



## Counseling Web Sites and Resources

When you realize that you or someone you love needs counseling, two issues should be addressed.

First is the task of finding a competent counselor who will truly integrate the Christian faith into the counseling process. Unfortunately, not everyone who claims to be a Christian counselor operates with a personal and professional

commitment to Christ-centered soul care.

Second is to be aware of appropriate resources to assist with locating the help and tools you need to address the concern.

I have listed a few Web sites which should provide some guidance in locating counseling referrals and various resources, i.e., online counseling. These sites do not necessarily

carry our endorsement; they are there to assist in your search for counseling material or referral.

Of course you may always contact me, and I will do my best to help you any way I can. God bless you!

*Your friend and brother,*

***Rick Johnson***

Focus on the Family Counseling resource

<http://www.TroubledWith.com/index.htm>

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/06home.html>

Barnabus Christian Counseling Network

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

The Center for Christian Counseling

<http://www.c3christiancounseling.com/index.html>

Pastoral Counseling and Education Center

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

EMERGE Ministries

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

or for Assemblies of God ministers and their families, call the HelpLine,  
1-800-867-4011, for no-cost confidential counseling or referral

## MK OFFICE UPDATE

My wife and I just returned from a youth camp in Europe. It was a wonderful camp! We love seeing young people come to know Christ. About five missionary kids came to this camp, but the rest were international students from around Europe, young people of 15 nationalities from several different countries. We had the camp in English and French. God moved sovereignly—baptizing young people with His Spirit, setting people free from bondage, and bringing several to a salvation knowledge of Christ. Absolutely powerful!

If you have kids who will be old enough to attend camp next summer, I would highly recommend it. One of my goals in the ISMK office is to help our MKs experience a youth camp. I know that on the field it can be difficult and sometimes impossible; however, if you are able to find a good camp, I recommend you do all you can for your children to attend.

Several fun things are happening at ISMK. One is that we now have a missionary associate in our office! Kristi (Preiser) Arnold is an MK from Haiti and officially joined our office on August 21. She is with us for a one-year assignment. Her main portfolio is developing ministry effectiveness to our sensitive-area MKs. She will be developing the TCK sensitive

Web site to make it functional for MKs who cannot access <http://ismk.org>. She is also going through the entire curriculum that has been developed over the years helping us update, edit, and create a uniform curriculum. It is a ton of work, but it needs to be done. I do want to let you know that she came to us without her budget completely raised. She lacks quite a bit in monthly support, and we would greatly appreciate any support from the missionary family. Feel free to e-mail me or contact the MA office



if you would be able to help her and us.

One other thing happening is an MK missions trip. I would love to see our MKs be able to go on a missions trip to a different region. Next summer we are planning to take a group of high school MKs to Latin America. If you are going to be on furlough or want to send your MK on a missions trip, please contact our office. We are



Chad and Dargan Phillips

partnering with Book of Hope to do this special outreach. I would like our MKs to experience missions on their own! Many of our teens host missions teams from the States but never get to go on a trip themselves. Please let your MKs know they are encouraged to come with us on an MK missions trip. The trip is tentatively scheduled immediately following SOM 2007. More information will be on <http://ismk.org> and through the parental e-mail updates.

Blessings to each of you,

Bwana Chad and  
Bwanita Dargan Phillips



MKs at Asia Pacific Retreat in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

## SPOTLIGHT on the Smith Family



Lincoln and Jennifer (and their children Madison and Kyler) Smith began a two-year missionary associate assignment in February 2006, serving as coworkers at Lighthouse Children's Shelter in South Africa.

In a recent newsletter they said,

*We feel very fulfilled by our work here at the shelter. Working with the children is very rewarding. We have enjoyed the privilege of taking part in several adoptions from the shelter. It is such a joy to*

*see one of our precious children find a permanent, loving home. It is truly an honor to be a part of this ministry.*

Here is a special prayer request from that newsletter:

*Six-year-old Anna, the oldest child in the shelter, is a beam of sunshine with a cute, proper South African accent. She's almost always smiling and having fun. At the age of three Anna was rescued from Freedom Park, an informal settlement made of tin shacks with no running water or electricity. The picture on the right was taken when she was discovered. We have documentation that shows she suffered sexual and physical abuse before we found her.*

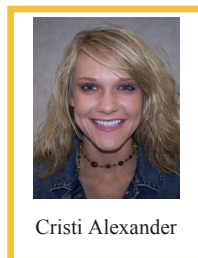
*We are currently in a struggle with Anna's granny, who is*

*trying to convince the social workers to grant her custody of Anna. The granny lives in Freedom Park and wants to take Anna back there. It is our belief that the granny, who has had almost no contact with Anna in the past three years, only wants custody to get the monthly grant that the government gives for caring for an orphan. Anna may be going back to Freedom Park to live as soon as December. Please pray that Anna would truly know her Heavenly Father's love and that the social workers would make the right decisions.*



## PFL STAFF NEWS

New to the MK office is Cristi Alexander, who is also an MK, daughter of Mark and Vickie Alexander (Ethiopia). Cristi serves as the MK correspondence assistant. She has been featured



Cristi Alexander

on our GoAG.org Web site during this past year due to her missions trips. She brings another friendly face to the MK family.



Kristi Arnold

Kristi Arnold, MK and daughter of Karen Prieser, is another welcome sight in the MK office. You can read more about Kristi in the MK article of this newsletter.

It is great to welcome new staff to Personnel and Family Life.

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## PFL STAFF NEWS (CONTINUED)

We know you will join us in welcoming Kristen McCabe as the MA/MAPS processor for Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa. She is excited to serve our missionary family.



Kristen McCabe

Eager to serve International Service Ministries, Northern Asia, and Eurasia as MA/MAPS processor is our own MK, Tiffany Stark, daughter of Everett and Carolyn Ward (Latin America Library Services). Tiffany stands ready to assist any way she can.

We also welcome Joani Vander Molen, our MA/MAPS processor for Europe and Asia Pacific. She came to us after having served as summer staff during School of Missions.



Joani Vander Molen

Another addition to PFL is Melissa Flokstra, who will serve as a candidate processing assistant. She is married to MK G. J. Flokstra.



Melissa Flokstra



Tiffany Stark

Feel free to connect with these processors with your personnel needs. They are quick to

learn, ready to serve, and able to meet the challenge.

We say good-bye to candidate processing assistant Cheryl McElhatten as she ventures off to full-time itineration in Wisconsin. She and her husband are U.S. missionaries and have been called to plant a church in Colorado.



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