



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) February 2016

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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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## This month's Sponsor - [Entrust](#)

### Multiplying Leaders for Multiplying Churches



A crucial part of member care is equipping leaders in the church with resources to strengthen their ministry effectiveness. All too often, cross-cultural workers and even experienced local church members find themselves struggling when it comes to effectively shepherding small groups, providing biblical counsel, leading Bible studies and organizing specific ministries within the church.

Entrust offers four core [leadership modules](#) designed to address those practical ministry areas. The modules, which build upon each other, are entitled [Facilitating Relational Learning](#), [Developing a Discerning Heart](#), [Discovery Bible Study](#) and [Women Serving Women](#).

Entrust partners with Christian organizations worldwide to equip women in ministry through small group trainings. In 2016, Entrust's Women-to-Women Ministry Training offers training modules in [Switzerland](#), Colorado, Maryland, Texas and Thailand.

You are invited to join a community of women experiencing the scriptures at a Bible-college level, to gain practical training and to build lifetime memories and friendships at one of our beautiful training settings. Let us know how we can serve you!

<http://www.entrust4.org/>

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## Editorial: Good Member Care Begins With A Political Balancing Act

### Good Member Care Begins With A Political Balancing Act An Interview with Naji Abi-Hashem

How do politics and Member Care relate? Politics can limit us from being effective care-providers and create fleeting thoughts and emotions. So whose political views do you adopt as you watch the news and the opinions become considerably diverse?

Naji Abi-Hashem is from Lebanon and provides care, as a psychologist, in the midst of political turmoil. Naji states,

***"the instability and turmoil in many parts of the Middle East and North Africa are serious. However, not all corners of this vast region are in trouble as some news agencies like to portray them."***

A cultural tenant is to adopt the reported news of ones home country as the most objective and complete, since everyone believes in their own media to report a balanced worldview.

Naji's view of events look like this... ***"When I observe the disturbing dynamics; the relentless mini-wars***

**and the systemic destruction of communities, I cannot help but wonder why?... and what are the hidden motives or the blueprints behinds these open-ended wars and the frequent changes of political and military alliances?... who is using who, or manipulating who, in order to advance their own agendas?... where does the cash flow and arms supply come from?... who is buying the oil and selling the weapons?... (the sell of weapons remain the most lucrative business for large countries)? And again..., those who pay the heaviest price, are the small countries and the minorities, like the various Christian communities, some of them are as ancient as the nations themselves." If Naji feels confused - no wonder many struggle to understand the situation from afar.**

**"As a believer, I find myself praying for the leaders and influencers, in low or high places, who are in charge of policies and polarized ideologies. I intercede fervently for those who are paying the price of violence as victims. I pray against those with bad intentions (control, greed) and against the hidden dark forces (personal or spiritual) at work in our world." Prayer needs to be our focus as we seek God's view.**

**"I am from Lebanon, a small country of 4 million (which has not recovered from years of strife and other people's wars on its land causing internal divisions). Lebanon has about two million Syrians, half a million Iraqis, half a million Palestinians who have been there for six generations, and a quarter million of East Asian laborers. I feel puzzled as I watch the news as the whole continent of Europe is overwhelmed with the care of 1 million refugees." That is a different perspective!**

**"The past months in Lebanon have been intense. I served among many caregivers who are trying their best to accommodate the migrants and be a blessing as the salt and light of Christ in the midst of serious chaos. Some are drained; their energy and resources are depleted. Yet, they are diligently pressing hard and providing physical and spiritual care as much as they are able." I wonder what is the care-givers perspective, faith, and motivation that they can continue to press forward in providing care?**

Maybe they have a kingdom perspective because they see... **"many positive results that are encouraging and rewarding. Plenty of displaced peoples are inquiring about the Christian faith and life. They are seeking the Lord and His comfort, and becoming followers of Christ, openly or secretly, each depending on their own family dynamics, religious openness, and social flexibility."**

Now that is God's perspective - even when we do not understand. To be effective care-givers one must protect their mind and emotions as different political views are spoken loudly and different geopolitical dynamics are implemented. Let the mind of Christ be in you (Phil. 2:5) and the "things God has revealed to you by his Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:10).

Roni Pruitt

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## Looking for...

### Looking for a Psychologist to join the InterHealth team in Kenya

InterHealth is looking for a clinical psychologist/psychotherapist to join our team in Kenya, leading our psychological health department. This is a really exciting time to join our management team as we enter into our third year of operations in Kenya. Demand for our psychological health services has been high since opening, particularly in responding to crises, stress management & building resilience. We are looking for a highly motivated, qualified and experienced clinician to champion our innovative approach.

The key aspects of the role will include management of psychological health services and training for InterHealth Kenya (across the region); delivery and development of new services, training & staff/member care interventions; and profile building amongst clients, peers and donors. There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the Director of Wellbeing & Psychosocial Care should be a Christian with an active personal Christian belief. I have attached the Job Description and Person Specification. Further information is also available on our website: <https://www.interhealthworldwide.org/home/about-us/jobs/>

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/jd-director-of-wellbeing-psychosocial-care.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/jd-director-of-wellbeing-psychosocial-care.doc)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/ps-director-of-wellbeing-psychosocial-care.doc](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/ps-director-of-wellbeing-psychosocial-care.doc)

Do you know of someone who might be interested in this role? I would be grateful if you could share this email or introduce me to anyone you think might be interested.

Lastly, I would appreciate your prayers as we recruit for this role. It is a significant role for our regional centre and

we are really excited to welcome the successful candidate to our team!

Thank you for your support!

Leanne [leanne.kennedy@interhealthworldwide.org](mailto:leanne.kennedy@interhealthworldwide.org)

## RESOURCES

### The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai - Newsletter

February 2016

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=5917c0e6f8&e=25f63328eb>

### Book: SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT FOR CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

Multiple studies estimate that Americans spend over \$2B annually on short-term missions. With the rising cost of travel and the increased number of agencies providing short-term mission opportunities, this figure is sure to rise. When the cost of study abroad and student exchange programs is added in, the figure soars astronomically. Unfortunately, most participants enjoy the experience but after returning to their home culture become so absorbed in their present activity that they fail to experience significant spiritual transformation from the encounter. **Many believe that intentional debriefing is crucial for facilitating spiritual growth after a cultural experience.** Yet very few resources are dedicated to this specific step. Now What? Spiritual Discernment for Cultural Encounters is one such resource. Using a combination of reflection questions and Ignatian principles, this workbook facilitates spiritual discernment in the lives of those who have traveled abroad. It moves participants from short-term missions to long-term maturity, from tourism to transformation.

<http://www.drgarygreen.org/>

### Africa Member Care Network - Newsletter

January 2016

[us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=d71402d1e7&e=a3dbaa64df](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=d71402d1e7&e=a3dbaa64df)

### iNet

'Accompaniment: A new model for support?' by John Baxter-Brown

<http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/baxterbrown.htm>

## GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

### Underberg, South Africa

#### MISSIONARY RENEWAL RETREAT

We invite missionary workers across the globe that need to respond to God's call for a time of restoration, support and strengthening...

**Purpose:** To provide encouragement for missionaries to thrive through spiritual, emotional and physical care.

**Date:** 24 April – 1 May 2016

**Theme:** Body of Christ

**Cost:** R950 per person (R500 payable upon registration, the remainder by 31 March 2016)

**Location:** Close to Underberg, on a tranquil farm setting in the breathtaking Drakensberg of Kwazulu Natal, South Africa (transport will be provided from Durban International Airport).

**Hosted by:** Terebinth Ministries

**About us:** We have a passion for seeing the field workers of Christ being healthy and strong; focused and equipped to effectively implement the vision that God entrusted to them.

**How to book:** For an application form or more information, email [christina.dutoit@dst.gov.za](mailto:christina.dutoit@dst.gov.za)

[www.terebinthministries.co.za](http://www.terebinthministries.co.za)

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**Ankara, Turkey.**

**Cross-Cultural Risk Assessment and Management (RAM) Training**

The Cross-Cultural Risk Assessment and Management (RAM) Training will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, 2016 in Ankara, Turkey. The time is 8:45 am – 5 pm both days. Only 30 spaces are available for registration. The workshop is sequential and systematic, building on an understanding of risk biblically, emotionally, and practically, integrating a holistic approach to the psychology and spirituality of practical risk assessment and management. It is based on the book, "Facing Danger: A Guide Through Risk" by Anna Hampton, Condeo Press, Fall, 2016.

The RAM workshop is open to all workers in the field, leaders, team members, and English-speaking local believers.

To request the full RAM Brochure which describes each session and to receive the registration form, please send a request to [memcare@pobox.com](mailto:memcare@pobox.com).

Topics Covered include:

**Biblical Understanding of Risk**

- Connecting the OT and NT on Risk
- How to Write a Statement of Conviction on Risk.

**Cross-Cultural Risk Assessment**

- Stewardship of Resources
- Danger Risk Assessment
- Discernment of Holy Spirit
- The 12 Risk Myths
- Your Risk Planning Action Guide

**Cross-Cultural Risk Management**

- Leading Your Team Well in Risk
- Wise Risk Communication
- Children and Risk
- Coping Mechanisms and Endurance
- Decision Making
- Psychology and Emotions of Risk

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## **Victoria, Australia**

### **Spiritually Aware Member Care**

a course we are running in Victoria, Australia, called Spiritually Aware Member Care, which will be led by Stephen & Jocelyn Head of Heartstream.

Find more info in attached brochure

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/Brochure.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/Brochure.pdf)

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## **Jerash, Jordan**

### **Middle East Member Care Conference**

September 22-25, 2016

Organised by "Middle East Member Care (MEMC)"

Find more info here: [http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/2016MEMCFlyer.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/2016MEMCFlyer.pdf)

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## **InterHealth Training Programme, UK, Africa**

Founded in 1989 by Marjory Foyle, Veronica Moss & Ted Lankester, InterHealth was established to provide whole person healthcare for missionaries serving around the world. We remain committed to the vision of our Founders.

Support services for missionaries includes counselling, medical care, training and health kits.

We are excited to share with you upcoming dates for our training programme.

<b>Training</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
Kidnap Avoidance & Hostage Survival	10 February	London, United Kingdom
Common Travel Health Risks ( free seminar)	24 February	London, United Kingdom
Hostile Environment & Remote Operations First Aid (HERO)	23 & 24 February	Juba, South Sudan
First Aid for Drivers	25 February	Juba, South Sudan
Stress & Personal Resilience for Managers	25 February	Nairobi, Kenya
Basic Trauma First Aid	29 February	Nairobi, Kenya
Deploying to Disasters ( in partnership with ILS)	7 & 9 March	London, United Kingdom
Management of Sexual Assaults	8 March	Nairobi, Kenya
Stress & Personal Resilience for Missionaries	9 March	Nairobi, Kenya
Trauma & Psychological First Aid	16 & 17 March	London, United Kingdom
First Aid for Families	17 March	Nairobi, Kenya

Family Liaison in Crisis	5 & 6 April	London, United Kingdom
Trauma & Psychological First Aid	14 & 15 April	Nairobi, Kenya
Management of Sexual Assaults	19 April	Juba, South Sudan
Travel Health & First Aid	21 April	London, United Kingdom
Hostile Environment & Remote Operations First Aid (HERO)	20 & 21 April	Juba, South Sudan
Trauma & Psychological First Aid	20 & 21 April	Juba, South Sudan
Basic Trauma First Aid	8 May	Somaliland
Stress & Personal Resilience for Managers	9 May	Somaliland
Hostile Environment & Remote Operations First Aid (HERO)	9 & 10 May	Somaliland
Trauma & Psychological First Aid	9 & 10 May	Somaliland
Cultivating Personal Resilience	18 May	London, United Kingdom
Family Liaison in a Crisis	18 May	Nairobi, Kenya

Full details of InterHealth's training can be found on our website: [www.interhealthworldwide.org/home/training-events/training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org](http://www.interhealthworldwide.org/home/training-events/training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org)

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**Biola University, LaMirada, California, USA**

**MK ReEntry Seminar**

17-29 July 2016

Narramore Christian Foundation (NCF) is pleased to offer this 12-day intensive seminar for MKs as they enter North American culture to attend college or university. **Orientation:** We'll talk about American culture—the good and bad, college life, friendships, dating, and finances. **Assessment:** Personality tests to help you assess your personal adjustment and identify growth edges. **Fun:** the California beach, Knott's Berry Farm, pool party, games, sports, GREAT FOOD and more! **Adjustment:** Christian educators and counselors, with a heart for missions and a love for teens, will encourage and guide you in addressing areas for personal, social, and spiritual growth. **Challenge:** Daily meetings, nightly dorm devotions, and informal conversations with staff and fellow MKs will challenge you to trust God more fully and give new understanding to the Christian life.

Registration: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1794378> or <https://www.facebook.com/NCFMKREENTRY/> .

Cost: \$525

For more information, write Cindy at [ncf.seminars@gmail.com](mailto:ncf.seminars@gmail.com)

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**Malaga, Spain.**

**Adelante resiliency training**

We will be hosting our Adelante resiliency training once again on May 2016 here in Malaga, Spain. Adelante 2016 a holistic assessment, coaching, and resiliency training experience for workers living and serving cross-culturally, who have been in their current context between 1-4 years

<http://www.sentwell.org/>

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/Adelante%202016%20invite%20flier.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/Adelante%202016%20invite%20flier.pdf)

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**Antalya, Turkey**

**Counseling & Member Care Seminar**

9-21 October 2016

Narramore Christian Foundation (NCF) is pleased to once again sponsor continuing education close to where you live and work. This year the Counseling and Member Care Seminar will be held at the beautiful Akka Alinda Hotel in Kemer, Turkey, just outside Antalya.

As a cross-cultural worker, you are often called upon to counsel and support a great variety of people. Yet, academic or pre-field training rarely equips you to adequately deal with the many problems you encounter in serving others. To meet this need, NCF has developed this intensive seminar for those who desire to care well for their Kingdom workers. This seminar has blessed more than 2,000 people and will bless you, too! Instructors will emphasize a strong integration of biblical truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques that will increase your member care, counseling, and listening skills.

[www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2016/Application2016NCF\\_CMCS.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/Application2016NCF_CMCS.docx)

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**USA, Grand Rapids**

**"Member Care At The Edge: Keeping Pace With Changing Dynamics In Missions"**

Great Lakes Member Care In-service 2016

THEME: "Member Care At The Edge: Keeping Pace With Changing Dynamics In Missions"

PURPOSE: The contours of world missions are changing fast! What are those macro changes and how can member care providers be sure that ministries of member care are continuing to adapt to these changes with effectiveness and relevance?

PLENARY SPEAKERS: Steve Richardson, President, Pioneers-USA DATE: May 7th, 2016

<http://www.elimretreats.org/servant-reg.php>

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**USA, Europe**

**Barnabas Zentrum - Debrief/Re-Entry/Transitions**

**Barnabas Zentrum has counseling retreats for Debrief/Re-Entry/Transitions along with other retreats for intense counseling and spiritual renewal.**

Barnabas Zentrum is specially designed to strengthen the lives of Christian workers who are serving in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and North Central and South America. It serves as an interdenominational personal and marital retreat center for missionaries, pastors and others in church and para church staff positions. Below are the dates for the spring retreats in Europe and USA. Please check out our web site for further information at:

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

**Retreats in USA** Grand Junction, CO

Mar 13, 2016 - Mar 19, 2016 Debrief/Transition Retreat

Mar 27, 2016 - Apr 8, 2016 Singles/Couples Retreat

**Retreats in Europe**

Apr 17, 2016 - Apr 29, 2016 Singles/Couples Retreat **Samobor, Croatia**

May 29, 2016 - Jun 9, 2016 Family Retreat **Millstatt, Austria**

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## GMCN Facebook group

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

**We just reached 1280 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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