



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) March 2016

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### This month's Sponsor - [Barnabas' Equipping Women 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 5th annual Equipping Women International (EWI) module called Facilitating Relational Learning. This 1st 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, module #2, will also be offered for returning participants.

The training will be held at The Horizon Village Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 25th to November 3th, 2016. The early registration price break ends May 25th, 2016, so we encourage you to inquire now. Final registration closes July 25th. A 3-month lead time is necessary for completion of the preparation work. See [www.barnabas.org/ewi](http://www.barnabas.org/ewi) for details of module descriptions, syllabi, application form, FAQ & registration info, or write

Debbie at [dlamp@barnabas.org](mailto:dlamp@barnabas.org).

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

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



*Traction* is a 6-day experience **September 14-20, 2016** 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 week will deal squarely with issues guys contend with:

- Managing stress, isolation and opposition
- Reconnecting to God through prayer
- Cultivating the character of authentic leadership
- Honoring God with our sexuality
- Persevering with courage and trust in the face of challenges

All of this will be approached within the context of life as an international worker. The mornings at *Traction* are given to these issues while the afternoons are free for counseling appointments, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection.

Teams and individuals are welcome. We have room for about 80 men; space is filled on a first come, first served basis. Registration fees include shared accommodations (2-3 per room), all meals, and programming. A non-refundable \$150 deposit (in USD) paid to Catalyst Int'l is required at the time of registration. Balance of 500 CHF (Swiss Francs) is due upon arrival at Credo.

**REGISTER AT** [Catalystintl.org](http://Catalystintl.org)

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

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## Editorial: A Shepherd's Heart

### A Shepherd's Heart

In a recent visit to Israel, our Tour guide asked if we know the significance of the shepherd hanging a sheep over his shoulders. This Arab Palestinian Christian told us that the shepherd intentionally broke the legs of the particular one which was prone to wander off. He then carried this sheep over his shoulders till the legs get healed over the weeks. During that time bonding took place and a special relationship developed between them. Never would this sheep stray away from the shepherd again.

We are very much like this sheep prone to stray. In His love and mercy, our good and great Shepherd

allow difficulties and suffering to come our way to keep us close to Him and know His tender care. During such times, our walk deepened in close intimacy as He comforts, soothes our pain and touches our heart and soul as we stay close to Him. Those precious moments form spiritual landmarks and posts to remind us of His unfailing love and faithfulness. As caregivers, we then become under-shepherds to comfort others as we have received comfort from our true Shepherd.

By Belinda Ng  
Global Member Care Network Board Member  
Member Care Consultant, Singapore

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## GLOBAL MAP

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### Uganda, Kampala

#### **Tumaini is opening its first satellite office in Kampala**

We have the exciting news that, after 25 years in Nairobi, Tumaini is opening its first satellite office in Kampala. We feel very blessed to have veteran counsellor Judith Finkbeiner heading up this endeavor. We expect that the counselling centre will be a valuable resource for missionaries serving in central Africa, especially in places such as CAR and South Sudan. A document about the Kampala services is attached.

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

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### Southern Spain

#### **Haggai's Harvest**

Haggai's Harvest is a ministry of helps and encouragement to the Christian believers in Spain. Our mission is to build up, encourage, and harvest the Church in Spain to be a vital part of the Body of Christ among the nations.

<http://www.haggaiharvest.com/index.html>

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We live in El Puerto de Santa Maria, Spain in the province of Cadiz. We are very much aware of the emotional, financial, and physical stress that missionaries face here in Spain and in other European nations.

When we rented our home we specifically looked for a home with a separate floor, bedroom, sitting room, bathroom, and separate door so that we could one day host missionaries walking through difficult situations.

It is my desire to open our home for up to 9 days at time for missionaries and their families who are needing some counseling services but don't have the resources or perhaps the time to return to the US for those services. I would provide those services for them: individual, marital, or family therapy whatever they are currently needing. It would also be intermixed with some time for them to rest because our home is in a very calm neighborhood and is within walking distance to the beach.

I am also a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, licensed by the State of Arkansas and completed my Masters of Counseling degree at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas in 2009.

<http://www.haggaiharvest.com/index.html>

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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.

For more information please visit [www.ironsharpensiron.mackaybaptist.org.au](http://www.ironsharpensiron.mackaybaptist.org.au)

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## RESOURCES

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## **The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai Thailand**

### **Re-Entry and Refreshing**

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=e4c56afae1&e=25f63328eb>

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<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f9ca722038&e=25f63328eb>

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### **Book review: 'Married in Mission**

#### **A Handbook for Couples in Cross-Cultural Service' by Alexis Kenny**

<http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/reviews/marriedinmission.htm>

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### **"Bribery and the Bible:" Free Download—**

Published in Singapore in 1991 by Campus Crusade Asia Limited, this book gives a Biblical perspective on bribery and extortion and applies that perspective to bribery issues in one country. After five chapters defining bribery and extortion and considering what both the Old Testament and the New Testament say about them, Richard Langston applies Scripture to the bribery problem in the Philippines where he served. His insights will be helpful wherever you serve. The book is now 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. You can't beat the price. Find it at...

[http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#bribery\\_bible](http://www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#bribery_bible)

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### **research project**

#### **Special Families: Insights into the care and management needs of ASD-impacted mission personnel serving globally**

A dissertation proposal for the degree of MA in Member Care

**PURPOSE:** This research will seek to identify the needs of special needs families in mission in order to provide sufficient member care from a church and agency perspective, considering elements of selection, placement and ongoing support requirements (medical, educational, etc.). I am currently looking for families who are or have attempted to serve in an overseas ministry placement which has been impacted by a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or other developmental challenges (ADHD, Tourette's, etc.) The goal is to help give these families a voice to speak into the process of mission in order to help provide greater supportive care both now and in the future for similar families. This will also give agencies a better understanding of how to best process and send families with special needs. The overarching goal is towards preventable attrition, knowledgeable member care, and increased productivity with decreased trauma and better general outcomes.

The research will include a brief questionnaire to be filled out by sending agencies, and a slightly longer questionnaire to be completed by families identified as falling under the research criteria. This proposed research has passed approval by an independent ethics board, and research participants will be kept anonymous and confidential. Research will be completed by 30 June 2016. All participants will receive a copy of the research results once marked if desired. Please contact Deanna Richey via email [Deanna.richey@sim.org](mailto:Deanna.richey@sim.org) to register your interest ASAP.

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### **Canada**

#### **Canadian MK Network**

April 16, 2016, a benefit concert for MKs...poster attached

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

The Canadian MK Network is pleased to present a benefit concert that raises the awareness of the missionary family needs, with special emphasis on MKs. The concert is hosted in Abbotsford, B.C., Canada, although the funds raised will come from sources globally.

July 16-22, ReBoot Ontario...poster attached

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

The Canadian MK Network is pleased to provide a re-entry retreat for MKs repatriating to Canada. We also welcome MKs who have already repatriated but have yet to attend a re-entry retreat. A one week long retreat available either in Ontario at the Emmanuel Bible College Campus in Kitchener, or in Alberta at the Ambrose University Campus in Calgary. Both offer MKs an opportunity to build relationships with fellow MKs, and work through aspects of Identity, Developing Healthy Relationships, understanding Canadian Culture, Faith on Canadian Campus, Safety & Security, MKs careers, managing personal finances, and more.

August 6-12, ReBoot Alberta...poster attached

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

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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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**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.

[http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar\\_thailand01.php](http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_thailand01.php)

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**Malaga, Spain**

**Adelante 2016**

May 11-16, 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://us11.forward-to-friend.com/forward/show?u=796f8c4f9565aa1e09a106bf8&id=3be950b577>

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## **Nairobi, Kenya**

### **Restore: A Counselling Intensive Program**

offered for missionaries by Tumaini Counselling Centre Nairobi & AlongsideUSA

15-26 August, 2016

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

and

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

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## **Mongolia, Erdenet**

### **Member Care Course**

Aug 8-19, 2016

Member Care Course, Erdenet, Mongolia

MCC is a YWAM registered course in Mongolia and open to non-YWAM as long as they fulfill experience qualifications and there is space available. for more info please contact: [Undaraa819@gmail.com](mailto:Undaraa819@gmail.com)

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## **Nairobi, Kenya**

### **Member Care Foundations Course (MCFC)**

Oct 31-18 Nov.

Member Care Foundations Course (MCFC), Nairobi, Kenya.

For information on that one write to [randy4africa@gmail.com](mailto:randy4africa@gmail.com)

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## **Calgary, Canada.**

### **Debriefing retreats,**

July 25 - 28th. 4 day, non-residential retreat in NW Calgary. Cost \$325 per person.

September 20- 23rd. 4 day, residential retreat at a retreat centre 30km northwest of Calgary. Cost \$500 per person.

More details at [www.beracah.ca/the-emmaus-journey](http://www.beracah.ca/the-emmaus-journey)

or download the Flyer

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

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## **East Coast USA**

### **Le Rucher**

Le Rucher East Coast USA is an association of individuals on the East Coast of the United States, who are certified debriefers in the Le Rucher model of debriefing. We provide debriefing and training in affiliation with Le Rucher Ministries in France - [lerucher.org](http://lerucher.org).

Le Rucher East Coast USA has been offering debriefing retreats under the leadership of Sarah Lanier (author of the book "Foreign to Familiar") since 2013. These retreats are held at Fellowship Valley Christian Retreat Center, located just north of Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The debriefing team has over one hundred years of field experience between them. Many of them are either trained counselors or have had years of pastoral experience.

The next debriefing retreats will be August 21-26, and September 18-23. More information is on the website:

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

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## Ankara, Turkey and Jordan

### **Risk Assessment and Management Trainings**

There are two common mistakes made in assessing probability: rating only one element of a risk event, or assuming the risk event has occurred and rating the probability of the consequence. The upcoming Risk Assessment and Management Training (RAM) will give a methodological way to account for holistic risk assessment, teach risk mitigating principles which will guide in reading Scriptures, as well as help flesh out a holistic Theology of Risk integrating spirituality, Bible study, and emotions.

These issues and much more will be addressed in the Risk Assessment and Management Training (RAM). This adult-facilitated workshop is geared to men and women, from newer folks to veterans and leaders. Local English speaking followers are warmly welcome, too. 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 Included:

Bible Background - Connecting the OT and NT on Risk, How to write a personal statement on risk , Risk Assessment and Management , \*Stewardship of Resources , \*Danger Risk Assessment , \*Discernment of Holy Spirit , \*The 12 Risk Myths , \*Risk Planning Action Guide , \*Shepherding Your Team Well in Risk , \*Wise Risk Communication , \*Children and Risk , \*Coping Mechanisms and Endurance , \*Decision-Making , \*Psychology and Emotions of Risk

1. RAM Training in **Ankara, Turkey on April 18-19, 2016**. Cost is \$100 and write to [nealghampton@gmail.com](mailto:nealghampton@gmail.com). Neal will help arrange accommodations at local hotels.

2. **JERASH, JORDAN, SEPTEMBER 21 and 22** at Olive Branch Hotel. This training is before the 2016 Middle East Member Care Conference. Cost of training is \$100

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## Sri Lanka

### **Membercare Consultation in May 2016.**

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

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## Accra, Ghana

### **Crisis Response Training**

The **Mobile Member Care Team** of West Africa will be having a **Crisis Response Training** in Accra, Ghana on July 20 - 27, 2016. Anyone having completed the workshop Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills is invited to apply for taking the Peer Responder track of the training. Leaders of mission organizations are invited to attend and follow the Leader Track of the training. For more details or to register please contact Sue Schmidt at [sue.schmidt@mmct.org](mailto:sue.schmidt@mmct.org)

The deadline for registration is June 1, 2016.

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## **GMCN Facebook group**

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

### **We just reached 1332 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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