



THE MINISTRY OF
Alongside

Renewing and Equipping Christian Leaders

Each year we use our Fall edition of the Alongside newsletter to share with you some of the things that people are saying about the ministry of Alongside. We hope that the enclosed testimonies from those who have experienced our ministry bless you as much as they have blessed us!

“The Best Kept Secret”

“My situation on the field this past year was not good. I was drained by the requirements of missionary life and by the strain of being alone, and I found myself virtually isolated from other missionaries who might have encouraged me. I was not thinking clearly; I was deeply depressed, and without help God alone knows what would have happened—and I mean that quite literally.

“However, as I prepared to return Stateside, the Member Care department of my mission swung in to action. When I arrived they were there to meet me and provide a safe, caring, loving, and restful place to get my bearings. They were available for debriefing, and helped me begin to process what I had experienced. They also did something that has proven to be more helpful than all their other services combined—they sent me to Alongside.

“Alongside is probably the best-kept secret in the world of Christian ministry. It is a place for pastors and missionaries to find retreat. The personal counseling and teachings work together to promote health and healing on a physical, mental, emotional and spiritual level.



“Alongside gave me a safe place to begin to heal and tools by which to understand myself and the world around me. In a world where a high percentage of missionaries who return home during or after their first term never return to the field, Alongside has given me help that will enable me to beat the odds. . . . They have set me on a course which will enable me to be much more effective when I do return to the field.”

This missionary from the former Soviet Union has now returned to the mission field

Did you know that so far this year Alongside has welcomed 74 Christian leaders from 33 countries on 6 continents to our Renewal and Growth retreats?

**Professional
Staff**

Jeanne Jensma, Ph.D.
 Steve Maybee, M.A.
 Mike Van Kampen, M.Div.

**Support
Staff**

Deb Flook
 Sue Johnston

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills

One of the primary reasons given by missionaries for leaving the field prematurely has to do with unresolved conflict with other missionaries. To help address this problem, the Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills Workshop (SYIS) was developed by Ken Williams, a veteran Wycliffe Bible Translators missionary. This workshop is now managed by International Training Partners (www.itpartners.org).

In August, one of Alongside's counselors, Steve Maybee, had the opportunity to work with ITP in helping to train mission leaders to facilitate the SYIS workshops throughout the world. Fifteen leaders came to Colorado for the training. These leaders represented 12 organizations, and their ministries touch multiple countries on 6 of the 7 continents! These newly trained facilitators will now spread out across the globe, many conducting the workshops not only with missionaries, but also with nationals in their host countries and regions. This is just one of the ways that Alongside serves to support the work of Christian leaders worldwide!



Our Board of Directors

Kim Allen

Dr. Jeanne Jensma

Susanne Johnston

Dr. Jim Lacy

Dr. Rick Meschino

Gary Moore

Dr. John Powell

Kevin Rynbrandt

Steve Timyan

Esther Waddilove

Endorsement

"I work as a member-care resource with a middle-sized mission of about 600 career missionaries and around 200 short-termers. I am always looking for good resources to help our people when the stressors of missionary life bring brokenness and pain. We believe that they have been "honorably wounded" on the battlefields of missionary service, and that they deserve the best care we can give them. **Alongside has become the premier place for us to find that care for our people.** The professional quality of the service Alongside provides as well as the personal, experiential, and spiritual quality of their staff is priceless, and I will continue to send both couples and singles there as needed."

Alice Hatch, Mission to the World (PCA), Member Care Resource Personnel

For more information about our ministry, please visit our website at www.alongsidecares.net!

While Alongside charges a fee to those who attend our intensive counseling retreats, our fees do not cover the total cost of our services. We depend upon people just like you to partner with us in this vital ministry. All contributions are tax-deductible, and we thank you in advance for your generosity! Contributions can be sent directly to our Richland address or by giving online: www.alongsidecares.net.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*