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Our readers may wish to know about *Grief Matters*, a new journal which emanates from Australia. It is unashamedly modelled on *Bereavement Care* but focuses on reports of research carried out in that continent.

The first edition included a systematic comparison of reactions to loss of a parent, spouse and child (by Warwick Middleton) and an account of Family Grief Therapy (David Kissane), the second gave three excellent papers on grief in aboriginal people

and the third covered aspects of grief in children and adolescents.

With *Bereavement Care*, *Omega*, *Death Studies* and *Mortality* all competing for readers, do we need another journal in this field? I think we do. New services are now being developed in all parts of the world and the amount of good research is growing and needs to be published. Death and bereavement touch so many people, involve researchers and professional carers from so many academic disciplines and are so much influenced by cultural factors that we need editorial teams and journals across the world to do justice to the field.

This said, there are few readers who will have the time or opportu-

nity to read all of the relevant literature. With this in mind, the editors and international advisory board of *Bereavement Care* try to keep you informed of significant developments, both by inviting contributions to the

## EDITORIAL

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journal from leading researchers and practitioners and by continuing to publish reviews of books and articles from other journals. This issue includes articles from the USA and Africa as well as the UK. Ken Doka explains the term he coined to describe grief

which is unacknowledged, 'disenfranchised grief', Leila Gupta describes the operation of the children's trauma recovery programme she helped to set up in Rwanda, and Richard Lansdown reports on a recent international conference on children and death.

Our reviews of books and videos from many countries are written by volunteers and we are most grateful to them and to John Bush and Sheila Hodges for scanning an international spread of journals and abstracting relevant papers. In future editions, we intend to expand our coverage to the worldwide web and publish reviews of the contributions that are beginning to appear there.