



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) June 2012

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This months Sponsor - Alongside

Alongside - Renewing and Equipping Christian leaders (USA)

Alongside is a non-profit organization whose mission is to restore hope, purpose, passion, and relationships among Christian leaders who are making an impact around the world. We exist to promote personal wholeness and ministry effectiveness among persons in Christian ministry.

Alongside offers 3-week residential counseling programs for those in full-time Christian ministry.

We work with missionaries dealing with weariness, discouragement, relational challenges, ministry challenges as well as other emotional and spiritual issues including anxiety, depression, burn-out and other diagnoses.

All of Alongside’s counselors have graduate degrees in psychology as well a years of overseas ministry experience.

There are programs beginning each month.

<http://www.alongsidecares.net/>



Editorial – Looking back and assessing: one person’s perspective

As a counselor, member care promoter, mission leader and board member of the GMCN for the last several years, I have a keen interest in determining value and supporting on-going progress. So I asked myself, ‘What difference did this conference make? What benefits will stay with us, impacting our future?’ I think of eight such positive take-aways.

1. Networking. During meals, at break times, before and after meetings we made connections with people with whom we’d only corresponded. Mutual interests and mutual needs drew us together. Some of us will stay connected.
2. Evidence of degree of interest. Some of us have wondered if member care is only a fad, or from a few. Not so! The worldwide response reflected in the attendance says there is great interest and great concern for agency-connected and indigenous mission workers as well as humanitarian responders.
3. Clear definition of member care. The definition hammered out by the GMCN board in Tucson, Arizona in March of 2008 has been accepted and is being utilized. Finally we have focus on what member care is and what it means.
4. Relationships. We didn’t just network; we built new friendships and strengthened old ones. I knew of John and Janine Barclay only from reading John’s dissertation; now I know them as friends. Ruth Maxwell and Ruthie Campbell from South Africa will continue to bless me. And it was fun seeing Stephen and Jocelyn Head again after many years.
5. Need to get together. The degree of loneliness was one of the prompters in attending this conference—how much it helped to know we weren’t doing this alone! God’s message to Elijah when he felt that way was, “I have 7,000 others doing this work.” We experienced something similar at the conference.
6. Content. The substance and scope of workshops, plenaries, and discussion groups was invigorating and helpful. The conference theme, Global Voices on Global Issues, expanded our awareness of and our vision for the world.
7. Awareness of new resources—books, new centers, people, specialists, articles, training events and trainers. We don’t have to invent everything ourselves!
8. New context. The Mission Commission of the WEA at its Global Consultation in 2011 had the theme, “God’s Disturbing Mission.” Global voices on global issues, the new information that came our way, and the degree and impact of change internally to mission organizations and externally in our world alerted us that the future must be different from the past, even though the lessons of the past must not be forgotten. Sobering, challenging, stimulating.

I left the conference encouraged, with a revitalized vision, new friends, and hope for the future. I hope you did too.

Larrie Gardner

Job Vacancy - Career Opportunity

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Faith Academy (Philippines)

is looking for a child and youth counselor. <http://faith.edu.ph>

Please contact Paul Tuxworth, paultuxworth@gmail.com

Job Vacancy - Career Opportunity

Bethany Ministries - Hong Kong

Come Join Our Team!

Looking for: Pastoral care staff, Administrative staff, Facilities Management staff, Student Internships. Download attachment for more info.

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/RecruitmentCoverLetter.doc

Job Vacancy - Career Opportunity

Online Spiritual Coaches wanted (oscar.org.uk)

Groundwire, an online Christian spiritual coaching service, is looking for volunteers to help as coaches. This is something you could do from anywhere in the world! See

www.groundwire.org.uk/index.php/become-a-coach

some more GMCN Conference feedback

The Conference was so enriching, and very well organized. I have been to so many missions-focused conferences in the 25 yrs. my family and I have been missionaries, but this was one of the few where I felt such a "personal connect" with the focus, direction and content of the conference. And it was great to hear from or dialogue with people who have similar passion and commitment to Member Care.

GLOBAL MAP

USA

En Gedi Retreat

En Gedi Retreat located in Colorado. A free, non-denominational, open use retreat home for pastors and missionaries located on a 4,000 acre ranch. To keep pastors and missionaries "Rested, Refreshed, and Renewed" in their service to the Kingdom.

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

RESOURCES

Book - Neal Pirolo - Serving As Senders Translations

Emmaus Road International

...we come along side your church, agency, or college to provide the resources the Lord has given us that you can use to ignite, develop, and expand your involvement in cross-cultural ministry.

ERI has been privileged to offer a Licensing Agreement to organizations who have produced eighteen translations of the book, Serving As Senders. Copies of these translations must be secured from the publishing addresses listed below: <http://www.eri.org>

/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=37

Newsletter - Africa Member Care Network

May 2012

The Africa Member Care Network is an interagency affiliation of colleagues with Member Care responsibility. Our purpose is to help provide and develop Member Care resources in Africa. This bi-monthly Email Forum is a service dedicated to glorify God through networking, discussion and sharing information on issues related to Member Care in Africa. Your contributions are very much appreciated! Please send it to Marina Prins at africamembercarenetwork@gmail.com
<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=f00984d8b2&e=a3dbaa64df>

Book: Godly Servants

Godly Servants: Discipleship and Spiritual Formation for Missionaries by David Teague

The purpose of GODLY SERVANTS is to help evangelical missionaries to renew their spiritual lives by practicing intentional spiritual formation. While many books are now available about spiritual formation, little is written specifically for missionaries. GODLY SERVANTS explains spiritual formation clearly and contains abundant, practical applications that are relevant to the missionary life. This book is an outgrowth of seminars on spiritual formation for missionaries presented around the world. Dr. Teague served as a missionary in the Middle East from 1983-1992 and is now a seminary lecturer and he also works with Chinese students and scholars.

The book is available in Kindle and print formats: <http://www.godlyservants.org>

Movement of African National Initiatives (MANI) MEMBER CARE NETWORK

Member Care Introduction

Written by Marina Prins (MANI Member Care Coordinator) <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/1779034/MANI%20Member%20Care%20Introduction.pdf>

Book: Giving and Getting in the Kingdom: A Field Guide

Fundraising for an organization or ministry

<http://www.rmdillon.com/>

Adult Asian MK Statement 2012

Adult Asian MK Statement 2012 see linked file for whole document.

..."We are eleven Adult Asian missionary kids (MKs) who have met in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 22 - 23 April 2012, representing Asian MKs from Hong Kong (1), India (3), Japan (1), Philippines (3), Singapore (1), South Korea (1), and Taiwan (1). This first gathering is an outcome of the Asian MK/TCK Planning Forum held in Singapore from 2 - 3 September 2011. ..."
http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Adult_Asian_MK_Statement_Chiang_Mai_April2012.pdf

Member Care Southern Africa Newsletter May 2012

Member Care Southern Africa - Serving through Caring

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=407209516f9457da095ea4268&id=53e944a1d1&e=673b949319>

New Resources - Europe

NewResources Posted to Website - www.membercareeurope.com

We're adding new posts to the Member Care Europe website over the next weeks,so if you haven't checked the site for awhile go take a look!

www.membercareeurope.com

Mission Resource Papers (oscar.org.uk)

The Affinity Church Network World Focus Team has published a series of Resource Papers to provide information and advice about World Mission for churches and Christians. These Resource Papers are invaluable in assisting churches in matters such as developing a Mission Policy and preparing and commissioning Christians for missionary service. Go to

www.affinity.org.uk/world-focus/mission-resource-papers

Missions Interlink New Zealand Bulletin June 2012

Incl:

Housing - Palmerston North

Coaching Skills Workshop

Missionary Enrichment Retreat

Resources Relating to Disabilities

<http://www.missions.org.nz/images/may12.pdf>

To our Colleagues in Personnel, Link Care Newsletter

9 Benefits to Missionary Vulnerability

plus more infos, links and resources http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/1206_To_our_Colleagues_in_Personnel.pdf

Member Care Nederland (MCNL) Newsletter

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http://membercare.nl/ajax/nieuwsbrieven/bekijk/18?nbh=18-18-5726-S336hZrSmj&utm_source=Nieuwsbrief&utm_medium=Nieuwsbrief&utm_campaign=Genade+ontvangen+genade+doorgeven

On the Road Again, Coping with Travel and Re-entry Stress,

free- online training modules

This module, On the Road Again, Coping with Travel and Re-entry Stress, is very helpful and challenging for those of us who are mobile member-care givers traveling from location to location on a regular basis. Headington Institute offers several other free on-line training modules related to stress and trauma. While their training is primarily focused on humanitarian aid workers, their modules are relevant to the kind of work we do in our organization. I encourage you to check out their web-site and enjoy some free input! You could even use the written material for development of your member care workers or even as the basis of discussion within ministry teams. Headington Institute speaks from solid experience. Check them out! <http://headington-institute.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2258>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

France, Thailand

Heartstream Resources Refresh!

in France June 10-20 and Chiang Mai, Thailand July 1-11.

"A vacation with a purpose!" Come for great times of worship, devotions, teaching on cross-cultural issues like stress, burnout, and conflict resolution. A children's program is provided, along with fun family outings. There is more information on the website: www.heartstreamresources.org or email heartstreamresources@hotmail.com

Find brochure here: http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2012_Refresh_Brochure1.pdf

Africa**Resilience Week 2012, Kenya**

Resilience Week 2012 will be held in Kenya delivered in partnership with Amani Counselling Centre & Training Institute. This will be a great opportunity for those in member care to learn about the importance of psychosocial wellbeing for mission partners and staff working in mission, relief and development. The programme includes:

Monday 24th September - Cultivating Personal Resilience

Tuesday 25th September - Cultivating Organisational Resilience

Wednesday 26th September - Psychological First Aid

Thursday 27th September - Psychological First Aid - Advanced Skills (half day)

Thursday 27th September - Crisis Management - Round Table (half day)

Friday 28th September - Team Dynamics & Dealing with Conflict

For further information please visit <http://www.interhealth.org.uk/training-in-east-africa.html> or email training@interhealth.org.uk.

I am happy to provide further information if it would be useful.

Attached is a PDF brochure of the programme.

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/InterHealth_Resilience_Week_Poster.pdf

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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