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Monday, May 9, 2005

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Member Care Europe is an interagency affiliation of colleagues with member care responsibility. Our purpose is to help provide and develop member care resources. This MC-Europe Forum is a monthly e-info service dedicated to the information, networking and discussion on issues related to member care within and from Europe. Your contributions are very much appreciated at "Harry@solic.net"  
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(1) LOOKING FOR PASTORAL CARER, SWITZERLAND

Medair is looking for an experienced Pastoral Carer, ideally based in Europe or Africa, who is fluent in both written and spoken English, has overseas experience in mission, development / relief work and would be willing to serve Medair voluntarily. It would involve passion for intercession, good understanding of member care services, readiness to supply staff with regular bible devotions (through e-mail mostly), gift of encouragement (through short telephone conversation or e-mail), availability to visit the field from time to time etc.

The mission of Medair is to respond to human suffering in emergency and

disaster situations by implementing multisectorial relief and rehabilitation projects, in a compassionate and serving attitude inspired by its Christian ethos.

To fulfill at best this mission while developing our member care objectives and upholding our values, we would like to benefit from some pastoral and spiritual support. Medair staff members (35 people at HQ in French speaking Switzerland and about 120 Internationally recruited staff) are all Christian workers.

If interested, please contact the Medair HR Director  
rene.pasquier@medair.org or +41 21 694 35 35

International Headquarters : Chemin du Croset,9 1024 - Ecublens -  
Switzerland

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

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## (2) MC CONFERENCE MIDDLE EAST

"Two years ago the Middle East Member group reconvened in Cyprus after a hiatus of 5 years. That conference gave impetus for a number of regional member care groups starting up across the middle east and several member care events have been organized.

Now two years latter we seek to continue to develop the network and find further ways to enhance ways of encouraging and strengthen our member care capacity in the area by holding our second "Middle East Member Care Conference" called "Equipping the Equippers"

October 2 - 5, we plan to have 20 to 30 member care specialists and leaders meeting in the Arab world. The programme includes workshops on Anger Management, Appraisal assessments, member care training and working cross-culturally. For more information contact MEMC leadership group at memc@pobox.com "

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## (3) RESTORING YOUR SOUL, UK

August 1-5, 2005, East Sussex, UK

(...) but in the meantime we though you might like to know about the retreat we are running in August for anyone involved in mission.

There are still some places left on this retreat and we'd love to be able to welcome you here. The retreat is run by Tony Horsfall who is an experienced retreat leader and author of 'Rhythms of Grace' and 'Song of the Shepherd'.

Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested.

Thanks a lot, God bless, Richard and Storm Hann

For more information, please contact  
info@penhurst.org.uk <<http://www.penhurst.org.uk>>

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## (4) MK Website

New MK/TCK Website from Germany  
[Www.mk-care.org](http://www.mk-care.org)

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## (5) TEACH MKs IN CENTRAL ASIA

WILLING TO TEACH MKs OVERSEAS IN CENTRAL ASIA? -- Then the folks at Evergreen School in Tashkent, Uzbekistan would love to talk to you. They have a host of opportunities open from Kindergarten through 10th grade, as well as for administrators, too. Write them for more information at km@ssfco.com

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(6) MONTHLY "RESOURCE TOOL"

To our Colleagues in Personnel...

This monthly "resource tool" by Link Care Center (Fresno, USA) is designed to provide insight for personnel workers in ministry-related areas. If you would like to be added, please just let me know... KenRoyer@aol.com.

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(7) BUILDING SKILLS FOR MEMBER CARE WITH EXCELLENCE, US

"Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence," a conference sponsored by Link Care Jan. 9-13 (M-F), 2006, held at Hume Lake (65 mi. east of Fresno). Please write for further information / application. We'd love to have you with us. KenRoyer@aol.com.

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(8) PROGRAM OF RESTORATION AND PERSONAL GROWTH, US

Link Care's Program of Restoration and Personal Growth is available to your personnel when difficulties arise. Please contact us if we may assist (or consult). Link Care Center, Fresno, CA, USA KenRoyer@aol.com.

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(9) PASTORAL CARE INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE, US

There is an opportunity for a Missionary Internship in Pastoral Care, beginning this summer. Please let me know if interested. Link Care Center, Fresno, CA, USA KenRoyer@aol.com.

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(10) X-ERS & BOOMERS

MISSIONNEXT MAY 6-7: BOOMERS/XERS IN...NEBRASKA! -- Which generation can send the most new missionaries? In the USA, believers in the post-World War II "Baby Boomer" generation are primed to move into a second career in missions. (The Finishers Project has placed nearly 800 new fulltime missionaries with other agencies in the past six years, 40% of whom are already fully funded.) But Finishers gets so many Gen-Xers posting profiles that it's time for... MissionNext in Omaha Nebraska May 6-7! Missionaries, check out <http://www.MissionNext.org> and send your unsuspecting constituents to Omaha. They'll soon be joining you! Go to the website, visit <http://www.Finishers.org> Any volunteers for a European version of this?

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(11) GRIEF AND LOSS RESOURCES

Few trials in life can rival the emotional pain caused by the loss of a loved one. GriefShare[1] focuses on helping grieving people connect with others, specifically in the form of support groups. Find grief-recovery groups meeting in your area, and subscribe to a free daily email devotional[2]. Another ministry site, the Grief and Loss Resource Centre[3] provides extensive resources for the grieving person--children and loss, holidays, seniors and grief, spousal grief and more. Additional links for loss include abortion recovery, addictions, aging, disability, blended families, burn victims, chronic and life-threatening illness, suicide and much more. Helpful resources for ministers and counselors are also included. This site is recipient of a Mental Health Net Award.

-- Links in this story --

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

[2] <http://www.griefshare.org/devotionals/>

[3] <http://www.spirit-net.ca/grief/grief.html>

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### (12) A NEW HANDBOOK ON DEBRIEFING!

Very relevant for the member care and mission community. Working Through Trauma - Supporting Staff Responding to Emergencies Written for People In Aid by Dr Debbie Lovell-Hawker, Clinical Psychologist at Oxford University, this handbook covers a variety of topics aimed at helping those involved with staff to support them when they come into contact with trauma when responding to emergencies. Some of the areas covered in the handbook are: recruitment issues, how to equip those likely to face trauma and how to achieve a work-life balance in the midst of a traumatic situation. Also covered are how to support local staff dealing with tragedy, how to debrief returning expatriates and how to recognise the symptoms of trauma.

In addition to providing an extensive range of practical tools, the handbook also offers advice on when to recommend professional help to those suffering trauma. Suggestions on when and how to give support and supervision are given as well as how to manage your own stress.

This handbook is one of a series of publications available from People In Aid, others include: The Role of HR in Child Protection; Develop Your People and Organisation; Debriefing Aidworkers A Comprehensive Manual; Health and Safety in Aid Agencies; Mentoring; Practical Application of Competencies in Aid Work. In addition we offer a series of Guidelines: Preventing HIV/AIDS; Preventing Accidents; Work-Life Balance and Staff Health and Welfare. Copies are available from People In Aid at £10 for non-members or £7.50 for members. Contact [info@peopleinaid.org](mailto:info@peopleinaid.org).

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### (13) MISSIONARY OUTREACH SUPPORT SERVICES

Missionary Outreach Support Services (MOSS) is an organization under the leadership of the Regent University Doctor of Psychology program. MOSS seeks to serve Christian Missionaries and their families, both at home and abroad, by providing internet-based consulting and psycho-educational services. Psychological trainees provide the services under the supervision of licensed psychologists and in the context of a Christian worldview. All consultations are in the English language and are best suited for individuals

with a Western background. The consulting and ethical standards espoused by the faculty and trainees in the MOSS program are equivalent with the recommendations of the American Psychological Association. The services are offered at a reduced rate to provide missionaries with quality care that they can afford to use while serving on the mission field.

Our Mission:

To provide support and resources to Christian families throughout the world engaged in ministry.

Our Services:

Our website allows missionaries and their families to access:

Private, secure, encrypted, email consultation regarding mental health issues

Information regarding common psychological struggles

Links to other relevant agencies and information

Consultation:

Missionaries can engage in email consultation services by simply visiting our website and clicking on the "use our services" link. After a couple of easy steps, they will be introduced to their consultant and will then start the email process.

Confidentiality

Missionaries can be assured that all consultation services are private . Each email is secure, encrypted, and password protected.

Fees

Since MOSS is a web-based training program, our fees are extremely reasonable. Consultation services are \$10 and are charged to a credit card.

Want to learn more about MOSS?

Visit us at [www.missionaryoutreach.net](http://www.missionaryoutreach.net) or send an email to [glenmor@regent.edu](mailto:glenmor@regent.edu)

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#### (14) RESOURCES

##### RESOURCES FOR MARRIAGE, PARENTING, SINGLES AND LIFE ISSUES

FamilyLife Ministries[1] presents Moments Together for Couples[2], a daily online life-application devotional for married couples, also available in email format. The Nehemiah Project[3], a 52-week prayer devotional for families, is also available online for rebuilding the wall in the family. FamilyLife has four channels full of helpful additional resources: "Marriage," "Parenting," "Singles" and "Life Issues." Participate in forums, find ecards, subscribe to newsletters and listen online to FamilyLife radio broadcasts.

-- Links in this story --

[1] <http://www.familylife.com/>

[2] <http://www.familylife.com/moments/moments.cgi>

[3] <http://www.familylife.com/devotionals/family.asp>

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#### (15) SEVEN SECRETS OF STRESS MANAGEMENT

##### RICK WARREN REVEALS HIS "SEVEN SECRETS OF STRESS MANAGEMENT"

All stressed out and no where to go? No one even knows you are stressed

out? Take heart--God does, and so does Rick Warren, successful pastor of Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California; a much-in-demand speaker and author of the best-seller, *The Purpose Driven Life*[1], Pastor Warren could be very stressed, we do believe! Instead, he has written this excellent article for us all, *Seven Secrets of Stress Management*[2]. Find out how this busy pastor, author and speaker deals with the pressures of life from a Christian perspective--and how you can too! Then pass along the secret formula to another stressed-out friend of yours. That person will be blessed, will learn how to de-stress--and so will you!

-- Links in this story --

[1] <http://www.purposedrivenlife.com/>

[2] <http://www.pastors.com/article.asp?ArtID=3802>

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#### (16) BOOK ON MISSION FAMILIES

New book, on mission families, is close to publication!

**THE FAMILY IN MISSION: UNDERSTANDING AND CARING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE.**

This new book is a result of 15 years research by MK-CART/CORE and edited by Dr. Leslie Andrews. It should be available at the forthcoming Mental Health and Missions Conference in Indiana November 18-21, 2004. CART/CORE\*\* has assembled the results of three major research projects and designed the book for use by serious researchers and by applied practitioners and member care workers who minister to and work with MKs and mission families. It will be published by Mission Training International and will be available at an affordable cost through their bookstore. MTI may be contacted at the website at [www.mti.org](http://www.mti.org)

\*\*CART /CORE:

CART-- Consultation and Research Team is a group of representatives from a variety of missions who raised questions of concern and guided the research; CORE--Committee on Research and Endowment is a group of six qualified researchers who designed, implemented and interpreted the research.

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#### (17) BOOK : FOR THOSE LIVING IN THREAT ENVIRONMENTS

**FOR THOSE LIVING IN THREAT ENVIRONMENTS** -- "Missionaries on Alert" is a 2-volume, wire-bound instructional manual subtitled "A Security Awareness Training Manual for Living in Threat Environments." It is written from a Biblical perspective as a basic security awareness training manual for missionaries. Book One tells a fictitious story of two men in separate hostage situations and how they acted, interacted and reacted. Book Two gives an assessment of what the characters of Book One did rightly and what they did wrongly. The cost of the set is either US \$42.00 or CDN \$54.00 including shipping and handling; make checks payable to Copy 'n' Print with the designation "Missionaries on Alert" and mail to the address below. The books are printed and bound on an "on demand" basis so please allow a 4-6 week delivery. For a graphic of the book, go to <http://www.copynprint.com/moa/>  
To order, write: Copy 'n' Print, Box 4566, Three Hills, AB TOM 2NO, Canada or e-mail: [john@copynprint.com](mailto:john@copynprint.com) or fax: 403-443-2120 or phone 403-443-7041.

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#### (18) CONFRONTING THE PROBLEM OF PORNOGRAPHY

The edgy folks from XXXChurch.org[1], a Christian ministry that aims to confront pornography and sexual addiction, have been in the news again lately--this time with an interesting interview[2] at Speakeasy in which they discuss the goals behind the ministry and the challenges they've faced. (You may recall that XXXChurch received a fair amount of publicity earlier this year over their bizarre but certainly memorable "Pete" public service announcements[3].) Wired has also recently written[4] about the ministry's efforts. Their goals--to inspire the church to decisively confront the problem of pornography--is an ambitious one, but their recent efforts indicate that they've only just begun to fight. Here's hoping their unconventional approach finds success in the lives of people alienated or overlooked by more traditional ministries. Also of note this week on this general topic is The New Sexual Temptation[5], posted at ChristianityToday. It comments on the changing face of sexual temptation as pop culture and entertainment become increasingly saturated with sexual themes and images.

-- Links in this story --

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

[2] <http://speechtherapy.mullinax.net/speakeasyx/index.cfm?section=interviews&>

[3] <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/4874417/site/newsweek/>

[4] [http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,63502,00.html?tw=wn\\_tophead\\_1](http://www.wired.com/news/culture/0,1284,63502,00.html?tw=wn_tophead_1)

[5] <http://www.christianitytoday.com/singles/newsletter/mind30903.html>

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#### (19) MISSIONARY FAMILIES: SEND YOUR KIDS TO THE MKPLANET

MISSIONARY FAMILIES: SEND YOUR KIDS TO THE MKPLANET - mkPLANET is a growing community designed and run by current missionary kids (MKs) and adult missionary kids (AMKs) as an active community providing information, interaction, and support. It welcomes friends, family, service providers, and others as well. Check it out at: <http://www.mkplanet.com>

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#### (20) ONLINE HEALTHCARE FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS

ONLINE HEALTHCARE FOR OVERSEAS WORKERS -- Medeserve is a UK based charity which offers people working overseas with a charity or church access to trained family doctors for advice and reassurance via the internet. When working or living overseas travel medical insurance will cover the cost of treatment or repatriation in the event of an emergency. However, there may be times when you would like advice or reassurance and in remote areas such a doctor may be unavailable or communication is difficult. In certain circumstances it is also possible for the doctors to obtain advice from a network of specialists. For further details about medeserve, our services and to meet the doctors please see <http://www.medeserve.org>

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#### (21) COMING EVENTS

MAY 6-7: NEBRASKA, US

X-ERS & BOOMERS for missions  
<http://www.MissionNext.org> <http://www.Finishers.org>

June, 13-17, Dallas USA  
MC IN CRISIS SITUATIONS WORKSHOP  
[member\\_care\\_intl@wycliffe.org](mailto:member_care_intl@wycliffe.org).

June 15-24, Germany  
Multicultural Teams Course (in English) -  
CIU -contact: [ccrouse@aem.de](mailto:ccrouse@aem.de)

June 21 2005, Switzerland  
MEMBER CARE FOR PROFESSIONALS  
Email: [seminare@sonnenhalde.ch](mailto:seminare@sonnenhalde.ch)

August 1-5, 2005, East Sussex, UK  
RESTORING YOUR SOUL, UK  
[info@penhurst.org.uk](mailto:info@penhurst.org.uk) <<http://www.penhurst.org.uk>

August 30-Sept. 6  
Multicultural Teams Workshop in Miango, Nigeria,  
contact: [niyibarbel@yahoo.com](mailto:niyibarbel@yahoo.com)

October 2 - 5, Middle East  
MC Consultation  
[memc@pobox.com](mailto:memc@pobox.com)

Oct. 13-18 -  
Multicultural Teams Workshop in Jordan,  
contact: [jbns@comego.org](mailto:jbns@comego.org)

October 20-27, 2005. SOUTH AFRICA  
RETREATS FOR SINGLE MISSIONARIES  
E-mail : [OfficeMET@aol.com](mailto:OfficeMET@aol.com)

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Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence  
[KenRoyer@aol.com](mailto:KenRoyer@aol.com)

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[member-care-europe-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:member-care-europe-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

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