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Member Care--Asia is an interagency affiliation of member care colleagues who primarily reside in Asia. Our purpose is to help provide and develop member care resources within and from Asia. This MC-Asia Forum is a twice a month e-info service dedicated to the information, networking and discussion on issues related to member care. Your contributions are very much appreciated at "HoffmannHT@CompuServe.com"
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(1) MC COURSE, AUSTRALIA

Dates: 29 Aug to 17 Sept 2004 (3 weeks)

Place: Adelaide, Australia

Course Leader: Brenda Bosch, plus invited speakers.

Cost: Aus\$380 per person (accommodation, meals, lecture materials included)

For inquiries and registration: MemCCourse@yahoo.co.uk
197 Norton Summit Road, Norton Summit SA 5136, Ph: 08 8390 1040,
Fax: 08 8390 1041

Why the MCare Course?

The high attrition rate of missionaries returning home pre-maturely is

urging us to look for ways how to decrease the turnover of missionary staff. It is a thrill to see that Christian and mission communities are interested in learning more about how to develop and care for missionaries and to reduce missionary attrition. This vital ministry will =

help you in your staff development and member care needs. We are inviting you to be part of this venture.

Do you want to discover more effective ways of caring for your staff? Are you losing missionary staff for the wrong reasons such as unresolved conflict, burnout, lack of support, low morale? Then this course is for you! We will equip you to know how to develop and care preventatively for your staff.

Course Information:

This course will include more than 60 hours of lectures, as well as several hours of class and small group discussions during this full-time 4 =

week course, including practical work during and after the course. This will cover various pastoral/ member care and missionary staff development topics such as:-

- Stress management
- Conflict resolution and mediation
- Loss and grief
- Practical Pastoral Care in Missions
- Leadership Models
- Raising Support
- Dealing with common problem areas

(2) PASTORS/LEADERS CONSULTATION, MALAYSIA

Subject: Pastors/Leaders Consultation

PASTORS/LEADERS CONSULTATION

- Missions Challenge & Opportunities for The Malaysian Church

This Consultation is for pastors/leaders of the Malaysian Church. It will be conducted on a consultation format with the main emphasis on discussing "Missions & the Malaysian Church". Amongst things we hope to discuss will be - HOW we can network for greater effectiveness in Missions, the missions challenges of 100,000s of foreign workers on our doorstep, training/sending Malaysian missionaries abroad, Unreached Peoples focus, helping the suffering church around Malaysia, tentmaking challenge, etc. (Topics would come out of the consultation itself, i.e. participants prioritise these).

Two Guest Speakers - Dr Bill Taylor & Rev Dr Hwa Yung

Dates : 15th (Sun eve) - 17th Aug (Tue noon)

Venue : Allson Hotel (Seremban)

Costs (registration, room & meals) : RM370 (partial subsidy available for fulltime workers)

Please indicate intention to attend or if you have any queries, please respond to MALAYSIAN MISSIONS NETWORK - missions@myjaring.net . Limited to approx. 100 delegates. So please do respond soon.

(3) LIVING WATERS THAILAND

Central Bangkok Thailand,(Jaysamarn Church, Sukhumvit Soi 6)
Jonathan Hunter seminar, Jonathan ministers with Andy Comiskey in
America.

Jonathan contracted HIV in 1981 and now has full blown AIDS, however
in the middle of all of this he has powerfully found the Lord. Jonathan
ministers the life of Christ powerfully and has an international ministry.=

He has written a book called 'Breaking Free from the spirit of death'
which is being translated into Thai.

5-6 November 2004

Contact; Sue Hunt

Address, Living Waters Thailand, 33/4 Sukhumvit 63 Road (Ekamai),
Bangkok 10110, THAILAND

Tel and Fax. 02 3929272. E-mail: livwthailand@hotmail.com

(4) LIVING WATERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING, THAILAND

Living Waters Thailand leadership training, this is our annual training for=

leaders in how to minister the life and grace of Christ to the sexually
and relationally broken. Andy Comiskey and team will be coming to lead
this 5 day training together, at Avana hotel in Bangkok. An excellent
opportunity to receive prayer and training.

23-28 January 2005, Contact Sue Hunt, THAILAND

Tel and fax 02 3929272

E-mail: livwthailand@hotmail.com

(5) INTERCULTURAL RESEARCH, TAIWAN

Sorry, it's already past the date, but I thought I will send it out anyway.=

Secular resource. (Harry)

<http://www.interculturalacademy.org/taipei--2004.html>

THIRD BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERCULTURAL
RESEARCH
PRESENTED AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
FOR INTERCULTURAL RESEARCH AND NATIONAL TAIWAN NORMAL
UNIVERSITY

MAY 21-24, 2004 (Postponed from May, 2003)

TAIPEI, TAIWAN

THEME:

HARMONIZATIONS BETWEEN WITHIN-CULTURAL
DIVERSITIES AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMONALITIES.

General _Theme, Objective, and Program and Open Invitation:

This biennial conference of the Academy focuses on the central theme of harmonizations between the characteristics of indigenous groups and those that are found cross-culturally. By harmonizations, we denote the important concepts of recognition, respect, and mutuality between various indigenous cultures/groups across all the dimensions of their activities. The immediate objective of this Conference is to provide an international forum for scholars and practitioners of intercultural relations and related fields to engage in broad and meaningful dialogues. In particular, the Conference will target the systematic analysis and integration of various theories, strategies, and practices in =

addressing interactive issues between diverse groups both within as well as those that transcend national boundaries.

ALL theoretical and empirical works without respect to discipline are solicited. Preference will be given to those proposals which embody an interdisciplinary approach to the themes, objectives, and goals of the conference. However, participants are welcome to address any cross-culturally comparative issues that are relevant to intercultural research and relations. These can range anywhere from the family to international relations.

The Conference will feature keynote speakers, paper presentations, topical panels/symposia, workshops, posters, and other formal and informal exchanges of ideas and experiences. These programs will be presented either separately or jointly in English and Chinese (Mandarin). In addition, a 3 day post conference tour of the northern and central regions of the Taiwan Island has also been planned.

The National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) is honored to co-sponsor this important international conference and we endeavor to perfect all conference plans. We are confident that participating in these conference will benefit all attendees, both personally and professionally, =

in harmonizing interactive issues both within and between diverse cultures.

With such unique benefits to offer, we (the faculty of NTNU and the Academy) all intercultural scholars, researchers, and practitioners to join our endeavors and to also bring your family and friends for a memorable visit to this beautiful ("Formosan") island.

(6) NCF ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH, THAILAND

NARRAMORE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

See Website also for a 2 week counseling seminar in Chiangmai, Thailand, October 17-29, 2004.

Can Christians suffer from depression? How can you work your way out of depression's crushing effects? Narramore Christian Foundation[1], a

Christian mental health organization, takes a look at this pervasive and difficult condition in Understanding and Overcoming Depression[2]. NCF also addresses the topic of bipolar disorder, one of the most perplexing and severe psychiatric adjustment conditions. Read Understanding Bipolar Disorder[3] and learn how to recognize, understand and respond to it. Visit the Narramore Web site to request helpful booklets on other topics dealing with psychological disorders, emotion, personality and interpersonal relationships.

-- Links in this story --

[1] <http://www.ncfliving.org/>

[2] http://www.gospelcom.net/narramore/bk_127_depression1.htm

[3] http://www.gospelcom.net/narramore/bk_101_bipolar1.htm

(7) MK/TCK RE-ENTRY RETREATS, USA.

MK/TCK RE-ENTRY RETREATS

Missionary Resources of Columbia is holding two MK/TCK retreats for high school graduates and/or college students. These retreats will provide insight, activities, and seminars aimed at transitioning into life in the United States. There will be a variety of opportunities for social and spiritual interaction led by capable staff who have had years of experience relating to MKs and TCKs. The retreats will be held at Look-Up Lodge in upstate South Carolina, dates August 9-16, 2004 and August 18-25, 2004. Total cost is \$275. E-mail MRC: info@mresourcescolumbia.org, or visit the MRC web page at : <http://www.mresourcescolumbia.org>

(8) COUNSELING CENTER, NAGALAND, INDIA

(...) I met Sentikumla the counselor in the member care Consultation..
(...) Nagaland has a strong hold of Baptist Churches and she works with Nagaland Baptist Church Council. I came to know her work through her and also from many people. Sentikumla has a rehab center also where she and her co workers work.

Please do keep in touch with her. She and I will be working more closely with one another regarding member care issues in Nagaland.

Below is the address and email of the Counseling Center in Nagaland. Here I am sending the address of Mrs. Sentikumla of New Life Ministry which runs a counseling center for drug addicts and HIV/AIDS.

Mrs. Sentikumla
NEW LIFE MINISTRY
(Nagaland Baptist Church Council)
Viola Colony, Dimapur – 797112, Nagaland : India. Phone no : 03862-244994
Email : sentchar@yahoo.com

(9) LIVING WATERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING SEMINAR, PHILIPPINES

Your opportunity to implement proven, in-depth healing programs for the sexually and relationally broken into your church...

When : November 14-19, 2004. (Sunday night through Friday 5:00PM)

Where : Angels' Hills Retreat & Formation Center
Arnoldus Rd., Maitim 2nd East, Tagaytay City, Philippines=

Costs and deadlines for the Training are as follows:

- Regular Registration Deadline: August 30, 2004; P6,500.00 (Triple-sharing; Philippine residents only; Includes all Meals & Materials. Local participants please arrange you own ride to the venue
- Twin-sharing/International Registrants: Same Deadline; \$200.00/pax (Or Peso Equivalent). Two-per-room. Inclusive of Meals, Materials, Transportation from Airport to Tagaytay and Back to Airport.
- Late Registration Deadline: September 30, 2004; (P7,000.00 Individual; \$220.00 Married couple/International registrants/Pax).

Who's Eligible?

Living Waters Training is made available for those in leadership, whether that leadership be in healing ministry, an existing Living Waters group, or a pastoral position.

Priority will be given to teams of two or more people attending together, with the intention of serving together. Living Waters is a large effort that can rarely be accomplished by one leader alone. That is why we urge you to attend with at least one other with whom you will be leading the group.

What will be taught?

The Living Waters Leadership Training includes:

- Becoming familiar with the Living Waters program and its 20 lessons found in the Living Waters - Pursuing Sexual and Relational Wholeness in Christ guidebook by Andrew Comiskey.
- Workshops on a variety of issues such as:
 - Effective prayer ministry
 - Understanding and praying for the healing of sexual abuse and sexual addiction.
 - Releasing Living Waters into your church
 - Understanding the Living Waters structure and format
- each participant will be involved throughout the week in a small group to receive personal support and healing prayer.

Training for Living Waters, CrossCurrent and The River, 2004

Each person who participates in the Living Waters Training is considered to have been trained by Desert Stream Ministries for leadership involvement in Living Waters and/or CrossCurrent and The River.

- CrossCurrent: CrossCurrent is an introductory, 8-week group for those just beginning to deal with their sexual and relational brokenness. Usually presented as an open group, CrossCurrent is an ideal first step for churches not yet ready for an offering as weighty as Living Waters. Participating in the Living Waters training equips people to lead CrossCurrent groups.

- The River: The River is a 16-20 week adaptation of Living Waters that is designed exclusively for young people between the ages of 16 – 25. Developed by Desert Stream Ministries staff member Cathy Morrill. The River contains the essence of Living Waters but makes it relevant and dynamic for young people. Instruction for running this program will include different teaching and small group dynamics for this younger audience. Because those leading The River may work with minors, individuals who attend the River training must submit a copy of completed criminal background check or an NBI Clearance.

How to apply?

1. Request an application by calling Wholeness Ministries

Attn: Virmi Nery/ Hazel Bauza

Phone/Fax: (632) 8086590/0917-8354348

Email: virmi@uplink.com.ph; hazel@praise.com or benjie68@yahoo.com

Email applications are available upon request.

(10) HELP, SCHOOL IN INDIA

HELP-WANTED AT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN INDIA

HELP-WANTED AT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL IN INDIA -- A Christian school in the South of India would love to get Christian teachers who are native English speakers and who would come for at least a year to teach the children and to have an impact into their lives. The school is part of the =

Ywam ministry. Therefore DTS graduates are preferred. You will not be paid but will have to raise your own support, but you will get to know the warm and hospitable South Indian people For more information please write to: Ian Liu akcs@vsnl.net

(11) FAITH ACADEMY WISHING FOR FAITHFUL SUPERINTENDENT,
MANILA

FAITH ACADEMY WISHING FOR FAITHFUL SUPERINTENDENT -- Faith Academy, a school for the kids of Missionary parents in Manila (enrolment 600) is looking for a Superintendent beginning school year 2005-2006. Suitable applicants should submit a resume and letter of interest to the Chairman of the Board at search@faith.edu.ph . Details of the school can be found on their website: <http://faith.edu.ph>

(12) TEACHERS SHOOOL IN ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN

MK SCHOOL IN ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN IS RECRUITING TEACHERS --

Tien Shan Educational Center (TESC) is receiving applications for the upcoming school year beginning August 26, 2004. TESC - K - grade 12 is an English speaking school, meeting the needs of missionary children from nine countries. Presently they are seeking staff for the following positions: Primary teachers for Grades 1-6; Secondary Science teacher (JH Science and HS Chemistry & Physics); Secondary Math teacher (Algebra 1 & 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus); Secondary Language Arts teacher (HS English); Primary & Secondary School Physical Education teacher. For more information or an application please write Craig tienshan@pactec.kz or Joahna tssecondary@pactec.kz

(13) MISSIONARY R & R RETREAT, USA.

MISSIONARY R & R RETREAT

Missionary Resources of Columbia is holding a retreat for adult missionaries as a time to reflect on their experiences on the mission field. Participants will have the opportunity to focus on refreshment and restoration during their time together. MRC Missionary Training and Transitions Consultant, Rich Benson, is the coordinator for this retreat, which will be held August 18-22, 2004 at Quiet Waters on Lake Norman in North Carolina. For further information, e-mail info@mresourcescolumbia.org or visit our web page: <http://www.mresourcescolumbia.org>

(14) CODR TRAINING CONSULTATION, USA.

[Also this one comes out too late. Sorry. For more info, please contact the organisers. (Harry)]

Subject: Consultation On Debriefing And Renewal

You and your staff are invited to participate in a CODAR training consultation May 10-14, 2004, at the Mission Training International conference center in Palmer Lake, CO.

CODAR stands for Consultation On Debriefing And Renewal. This week-long workshop is designed to teach member care and personnel professionals the vital aspects of effective debriefing and renewal for cross-cultural workers and their families who are returning to their country of origin. CODAR trains facilitators how to guide personal debriefing and renewal as a routine part of any missionary's on-going development - versus attending only to those who have experienced extreme trauma or who are low functioning upon their return.

Please pass this email on to others that you know who may be interested.

For more information or to register click on the link below:
<http://www.mti.org/codar.htm>

Blessings!, Paula Pence, Mission Training International, PO Box 1220, Palmer Lake, CO 80133. Tel. 800-896-3710

(15) RETREAT SITES NEEDED

ELIM RETREAT MINISTRIES SEEKS ASIA RETREAT SITES

ELIM Retreat Ministries, a ministry of Barnabas International, is currently=

providing renewal retreats for missionaries in the States. The Lord is prompting us to seek out strategically placed retreat type centers world wide, in order to offer these cost free retreats closer to where you serve. SUGGESTIONS? Please respond to hstewart5@juno.com

(16) HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE, USA.

We would like to let you know about a tremendous conference opportunity coming up in Pasadena, CA on August 20-21, 2004.

Titled CALLING THE CHURCH TO A HEALING MINISTRY, it is sponsored by Fuller Theological Seminary. Chaired by Dr Peter Yorgin of Stanford University, this conference is seeking to bring together health care professionals from ALL spheres of practice to dialogue, discuss and inform us on the ways we can best serve Christ in our health-care callings. The list of plenary and workshop speakers is quite impressive, and draws 'the best' from all over the continent.

The beauty of this conference is the call to bring together ALL disciplines=

in health care... yes, medicine and nursing, but dentistry, psychiatry, psychology, social services, chiropractic, family and marriage therapy, pharmacy... even pastors who are involved in health-related areas such as chaplains. There will be two 'tracks' within the overall conference: one track looking at our roles as care-givers domestically, and another track looking at reaching out internationally (missions).

Another wonderful feature of this conference is the large amount of CME/CEU credit available for participation at a VERY reasonable cost! Dr Yorgan and his team have worked hard to line up credit for all applicable disciplines, so that this meeting could widely benefit the entire spectrum =

of health care professionals.

SO.... the registration/info web site IS:
www.fuller.edu/cll/ce/healthcaremissions.asp

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(17) COMING EVENTS

June 28 - July 9, 2004. GERMANY
MULTICULTURAL TEAMS COURSES AND WORKSHOPS (IN GERMAN)
E-mail: CCrouse@aem.de

July 5-16, 2004. USA.
MK REENTRY SEMINARS
E-mail : mukappa@barnabas.org

July 19 – 30, 2004. USA.
MK REENTRY SEMINARS
E-mail : mukappa@barnabas.org

August 2-8, 2004. USA.
TCK TRANSITION SEMINARS, COLORADO
E-mail : interaction@compuserve.com

August 2-13, 2004. USA.
MULTICULTURAL TEAMS COURSES AND WORKSHOPS
E-mail: sis-acadprokdir@dept.fuller.edu

August 9-15, 2004. USA.
TCK TRANSITION SEMINARS, NEW YORK
E-mail : interaction@compuserve.com

August 9-16, 2004. USA.
MK RE-ENTRY RETREATS, COLUMBIA
E-mail : info@mresourcescolumbia.org

August 15-17, 2004. MALAYSIA
PASTORS/LEADERS CONSULTATION
E-mail : missions@myjaring.net

August 18-25, 2004. USA.
MK RE-ENTRY RETREATS, COLUMBIA
E-mail : info@mresourcescolumbia.org

August 22-25, 2004. USA.
TCK TRANSITION SEMINARS, NEW YORK
E-mail : interaction@compuserve.com

August 29 – September 17, 2004. AUSTRALIA
MEMBER CARE COURSE
E-mail : MemCCourse@yahoo.co.uk

September 11-18, 2004. HUNGARY
RETREATS FOR SINGLE MISSIONARIES
E-mail : OfficeMET@aol.com

October 9-31, 2004. UK.
FACE TO FACE COURSE
E-mail : gill.trainor@c.ict.om.org

October 10-23, 2004. TURKEY
LEADERSHIP MATTERS TRAINING COURSE
E-mail : leadershipmatters@om.org

October 17-29, 2004. THAILAND
NCF ADDRESSES MENTAL HEALTH
E-mail: The-Well@gmx.net

November 5-6, 2004. THAILAND
LIVING WATERS THAILAND

E-mail: livwthailand@hotmail.com

November 14-19, 2004. PHILIPPINES
LIVING WATERS LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Email: virmi@uplink.com.ph ; hazel@praize.com or
benjie68@yahoo.com

November 18-21, 2004. USA.
MENTAL HEALTH IN MISSIONS CONFERENCE
Website : www.MTI.org

November 28-December 12, 2004. INDIA
LEADERSHIP MATTERS TRAINING COURSE
E-mail : leadershipmatters@om.org

January 23-28, 2005. THAILAND
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E-mail: livwthailand@hotmail.com

January 10-14, 2005. USA.
BUILDING SKILLS FOR MEMBER CARE WITH EXCELLENCE
E-mail: KenRoyer@linkcare.org

January 17-18, 2005. PERU
THE GORGAS EXPERT COURSE
E-mail: info@gorgas.org

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PROBLEMS or QUESTIONS: HoffmannHT@CompuServe.com (Harry Hoffmann)
Yahoo! Groups Links

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/member-care-asia/>

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member-care-asia-unsubscribe@yahogroups.com

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