



SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL MEMBER CARE NETWORK



The purpose of this newsletter is:

- To link together Member Care providers from the South Pacific Region who are working both within and outside this region.
- To give a wider perspective of what God is doing in the field of Member Care
- To provide encouragement and support, reducing the sense of isolation
- To provide a platform for sharing resources and ideas with each other that may be helpful
- To provide a forum in which member care providers could offer services to other missions eg. in the field of a trained provider to offer member care to MKs

Your contributions are very much appreciated. Please send details of upcoming events, information and resources that you think will benefit members of the network to Helen Macnaughtan:

helenmacn@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS

Debriefing Training Day

This is about equipping mission skills of debriefing. Brian Massey training. If you are interested in your skills in this area, please let of others who might also be interested, please pass this information on to them.



and church personnel with the basic will again be facilitating this excellent being trained in debriefing or honing [Helen Macnaughtan](#) know. If you know

Date: Wed, May 8

Venue: St Hilary's Anglican Church, 12 John Street, Kew, VIC.

Registrations: Close on April 29 and there is still room for more participants

ReEntry Retreats

*"A great opportunity to be fully heard and my service appreciated and understood"
"It was special to have time with people uniquely able to listen and understand my story, and encouraging to hear their stories and know I am not alone"*

NSW: May 31 – June 2. Enquiries – Sue Giles sue.giles@wec.com.au

VIC: Sept 20-23 (for couples & singles), Sept 20-24 (for families).

Enquiries: Helen Macnaughtan helenmacn@gmail.com



Missionary Enrichment Retreats

Whatever the role, wherever in the world you have been serving, mission service is unique in the stresses and blessings it brings. MER's are designed for the missionary, giving opportunity to reflect on the experience, to evaluate how you have coped, and equip yourself for the future in a safe place and with people who truly understand.

NSW: June 23-29. Winmalee Christian Conference Centre, 56 Leslie St, Winmalee, NSW.

Enquiries – Sue Giles sue.giles@wec.com.au

NZ: 20-26 October Crystal Springs, Matamata.

Enquiries – Missions Interlink info@missions.org.nz

Pacific Island Conference – P2N



Vision Statement: A movement of Pacific people, rising up and launching into the nations, proclaiming the Gospel, and demonstrating God's love and power.

Dates: 30 & 31 Aug. 2013

Venue: Telstra Arena, Manukau, Auckland

Enquiries: Missions Interlink info@missions.org.nz

The goal of this Conference is about mobilising more PI people into missions, and at this point Member Care is not on the agenda! However, I am planning to attend in the hopes that connecting with them face to face, will give me a platform to share the need for good Member Care.

Resources

Thesis on ReEntry

Ann Ibrahim of South Australia has recently completed her M.Counselling and her thesis is entitled, **'Disenfranchised Grief and Loss, Identity Loss, and Identity Gaps for Returned Missionaries.'** As far as I am aware, there is no material out there that has explored this aspect of ReEntry in such depth. Ann is willing to share the results of her research provided due acknowledgement is given. Let me know if you are interested in receiving a copy.



Member Care Radio

A ministry arm of Trans World Radio (TWR). I am often surprised at the number of folk involved in MC who are still not aware of this great resource for missionaries. Their mission statement is: **Utilizing media to encourage and enhance cross-cultural Christian workers, to better enable them to fulfil the Great Commission.**

The topics include: Emotional Health, Leadership, Cross cultural issues and Family & Marriage plus many more. Check it out at: www.membercareradio.com

GMCN Newsletter

For all those who attended the Thailand Conference in 2012, I am expecting that you would have subscribed to the above newsletter. If you haven't, it has some great resources connecting you with resources, updates, links and people working in the realm of member care around the world. www.globalmembercare.com

Xtra info For Australian folk

Brent Allred, who is now both the Victorian and the National MC Co-ordinator under Missions Interlink, sends out a monthly MC newsletter for Victoria, and has also set up an Australia MC Network Face Book page as a place to promote member care-related events, discussion and sharing of resources and ideas among member care providers within Australia. Contact Brent for further information. ballred@pioz.net

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