



Global Member Care Network (GMCN)

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This month's Sponsor - [Barnabas' Equipping Women International](#)



You are warmly invited to the sixth annual Equipping Women International's Fall 2017 **Chiang Mai, Thailand** session—Oct. 31-Nov. 9th—Application and Registration is NOW OPEN.

Visit the EWI webpage, www.barnabas.org/ewi for all details, information and Application and Registration forms. Please pass this invite on to all women in ministry for their continued education and spiritual growth.

Early Bird (price break) application & registration closes May 25th; regular application & registration is open now and closes July 25th. We encourage you to check it out now. A three month lead time is ideal for course preparation work. Training to be held at the beautiful Horizon Village Resort near Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Please don't hesitate to write and ask questions. Contact: dlamp@barnabas.org.

NOTE: This is a Barnabas International sponsored ministry in partnership with www.entrust4.org

Editorial: Member Care

There is no doubt that the ministry of member care is multi-leveled and multi-faceted. Multi-leveled in the cooperation of mission agencies, churches, individual caregivers and crisis agencies; multifaceted in the diversity of need of each individual field worker in each of numerous ministry locations and situations.

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

The Scriptural foundation for this most-needed and, unfortunately, still most-neglected aspect of the missions process, is found in the Letter of Romans, written later in the ministry of Paul, the Apostle. He had heard of an Unreached People Group in Spain.

After all, that was his life verse and working principle: *“I have strived to preach the Gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man’s foundation.”* This, of course, was based upon Isaiah’s statement: *“To whom He was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.”* (Romans 15:20,21)

By the time Paul got to Romans 10, he was ready to spell out for us the whole missions process. Using the Gapless Linear Logic form of reasoning so well understood by the people of that day, Paul laid out his premise in verse 13. And because he had something very important to say, he established that premise in Scripture by quoting Joel 2:32: *“Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be SAVED.”* There it is! Using all the varied and creative means available to us, the goal of all missions endeavor is the salvation of the lost. Certainly, as John Piper takes it one step further: *“that worship for all of eternity will result.”* Now, Paul begins a series of four (not three) questions with each new thought directly (without a gap) connected to the previous thought. Thus, he must begin his reasoning with the thought of calling. Question One: *“How shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed?”* An easy concept to understand. No one is going to call on one in whom they do not believe. Next question, tied to the previous thought of believing: *“How can they believe on Him of Whom they have not heard?”* A third question: *“And how can they hear without a preacher?”*

THE PROCESS TRUNCATED

There it is! The question we have all been waiting for—so goes the average missions conference. And with all the passion of a skilled orator, the one making the appeal can work up the emotions of many. Even to misuse the Scripture in Isaiah 6. For, after Isaiah said those “famous” words, *“Here am I. Send me,”* God sent him to his own people, not into a cross-cultural ministry! But, not to be concerned with such detail, to the front they come, making a “commitment” to be a “missionary!” Of course, many wake up the next morning, wondering what in the world did I commit to? This is one of the great tragedies in the Christian community. Whether it is in that appeal or just in the structure of a missions conference, disservice is done to those who could be mobilized into the ministry of serving as senders. Ninety per cent of conference attendees will never go to the field. Yet, without a clear understanding of all that is involved in Paul’s last question, they go home wondering “Why did I waste my time at yet another conference? I’ll never go to the mission field.”

But the beauty of timeless Scripture is that Paul didn’t stop at the third question. He asked one more. And it is pertinent to note that when one is using this form of logic, they end with the very most important point they want to make. So, here is his final question. It has to be tied to the preacher, the one who goes, the cross-cultural worker, the missionary: ***“And how can they preach*** (How can our missionaries be effective.) ***unless they are SENT?”***

FULL CIRCLE

This final question then, draws our attention to the whole subject of ‘the rest of the team!’ Others than the missionaries that Paul is saying are vital to the missions process. But, again, in the beauty of the Holy Spirit-inspiration of Paul’s words, so that those who serve as senders (member caregivers) do not get to thinking that they are the focus of missions, in verse 15, Paul brings it back full circle to the missionary by quoting Isaiah 52:7: *How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things.* Thus, *those who go* and *those who serve as senders* form the team for effective cross-cultural ministry.

Neal Pirola

next Global Member Care Network Conference: 2018

WHEN and WHERE is the next Global Member Care Network Conference

Where: Quito, Ecuador

When: September 10-14, 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)

GLOBAL MAP

Aldinga Beach, South Australia

Aldinga Beach Retreat

The Aldinga Beach Retreat is located in Aldinga Beach, South Australia, an hour's drive south of Adelaide. The retreat house is modern and family friendly, and has 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. It is sandwiched between the beautiful family-friendly Aldinga Beach and the Aldinga Scrub Conservation Park. The conservation park has many walking trails and is home to native plants and animals.

As a ministry of Missions Interlink, stays are offered at a significantly reduced cost for missionaries, pastors, and Christian workers who are in need of retreat. The retreat house volunteers, Ben and Robyn, have experience in member care, and can offer debrief upon request. They can also help connect guests with independent Christian counsellors, psychologists or a spiritual director in the local area if requested.

<http://missionsinterlink.org.au/retreat/>

If you are interested in staying please contact abretreat@missionsinterlink.org.au

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Spain, Europe

European Member Care Consultation - EMCC 2018

EMCC 2018 will take place 12-15 March 2018 in the Hotel Gran Cervantes in Torremolinos, Spain and bookings will open soon.

TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY – building resilience in the midst of turmoil

Mission workers are no strangers to change, stress and trauma – and next year's European Member Care Consultation seeks to answer the questions:

- i) how do we prepare mission workers to be resilient in the midst of turmoil?
- ii) how do we help wounded mission workers bounce back effectively?

Our plenary speakers will be Frauke Schaefer (author of Healthy, Resilient and Effective in Cross-Cultural Ministry), Annemie Grosshauser and Scott Shaum, and our devotions will once again be led by popular Christian speaker and prolific author Tony Horsfall.

In addition to the 3-night consultation, there will be a package of other associated events including:

- a two day security training workshop with experienced security adviser Phil Harper
- a special pre-conference for people new to member care
- an Individually Guided Retreat with Annieke van Dijk and Marielle Prins
- opportunity to extend your stay at the hotel with specially discounted rates

http://www.membercare.eu/conferences-retreat-and-seminars/emcc_2018/

Bangkok, Oxford, England.

Cross-Cultural Coaching - April, May and June, 2017**One Day In-Person Classes**

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2017 from 9 am – 5 pm with Kevin Stebbings, PCC in Bangkok.

Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 from 9 am – 5 pm with Sean Callaghan, ACC in Oxford, England.

Teleclass with Keith Webb

Dates: Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2017 from 8 - 9:30 am Seattle time.

Your culture and the culture of the person you coach significantly influence the coaching process. It is critical for those coaching with culturally diverse people to understand and be able to leverage cultural differences through coaching. Through stories, discussion, coaching models and practical tools you will learn to recognize and effectively coach those culturally different from yourself.

Contact: <http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/cross-cultural>

Bangkok**Coaching Mastery Certificate Program**

Coaching Mastery Certificate Program (in English) in Bangkok, January, 2018

Dates: January 8 – 12 in person in Bangkok.

The COACHING MASTERY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM is made up of a 5-day in-person workshop, followed by 5 two-hour telephone classes, peer group calls, and individual mentor-coaching with an instructor. At the end of 6 months or so, you will have completed all the ICF's requirements for the Associate Certified Coach credential. Keith Webb is the lead instructor.

Training Organization: Creative Results Management

<http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/mastery>

Nairobi, Kenya**Restore - Intensive Counselling Retreat For Cross-Cultural Workers**

@ Tumaini Counselling Centre,

Nairobi, Kenya

18-30 June, 2017

Why might cross-cultural workers need an intensive retreat?

Relational, cross-cultural, environmental, or work stresses; emotional concerns; trauma; family needs; spiritual disillusionment; unmet expectations – any of these can contribute to exhaustion, burnout, discouragement, depression, anxiety, or conflict. It can be a challenge to arrange regular trips to Tumaini, so this 10 day format of intensive work can launch individuals or families on a path of healing and wholeness.

What does the Restore retreat provide?

- Morning singing and brief talk
- Talks on stress-management, burnout, depression, conflict resolution, soul-care, boundaries, Sabbath
- Daily small group sessions
- Daily individual or couple counseling sessions
- A safe place to address concerns with compassionate counselors who are fellow workers
- Reduced cost for an on-field program
- Great meals served in the beautiful Tumaini gardens
- Lodging in a nearby guesthouse

We encourage you to connect to <http://tumainicounselling.net/nairobi/restore/> for all of the details about this wonderful opportunity.

California, USA

MK ReEntry Seminar**July 16-28, 2017 - MK ReEntry Seminar**, Biola University, California

Whether you plan to attend college or take a gap year, Narramore Christian Foundation offers this fun, challenging, and practical transition seminar for you to understand and share your story as you embrace your past, understand the present, and prepare for your future. http://ncfliving.org/what_we_do/mk-reentry-seminar.html

Toronto, Canada:**OM People Care Course, Level 1**

Upcoming Member Care Training Event: OM People Care Course, Level 1

Date: 15-22 October 2017

The People Care Courses provide people with new skills to fulfill their God given roles in people care and leadership while positively impacting their personal lives. The training is practical and relevant for individuals that serve in all facets of mission. The ministry skills that the participant acquires also helps build a strong foundation in the local church.

This 6-day course is designed to be an introduction to basic member care skills. It prepares the participant to care for and support community members, team members, colleagues, and friends facing the regular ups and downs of life prevalent in any environment and intensified in cross-cultural living and service.

Session topics include:

- Model of Good Practice in People Care
- Qualities of a People Care provider
- Listening and Empathy Training
- Personal Debriefing
- Conflict Management
- Cross-Cultural People Care
- Transition and Change
- Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

This course is useful for people in official member care roles and informal support, discipleship, and mentoring roles.

Course cost: €370. Early registration discount of €20 when applying by 15 July 2017.

For more information and an application form of the course please email the OM People Care Administrator at people.care@om.org or nancy.scott@om.org

North Carolina, U.S.A.**Nikanor Training Series-Module 1 Seminar (NTS-1)**

The seminar will focus on equipping you with a foundation of understanding, guiding principles, skills and tools that are indispensable to carrying out your professional, ministry, mission, or calling, effectively and efficiently.

Our training seminars are intended for those who are serving, or have the calling and passion to serve, in any of the following roles:

- Counseling & Member Care
- Leadership, Mentoring and Discipleship
- Debriefing and Restoration Work
- Trauma & Crisis
- Addiction Recovery
- Working with the Victims of Human Trafficking
- Conflict Resolution
- Marriage and Family Restoration
- Group Work

Find out more here: <http://nikanorproject.org/training-seminars/>

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 1939 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.

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