



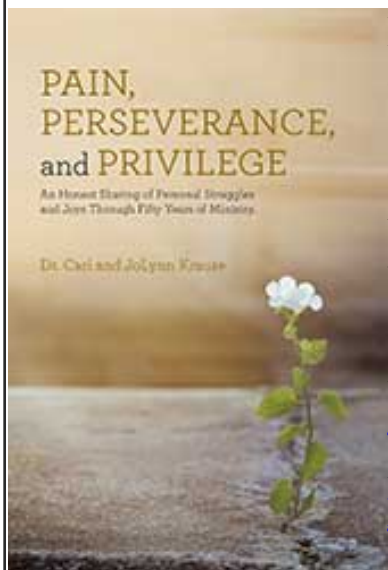
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This months Sponsor - Book: Pain, Perseverance, and Privilege



Pain, Perseverance, and Privilege: An Honest Sharing of Personal Struggles and Joys Through Fifty Years of Ministry

Carl and JoLynn Krause have written a book which is an honest sharing of personal struggles and joys throughout their fifty years of ministry both as pastor and missionary. The following is the information for you to be able to receive a copy in one of the formats mentioned below.

Available now from WestBow Press – A division of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan

www.westbowpress.com

Also available on-line at WestBow press, [Barnes and Noble](#), Amazon, or your local Book Stores.

<https://www.amazon.com/Pain-Perseverance-Privilege-Struggles-Ministry/dp/1512764752>

Editorial: Church and mission agency partnership

As I ponder about Missions today, I see more unprecedented challenges, especially when we focus on the least reached around the world. It is apparent that we serve better together, sharing expertise and resources. No one group is vested with all the resources, skills, experiences or personnel for the ministry. We need also to mobilize and walk alongside all, expatriate and local co-workers whom God has brought into the ministry, team and vision.

It has been a great encouragement for me to be involved in a church and mission agency partnership in Singapore for the past two years. What began as a member care initiative morphed into something beyond our expectation. Under the leadership of a church pastor, together with four churches and three mission agencies we met regularly to work on real case studies. The transparency, vulnerability and humility were heart-warming, to say the least, as we learned together, wrestled with the issues and looked at the way forward, usually out of 'messy' situations. As partners in this pilot project, we value the input so much that the idea of publishing the papers was mooted.



This month we will celebrate the publication of the book, “Churches & Missions Agencies TOGETHER” a relational model for partnership practice. The book is [available on Amazon Kindle](#) if you are interested to know what the shared core values are and how this model can be replicated in your context.

Belinda Ng
Executive Board Member, GMCN
Singapore

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

WHEN and WHERE is the next Global Member Care Network Conference

We are making progress :-)

Where: We are currently in discussion with a suitable facility in Quito Ecuador, which according to some sources is one of the most beautiful cities in South America.

When: Some time between August - October 2018 (next year)

Please keep on praying for our conference working team, as we prepare for this next strategic Global Member Care conference in 2018. After Asia-focused Thailand2012 and Middle-East-focused Turkey2015, we will focus now on Member Care in the Latin American Mission Movement. The conference will be held at least bilingually in Spanish and English.

Any suggestions or questions, please contact me at globalmembercare@gmail.com (Harry Hoffmann)



URGENT! New Leaders needed for Eagles Rest Center in South Thailand

If you have ever recognized the need to work with the Asian national pastors and families - specifically those who live and serve in poverty, then this is for you. Eagles Rest Foundation www.eagles-rest.info is in need of someone dedicated to this purpose and willing/able to be self-supporting in a Thailand context. The Foundation was registered in 2009 and has been run by my family with the support of Thai Board members.

For family reasons, we have to leave Thailand mid-year so it is important to locate those who will carry on the work here. Our current properties are rented but well set up for the ministry we provide.

Those taking on the position should have a passion for those who struggle in ministry through poverty, persecution, hardships and discouragement. Also, a strong commitment to hospitality, and just as important, the ability to take Eagles Rest Foundation to the next level of service.

For further information, please email Janene TODAY : director@eagles-rest.info and [download doc here for more Info](#)

GLOBAL MAP

Slovakia, Europe

The Good Book Oasis – SK

The Good Book Oasis in Slovakia provides a peaceful setting where you can refresh spiritually, emotionally, mentally and

physically. They welcome all full-time-Christian-workers who need a break to come for a week or even a weekend and experience the Lord's peace. For reservations or inquiries please e-mail Amber at: amber.stark@lifeimpactministries.net

Suggested Donations:
Single/Couple 20€/night
Family 25€/night

Please note: we run this ministry on a donations-only basis, please do not let finances keep you from enjoying a much-needed rest

<http://www.lifeimpactministries.net/project/slovakia/>

RESOURCES

masters thesis research

Are you a serial expat?

You live in minimum the second foreign country and have been abroad for at least 8 years? Would you have 15 minutes to answer easy questions in my survey about the culture of serial expats? I am trying to discover more about how we adjust our culture when we stay abroad for extensive times and in different countries for my masters thesis. There aren't that many serial expats and your answer would be important. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SERIALEXPAT>

For Your Korean Colleagues....: Free Downloads—

Member Care brochures for Korean missionaries

Member Care brochures for Korean missionaries serving around the world are available from the All Nations Mission Center. A total of 87 brochures are available in Korean as free downloads in pdf.

They are divided into three categories:

- (1) 60 General issues which all missionaries face,
- (2) 16 marriage issues, and
- (3) 11 singles issues.

If you are on a multicultural team or know other Korean missionaries, please send them this link. They can't beat the price. Find the brochures at...

<http://www.anmcusa.org> (click "brochure" at top center)

10 Ways to Care for Someone (When Nothing Will Fix It)

Useful tips <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/irreverin/2017/01/10-ways-care-person-crisis/>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Austria, Europa

Servant Care International (formerly Sonshine Ministries)

Servant Care International (formerly Sonshine Ministries) would like to invite you to our 1st Novella Retreat, specifically designed for missionaries.

It will be taking place from September 21st through September 25th. in Millstatt, Austria.

Please visit our website for more details. <https://www.servantcareintl.org/retreats>

Our goal is to provide honest, heartfelt teaching, music, and lots of down time. Our purpose is to bring encouragement to God's

global servants and help them to reconnect with our Lord in one of the most beautiful countries in the world. If you know anyone else that may be interested in this retreat, please pass this information on to them. Serving His Servants, Bill and Sue Stukenberg servantcareintl@gmail.com

USA

Face2Face course by OM People Care

05th – 21st May 2017, F2F in the US 17th Nov – 3rd Dec 2017, F2F in Europe

Find full info in attached pdf flyer http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/F2Fflyer2017_18.pdf

Penang, Malaysia

5th Asia Member Care Network Conference

Member Care in a Disorderly Word

5th Asia Member Care Network Conference

April 24-28, 2017

Penang, Malaysia

Speakers & Workshop Leaders: Perry Bradford, Dr Lois Dodds, Dr Mark Toh, and many others

Costs: RM\$1040

Register here: <http://lifejourneycentre.com/index.html>

For more information please contact: Dr David Tan or Warren Lawrence asiamembercarenetwork@gmail.com

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/AMCN2017.pdf

Kyrgyzstan & Tajikistan

Family Education Conference 2017-

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan March 19-22, 2017

Dushanbe, Tajikistan March 27-29, 2017

SHARE Education Services helps expatriate families living in Europe, Russia, and Central Asia with their children's education needs. With a caring, compassionate staff of educators and years of international experience, we understand the joys and challenges of raising a family in a cross-cultural environment. We offer help in a variety of areas, including:

- Choosing a schooling option
- Deciding what curriculum to use
- Support through transitions
- Determining learning issues and challenges
- Resource help

And so much more! Whatever your concern is regarding your child's education, SHARE Education Services is here for you.

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

Switzerland, Europe

Traction for Men 2017

Traction is a 6-day renewal experience **September 20-26, 2017** for men working cross-culturally. 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.

It focuses on issues like:

1. - Managing stress, isolation and opposition
2. - Reconnecting with God
3. - Cultivating the character of authentic leadership
4. - Honoring God with our sexuality

5. - Persevering with courage and trust in the face of challenges

The week includes worship, teaching, counseling, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection in one of the most spectacular natural settings on earth! Individuals and teams are welcome. Register at catalystintl.org

Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Counseling & Member Care Seminar

Narramore Christian Foundation is hosting this 12-day seminar **October 8-20, 2017**, in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Designed for cross-cultural workers—those who would like to develop their member care skills or develop member care within their context or for their company, pastors, administrators, team leaders, and those who counsel and listen to people—this intensive training offers practical psychological insights and counseling techniques with a strong integration of biblical and theological truth. Daily worship, individual consultation, networking, and daily breakout groups to apply and practice what is learned make this a rich and life-changing experience

Contact Cindy Hibma, Seminar Coordinator, at ncf.seminars@gmail.com for an application form. For more information, go to http://ncfliving.org/what_we_do/counseling-member-care-seminar.html.

USA - southern California

MK ReEntry Seminar

Narramore Christian Foundation (NCF) is pleased to offer this 12-day intensive seminar at Biola University in southern California for MKs as they enter North American culture to attend college or university, or take a gap year.

Orientation: We'll talk about American culture—the good and bad, college life, friendships, dating, and finances.

Assessment: Personality tests will help you assess your personal adjustment and identify growth edges.

Fun: Newport Beach, Knott's Berry Farm, pool party, games, sports, great food and more!

Adjustment: Christian educators and counselors with a heart for Kingdom service 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.

When: **Sunday, July 16 - Friday, July 28 2017.** Register at <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1914983>. Interested? Go to http://ncfliving.org/what_we_do/mk-reentry-seminar.html or write Cindy at ncf.seminars@gmail.com.

Poland



Alongside “Renewal and Growth” Program in POLAND (April 9-21, 2017)

ALONGSIDE and Barnabas International are co-hosting a 2-week version of ALONGSIDE'S well-known counseling-intensive program from April 9-21, 2017 at the Proem Conference Center in Zakoscile, Poland (120 km from the Warsaw Chopin Airport Proem). This program is intended for those looking for high-quality, daily professional counseling along with teaching on spiritually healthy emotions and relationships. An intensive program is often a wise and cost-effective early intervention when serious difficulties are surfacing. Whole families are welcome and child care/activities are provided as well.

To apply go to www.alongsidecares.net or for more information contact info@alongsidecares.net

GMCN Facebook group

We just reached 1822 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>

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.

Subscribe: go here: <https://app.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/k8h5i8>