

MEMBER CARE NETWORK BRIEFING

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Special Edition



Greetings: Welcome to a special edition of Member Care Network Briefing. We couldn't wait till February to let you know about three new member care books that we believe are crucial for our work in member care. The book Kelly O'Donnell has been editing even has a special pre-print pricing offer until January 10 with up to 68 % discount! We didn't want you to miss this special opportunity.

HONOURABLY WOUNDED

This is a thoroughly updated edition (2001) of Dr. Marjory Foyle's classic book from 1987, of the same name (also called *Overcoming Missionary Stress*). It is easy to read and very helpful, covering many issues including selection, marriage, interpersonal conflict, etc. Marjory traveled all over the world for two years, interviewing mission personnel and leaders in order to update her work. Well done Marjory! It is published by Monarch in London. For more information, contact the author: [<mfoyle@compuserve.com>](mailto:mfoyle@compuserve.com)

MENTAL HEALTH AND MISSIONS BOOK

The second book is coming out later in 2002: *Enhancing Missionary Vitality: Mental Health Professions Serving Global Mission*; edited by John R. Powell, Ph.D. and Joyce M. Bowers, M.S.W. This book reflects the collective wisdom of over twenty years of the Mental Health and Missions Conferences in the USA. It will include: foundational papers for mental health professionals with Great Commission vision and for mission personnel with concern for member care; insights concerning the theological, cross-cultural, and community contexts in which missions and mental health are integrated; and guidance on professional and ethical issues.

"Enhancing Missionary Vitality" is intended for: mental health professionals serving missions, including psychologists, psychiatrists, and licensed therapists, counselors and social workers; sending agency staff concerned with the effectiveness, well-being, development and restoration of their members and who interface with mental health professionals; other professionals who provide care, such as physicians, pastors, and member care workers, both within and outside mission organizations; graduate students in the helping professions. The primary focus of the book is North American-based mission organizations and services, but others from different countries will really benefit from it. Most chapters were written especially for this book by authors who participate in Mental Health and Missions Conferences. It will be distributed by Mission Training International, P. O. Box 50010, Colorado Springs, CO 80949. Phone: 800/896-3710 Fax: 719/594-4682 E-mail [<Mintern@aol.com>](mailto:Mintern@aol.com), Website: [<www.MTI.org>](http://www.MTI.org)

INTERNATIONAL MEMBER CARE BOOK

Doing Member Care Well: Perspectives and Practices From Around the World
Edited by Dr. Kelly O'Donnell

This third book can now be ordered via the special prepublication offer (only for the next few weeks) described below. It is one I edited-- *Doing Member Care Well: Perspectives and Practices From Around the World*; published jointly by William Carey Library and the World Evangelical Fellowship Missions Commission.

I am very, very pleased with the finished product: the 60+ authors, 50 chapters, 550+ pages, and a fascinating cover; the international emphasis and diversity of topics with input from the humanitarian aid and health care communities; an emphasis on spiritual warfare, suffering, martyrdom etc; plus a few surprises inside! The table of contents is included at the end, after the ordering information.

The book will be offered at a radically reduced price for those who order and pay for copies in advance. For example, the list price is \$24.99 (another publisher though would have listed it for \$35), but it is MUCH less with the prepublication, limited-time offer. Our desire is to get the book out as widely as possible, and to see it read and applied! The purpose is not to make money, but rather to invest into the lives of mission personnel. I am hoping to have 5000 copies sold via the pre-publication offer.

Here is what one of the nine endorsers said (the endorsers were from each continent):

"This book delivers what it promises! Here are fifty cogent chapters from the widest selection of writers in the member care field to date. Part Two alone is worth the price of the book, as it provides a much-needed platform for our international colleagues from the New Sending Countries to share about the development of their own models. Doing Member Care Well takes member care beyond its usual boundaries. It internationalizes this field of service, and increases our resources for Christian workers by including perspectives from the humanitarian aid, human resource, and international health care sectors. Well done!"

Brent Lindquist, United States, Link Care Center

I am encouraging people to think in terms of getting enough copies for their colleagues and networks, and to think not just in terms of getting only one copy for themselves. Also, to think in terms of the next 12 months--travel, conferences, contacts--and who you could get/sell this book to during that period. In addition, I hope people can contact a few leaders within their organizations/networks to let them know about this offer and resource. So please do pass this message and the upcoming book offer to others!

For many of us, buying 25-50 books is quite realistic. And for a number of organizations/groups, 100+ would also be reasonable. If we think longer-term and more broadly, I believe we can all play an important part in getting this book out. It will help to further support sending groups and our personnel, as well as help connect and develop the global member care network.

Thanks for your help with this project--over 100 people have been involved in putting this book together! Please see below the table of contents. If you would like to see the cover, endorsers comments and the introduction to the book, visit <www.membercare.org> Any questions contact me at <102172.170@compuserve.com>

In our Lord, Kelly O'Donnell

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MemCa is an affiliation of international colleagues committed to help develop member care resources within missions. The Task Force (also called Global member Care Resources) is comprised of member care specialists who come from different mission organizations, and is one of the five task forces of the WEF Missions Commission. Currently there are 25 members. Task Force members work together and with other colleagues on projects, which benefit the global mission community along with specific regions. A special emphasis is on supporting mission personnel from Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and on those working among unreached people groups. Members are also committed to provide personal/professional support for each other as needed. Our desire is for our friendship and Christian fellowship to provide the foundation for our joint work.

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