



OBTAINING COUNSELING

In September 2006 I provided an article, "Counseling Web Sites and Resources." In this article I will include some of the previous information; however, my purpose is to walk you through the process of obtaining counseling through the insurance you may have. Although the insurance for missionary associates does not provide counseling, MAs may contact my office, and we will assist you. For our appointed missionaries, your IMG insurance plan covers counseling.

In the past the following was policy:

Covered charges for care, supplies, and treatment of mental disorders will be limited as follows: All treatment is subject to the benefit payment maximums shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Physician's visits are limited to one treatment per day. Psychiatrists (M.D.), psychologists (Ph.D.), or counselors (Ph.D.) may bill the plan directly. For counseling such as pastoral or group therapy, that is not covered on the plan.

The current policy provides major differences:

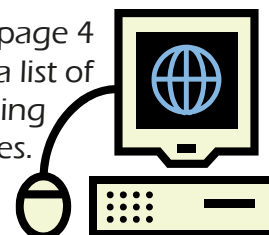
You may bill the plan directly with the insurance company, as long as the counselor is a "licensed" (in the state where you obtain counseling) counselor. This means that counseling is no longer limited to those holding a specific doctorate. Having a master's degree is typically the minimal requirement to obtaining the credentials of licensure. Do not get a "licensed" counselor and a "registered" counselor confused. In some states, anyone with any background can become a registered counselor by paying a minimum (i.e., \$25) fee. Remember, a registered counselor is not sufficient; be sure that the counselor is licensed by the state.

You may contact me if the counselor is not licensed by the state, and together we can work to obtain approval with the insurance company. Always bear in mind that if you are looking for assistance to address a specific concern, you can always contact me, and I will try to help you locate the counselor who best reflects your wishes.

Confidentiality is important to you and also very important to me. Remember that this office is here to serve you in every way possible. God bless you!

Your friend and brother,

See page 4
for a list of
counseling
resources.



MK OFFICE UPDATE

As I write this, today marks the first full week for my kids to be back in class this school year. They had two days of school last week, but now the real work starts. My wife went to all the meetings before school started, but I never had a chance to meet the teachers. So this morning, as I dropped off my son Graham, I went back to his classroom and was able to meet his teacher. I love being a part of his world.

One of the fun things I do for my kids is to bring back a coin from every country I visit for each kid in their class. So, since I recently went to Honduras, I brought back some coins for all the kids. Of course, my children love handing them out. When I went back to Graham's classroom this morning, the teacher had me introduce myself to all the kids, and she let them know about the coins my son had brought for them.

I love these kind of things for two main reasons. First, I know my kids love being able to give these coins to all the kids in their classes. It gives them something to look forward to while Daddy is on the road. Second, it gives my kids an opportunity to witness. I was able to tell all the children that I am a missionary, and now Graham has many open

doors to share with his classmates.

As you are preparing to send your children to school this year, I would like to challenge you to empower your children to be missionaries. We teach them during SOM that MKs are not just the children of missionaries, but they also are missionaries. You can provide opportunities for your children. Sometimes it takes a little creativity, but be sure to include them. See how they will impact their own generation. Wouldn't it be awesome if being a missionary was just natural for them? I think that takes a little bit of encouragement from us as parents.

Since the missions trip to Latin America was such a great success this past summer, we are planning a trip to Africa next summer. The tentative dates for the trip are July 23 through August 2. From the States, Africa is more expensive to get to than Latin America; however, if you want to have your MK fly directly there, we can work that out too! For more information about this missions trip, contact our office or check out the Web site for updates. If you are able to help send an MK on a missions trip, we have several who would like to go but are unable to raise the



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total amount. Since we are all one big family, Uncle and Aunt, would you consider helping an MK make the trip? I believe we are giving our MKs a great vision for missions by sending them on these trips! Thanks for your help in advance.

We also ask that you be in prayer about our annual Thanksgiving Retreat. This is our thirty-fifth anniversary as a ministry, and we have invited all the previous MK leaders to be at the retreat. Joan Schnelle, Joy Sorbo, Don Triplett, Bob Friesen, and Paul Dobson will all be joining us as we celebrate what God has done through the MK ministry in the last 35 years. Brother Bueno will be our keynote speaker. We are excited to see what God is going to do in the next 35 years through the lives of all of our MKs. If you have an MK who is between the ages of 18 and 22, make sure they are registered to attend.

Blessings,

Chad

SPOTLIGHT ON WILSON AND JUDY GAUNTT

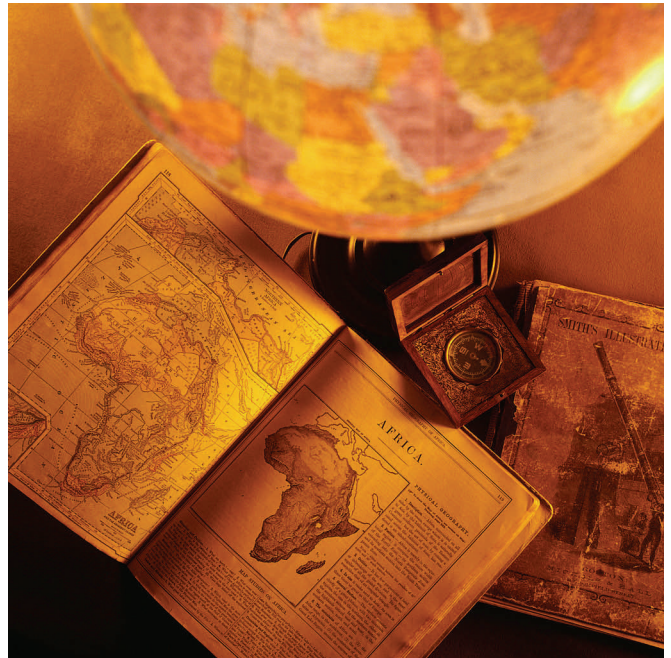
Missionary Associates with Global University

In one North African nation that is 97 percent Muslim, God is opening closed doors! About 23 years ago a group of believers here in America began to pray specifically that God would break through the spiritual darkness of this country. They prayed for two years for a specific town where a missionary was martyred in 1315.

Then the miracle happened. One night in 1983, over 400 Berbers, all Muslims, had the same dream about Jesus. Muslims are very superstitious about dreams. A dream is the same as an actual event to them.

The next day these people began to share their dream and learned they all had the same dream about Jesus. Today there are 10,000 former Muslim Berbers in this country who are now Pentecostal Christians.

Global University is thrilled to have a part in helping establish a Bible school to train men and women for the ministry in this overwhelmingly Muslim nation where the Spirit of God is doing a powerful work.



Please join us in welcoming Katie Freeman to PFL as the new support specialist and assistant to Janice Brison. Katie stands ready to assist in any way she can and is excited to serve our missionary family.

Welcome, Katie!



LOOKING AHEAD...

Keep an eye out for changes coming on how to invite and host teams on your field!

Be sure to read the article next month on the changes taking place in the area of Team Registration.

COUNSELING RESOURCES

Focus on the Family counseling resource:

<http://www.troubledwith.com>

Christian Counseling and Education Foundation:

<http://www.ccef.org/home.htm>

American Association of Christian Counselors:

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

American Association of Pastoral Counselors:

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

Christian Association for Psychological Studies:

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

EMERGE Ministries: <http://www.emerge.org/>

Barnabus Christian Counseling Network:

<http://www.barnabus.com/counseling/counselors.asp>

The Center for Christian Counseling:

<http://www.c3christiancounseling.com>

Pastoral Counseling and Education Center:

<http://www.pcec-counseling.org/>

HelpLine (toll-free): 1-800-867-4011



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