member Care Team, [www.mmct.org](http://www.mmct.org)) and Barnabas International.

**Izmir, Turkey. January 13-19, 2016. Open to leaders and member care providers in Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa.**

The Crisis Response Training for Leaders workshop is a 6-day interactive workshop that equips leaders for the strategic member care roles they play during times of crisis.

### **Topics covered include:**

- normal response to crisis
- the stages of grief after loss or trauma
- clarifying one's personal theology of suffering and risk
- maintaining confidentiality and good communication
- assessing vulnerable members
- the when, why and how of debriefings
- how MMCT and local Peer Response Teams can be of service to the missions community

- . crafting helpful policies, procedures and protocols
- . leadership style in crisis

You can find a testimonial re: the CRT for Leaders workshop from a field leader: <http://www.mmct.org/media.php?pageID=59> .

Do feel free to forward this to other team, country and regional leaders in your company who may be interested. There is space for only 24 people.

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## GMCN Facebook group

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

**We just reached 1171 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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