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FROM THE CEO

EPHESIANS 3:20

The team at Link Care is entering the California summer with GREAT anticipation of how God is going to use this ministry to walk with those seeking restoration and healing in their lives. We know that God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, and we are trusting in the provision of finances, staff, energy, and wisdom. Thank you for praying for our team and the future of this ministry.

There are several new opportunities coming up, including a **STRENGTHEN Marriage Intensive**, a **STRENGTHEN Singles Intensive**, ongoing **PastorCARE** scholarship care, open slots for the **Restoration & Personal Growth** program, and webinars. Make sure you are following us on social media so you don't miss out!

To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

JENNIFER SMITH, PSY.D | CEO

"Fear and anxiety express our fragility more than our sin. The world is a scary place, and we are finite and weak people."

EDWARD T. WELCH, *Running Scared*

Our longing for trouble-free life in a troubled world echoes Eden before weeds intruded on our work and worry invaded our relationships. Today, tomorrow is a problem. Anxiety is our reality; we live in an inescapable anxious world. In pastoral counseling, there is surprising relief in normalizing anxiety, recognizing anxiety is fear of loss in a world of loss. Through His ministry and message, the Son of God never denies or dismisses our worries. Instead, He reminds us that what anxiety wants more than an answer is a Person. Offering clarity and comfort, God's Word does not shame the anxious for lacking faith but instead invites the fearful to experience the nearness of a Heavenly Father.

Clarity. Biblically framed, anxiety is not a barrier to our faith but a doorway to deeper

faith. Anxiety helps identify what we love and what we fear losing. To love is to experience anxiety; we cannot eliminate anxiety unless we eliminate love. For believers living in a fallen world, anxiety is the opportunity to deepen our trust in the love of a Heavenly Father. As part of the team at Link Care, the role of therapy and medication for specific anxiety disorders are divine gifts in cultivating awareness and the ability to respond to God's nearness. As a pastoral counselor, walking alongside fellow strugglers, the journey is rediscovering that we have a Person, a Father in Heaven intimately fathering us on earth to unburden us from the "weight of the world" we cannot bear. To bear this weight, Jesus willingly entered our troubled world? for us to be with us. He came to embrace the worst of anxiety on the Cross to become the client and counselor's eternal hope and daily help.

Comfort. For today, in the counseling room, Jesus' ongoing ministry is the assurance of our

Father's constant, attentive, and inescapable presence, knowing our fears even before we do! He bottles our tears and hears our cries; he is near, listening for us to speak to Him, to prove He is our safe place (Phil. 4:5; Ps. 56:8-9; 62:8). When Jesus taught, "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," He legitimized fear in a dangerous world but not without assuring us that the Father has a special affection for us and is up to something good through our anxieties (Lk. 12). Our Father sacrificed His Son to secure the coming redeemed earth that is trouble-free, without fear, anxiety, and worries. Until then, we have a Person, the right Person. Who does not shame us for our fears but lavishes us with grace and mercy instead. Jesus promises to care for and about our tomorrows and repeatedly promises that we can never be alone in the troubles of today (Ps. 23, 46; John 14; Rom. 8; Heb 13).

PATTIE KROHN, M.A. | Pastoral Counselor

PROGRAM UPDATES

Our **Restoration & Personal Growth** program has served 13 units so far in 2023—6 couples, 2 families, 5 singles!

The systemic approach of the clinical team is a great fit for global workers who need support and care when they are in crisis, experiencing anxiety or depression, processing transition & change, and more!

Please contact
joaniejoy@linkcare.org to inquire
about our program

The **PastorCARE** program at Link Care provides five free sessions to any pastor in the central valley. This is an opportunity for our shepherds to be cared for in a confidential and loving way with no out-of-pocket expense. Link Care has provided over \$22,000 in scholarships to pastors this year! Please consider donating to this invaluable scholarship program by scanning here.





» DO YOU KNOW A COUPLE who could benefit from a weekend to focus on their marriage? Please refer to the insert about the new **STRENGTHEN Marriage Intensive** coming in October 2023, led by Link Care's clinical staff and partnering with *The Healthy Marriage Coalition* in Fresno. We can't wait to see you there!

» DO YOU KNOW A SINGLE FEMALE GLOBAL WORKER who could benefit from an 8-day intensive connecting to spiritual and emotional wholeness? The new **STRENGTHEN Singles Intensive** coming in December 2023 would be perfect!

REFER TO THE ENCLOSED CARDS FOR MORE DETAILS.

NEED FLYERS FOR YOUR CHURCH+FRIENDS?

>>email JenniferSmith@linkcare.org for more information



AMAZON WISH LIST

Keep up with our current Wish List for all our ongoing needs!

Your support is appreciated.



Link Care continues to pursue **SECURITY MEASURES** that will improve safety on campus for our 100+ residents and the many clients that visit our counseling center daily. We are in the process of replacing the security gates along the back wall of our property and can't wait to update you soon! We are need an additional \$50,000 to install an automatic security gate at the property's front entrance. Please join us in praying that God would do immeasurably more than we could ever imagine in creating a safe environment for global workers and our local community to heal and find restoration in their lives!

TRANSITIONS

Our team is growing and transitioning. Please join us in welcoming two new Associates and three new trainees this summer!

- Lisa Basile, M.A. – Associate LMFT
- Kari Medeiros, M.A. – Associate LMFT
- Tanya Blomgren – MFT Trainee
- Breyona Midgett – MFT Trainee
- Kevin Reifman – MFT Trainee

We have openings in both our community counseling and RPG programs. Please contact the intake coordinators to get started!

COMMUNITY CLIENT

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RPG PROGRAM FOR GLOBAL WORKERS

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Our clinical team has also said goodbye to two amazing women:

MEG SLIVOSKEY, LMFT, has retired and looks forward to the many activities and opportunities this brings!

PATTIE KROHN, M.A., has accepted a new position at a church in the Bay area. Please lift up Pattie & Meg in prayer as they transition to new roles. We will miss them both!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Licensed staff to provide high-quality counseling to our clients // Funding for necessary facilities improvements // Funding for security gate // Soul care for our counselors; rest and rejuvenation

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ONE SCAN FOR
ALL OUR LINKS

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LINK CARE SPRING 2021

We continue to pray for the Lord's leading and guidance as we partner with you in this ministry.

If you need prayer or support, please
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