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Global Member Care Conference
April 23-27, 2012 - Thailand
Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

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The Global Member Care Network is excited to announce the Global Member Care Conference. Registration is now open. Find more infos below.

The heart of the conference is to create a platform to hear global voices about member care in a borderless world, which is characterized by increasing hostilities and schisms. The environment that workers are serving in is getting harder, more dangerous, more challenging, more persecution, more risks, and more suffering. We need to hear how workers can overcome these challenges and thrive in their ministries. Out of this gathering we will see great opportunities for networking, sharing our stories and resources, and learning to care for His workers effectively.

Date: April 23-27, 2012

Location: Lotus Hotel, Chiangmai Thailand

Cost: Accomodation and Conference fees: Early Bird 9,100 Thai Baht (~300 USD)(twin room per person).

REGISTER: to register, click the following link and enter the Password in Capital letters:

https://forms.sameventregistration.com/survey.cfm?su_id=199

Password: GMCN

(if you don't succeed in getting the form to open the first time please try again. The internet in Thailand can fluctuate from time to time causing some difficulty on occasion.)

For any questions, please contact Harry Hoffmann at office@globalmembercare.org

Editorial - Transition and Re-Entry

Summer time is often transition time for many families in missions. There are lot's of resources out there on transition and re-entry, e.g. here

http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures/br_reentry.htm.

Please also find below infos about re-entry seminars in the UK.

Home Keeps Moving is a recent book, which follows Heidi and her missionary family on their many moves through the eyes of a Third Culture Kid (TCK) and the unique phenomena of having four very different home countries to relate to. It tells the true story of being catapulted from continent to continent constantly: leaving friends and starting all over again, her unquenchable search for a home and sense of belonging in this world, her desire for a

life-partner with the odds all but against her due to constantly relocating (even into adulthood). You will laugh and cry along with Heidi as she recounts hilarious and heart-breaking tales from her childhood as West blends with East. That is the true beauty of Heidi's upbringing, it crossed borders and defied logic but she lacked for nothing.

May I encourage you to take the transition and re-entry process serious, and find someone to process this with.
Harry Hoffmann

This month's topics:

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Reports/News/Requests

Wanted: Christian Psychiatrist to Practice in Thailand

The Need

Beginning in June 2012 Lea Ann and I will be leaving Thailand for the better part of a year to spend "furlough" time with our children in America. It will be our first extended time in the US in 9 years. I am currently the only psychiatrist on our staff and the only native English speaking psychiatrist in Thailand (and perhaps the only native English speaking Christian psychiatrist in all of Asia!). Our counseling practice has continued to grow steadily and even with 9 professional staff we increasingly have to turn people away or delay their treatment for weeks or months.

Cornerstone Counseling Foundation exists to serve the needs of English-speaking missionaries in Asia. Chiang Mai has become a major center of mission activity in Asia and is the most strategic place to offer our services. We very much need a psychiatrist to come to Chiang Mai to help us, either for a few weeks, a few months, an entire year, or for several years.

My Psychiatric Practice at Cornerstone Counseling Foundation

My psychiatric practice is quite unusual. Because we are in Asia and because our counseling center operates on a donation basis, we do not have to deal with insurance payments and the restrictions that come with dealing with third party payers. I can see whomever I wish and spend as long as I wish in each session. I have very few reports to write, perhaps once a month and usually quite brief - only one or two paragraphs. I typically work in our counseling office only 3 days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays! I typically see 10 to 15 patients a week but occasionally more than 20. Occasionally I come to the office on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday to be available to those who are coming from out of country and need a short series of frequent sessions. I spend a fair amount of time responding to email from patients. I find that the needs of the missionaries are best served if I remain available by email for their questions as part of my routine follow-up of patients after they return to their country of service. Most weeks I spend about as many hours in email correspondence with patients as I do seeing patients in the office. All of our professional staff are all self-supported or faith-supported. Donations received at our office are used to pay our Thai office staff and maintain the building.

The Psychotherapy Team at Cornerstone

During their time in Chiang Mai, most clients are seen by more than one therapist at our counseling center. We currently have one psychologist, one psychiatrist (myself) and five MA level psychotherapists. We also have one Thai counselor and one RN who is our Office Administrator. Many clients come for marital therapy and then discover that one spouse needs treatment for depression. Sometimes a family will come for help for their child and then realize they need marital work and not infrequently will need to be evaluated for depression or other psychiatric condition. When the child is the identified patient, we will not work with the family unless the parents and other family members agree to be involved in the treatment.

Teaching

We have had many requests to receive counseling interns from Western and Asian psychotherapy programs. We have not had sufficient staff to provide the necessary supervision to interns up to this point but we hope to do this increasingly in the future. If you enjoy teaching and supervision there are opportunities for this. At the Cornerstone office we have a weekly Case Consultation attended by all the professional staff.

Come Over and Help Us

If you want to look into this opportunity for service, please contact me at billhoppe@gmail.com. You can see the Cornerstone Foundation website at <http://cornerstonecounseling.in.th/> I would enjoy the chance to answer any of your questions. God bless you. Bill Hoppe MD

Looking for: People Development Coordinator

- I hope, Mission-Net is for you not a strange word! ☺ Preparations for the congress 11/12 in Erfurt / Germany (www.mission-net.org) are under way, a lot of people are already involved – but there is still a gap in one important area: People Development Coordinator – as member of the programme team. The enclosed description is giving you all the details and if you are interested to get more information, please get in touch with the programme director Sandra Schwab [sandra.schwab@mission-net.org] or Mission-Net Director Evi Rodemann [evi.rodemann@mission-net.org].

Please note: There are many individual helpers needed for that area – but here we ask very urgently for the person who is able and ready to coordinate. It is also not the “classical counselling ministry” as you will realise if you read the description. But for the coordination we need a person who has an understanding of this ministry and has organisational skills.

If you feel you know somebody who probably could be that person (if not even you yourself... ☺) – but you feel the job description is too demanding – please do not hesitate to talk to Sandra or Evi in order to clarify. To describe a job for somebody one does not know is always tricky. And sometimes, there are synergies building up, if more than one person is joining. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/PRD_People_Development_Coordinator_MNC_11.doc

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

Question:

Resources for families living in countries where there is unrest?

(...) I have had a couple of families write to me lately - who live in some of the countries that have been in the news and I realise certainly for our organisation we need to have more resources available. Are there any already written specifically for families living in these areas and how to help parents with what to tell their children depending on the ages? How to help each and support one another through crisis/tense situations?

(...) What about questions or things to look for pre departure in terms of the types of people who cope with those types of situations or skills or tools we need to help them acquire.

(...) My area of concern particularly is how we resource parents and children in these situations.

Please post any responses and resources to globalmembercare@gmail.com

Answer:

Resources for families living in countries where there is unrest?

(...) I found a great site with lots of advice, policy etc www.eisf.eu – the European interagency safety forum, which is a network of NGOs.

(...) you might like to try the membercare by radio site of TWR to see what programme there are relating to this subject as they are designed for missionaries to listen to. www.membercareradio.com.

RESOURCES

TOPICS

Raising Support (Source: OSCAR Update - June 2011)

- If you're facing the prospect of raising support, either before going overseas or whilst you're on home leave, there are more 'Funding the Family Business' events to help equip you. Day courses are planned for London and Manchester, and a two day residential in Hoddesden. There's also a revised and updated edition of the workbook just released.

Go to www.fundingthefamilybusiness.org

For OSCAR's Support Raising section, go to www.oscar.org.uk/service/finance/support.htm

BOOKS

Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy, Period!Lessons from the Battle Lines.

- Here's a new book, Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy, Period!Lessons from the Battle Lines. It is useful for member

care, discipleship and personal growth.

It is realistic, practical and personal, applying biblical truth in real life situations in the midst of tough ministry. With short chapters and clear application, the book is easy to read. Many chapters are "stand alone" and can be used for counseling assignments. Some chapter subjects: Every day spiritual warfare; using the armor; personal worship that transforms; forgiveness, the highest form of obedience; dealing with sin by confessing in layers and confessing ahead; learning how to let go of the temporal, hold on to the eternal and rise above events; transformation via meditation on Scripture.

Reader's comment: "I just finished reading this excellent book and my mind is filled with so many new tools to help me live the way God wants me to live. Applying what this book teaches would be life changing. The author uses actual experiences from his own life to explain and illustrate how to be filled with joy, no matter what the circumstances. There are sections on Worship, Prayer, Scriptural Meditation, Confession, Spiritual Warfare and others. The writing is easy to follow and every point is well explained, with honest, real life examples. I plan to read it again and start putting these principles to work."

Title: Knowing Jesus is Enough for Joy, Period! 314 pages; includes a study guide.

Available in paperback and ebook at:

<http://edifyingservices.com> (best price)

as well as Amazon and Barnes & Noble

- **Pastorpain ..a book about burnout in ministry**

After serving as a pastor in Australia and missionary in Hungary for 22 years I went through burnout. My last ministry was as the Senior pastor of Reedy Creek Baptist Church (Gold Coast). During my recovery time I wrote a book about burnout called "pastorpain" as I wanted to help people understand what burnout is like and to raise awareness of this growing problem.

I have attached a e-version of the book. Since it has been published in Australia under the title "Burnt out" I can only offer the original pdf version for free to people outside of Australia. So please feel free to pass it on to your team internationally if you feel that it would be a helpful resource. I can send out printed copies internationally for \$6.50 plus postage.

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/pastorpainfinalprint.pdf

NEWSLETTERS

www.actuateconsulting.com.au

- Newsletter

Helpful interpersonal tips from Steve Bagi, Australia. www.actuateconsulting.com.au

Member Care Nederland

- MCNL Nieuwsbrief Mei 2011 http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/MCNL_Nieuwsbrief_Mei_2011.doc

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

AFRICA

School of Reconciliation - Rwanda

- 6 week School of Reconciliation we are holding in Rwanda next January. It is aimed primarily at the International community - to share the things that we have learned with others who are burdened to see reconciliation in their communities/nations. Would you please make this known among the Member Care network? - especially those involved in nations where there is conflict.

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&tx_wecdiscussion\[single\]=446](http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&tx_wecdiscussion[single]=446)

ASIA

NCF Counseling and Member Care Seminar Thailand

WHEN: 9-21 October 2011

WHERE: Chiang Mai, Thailand

This is an intensive counseling seminar designed to increase one's counseling and member care skills. The instructors will emphasize a strong integration of biblical and theological truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques. It is particularly designed for leaders, member care providers, and those in cross-cultural settings called to counsel a great variety of people, but who feel that their education has not adequately equipped them to deal with the many problems they encounter in their ministries.

To receive an application, write Cindy Hibma at cindyh@cornerstonecounseling.in.th

Enrollment is limited to 35 participants, so it is wise to apply early. Singles, married couples who attend together, and those who stay in residence are given priority acceptance. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/NCF_Counseling_Member_Care_Seminar_2011.pdf

http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_thailand01.php

<http://cornerstonecounseling.in.th/seminars.htm>

Heartstream Resources Refresh Program in Chiang Mai, Thailand July 3-14

Heartstream Resources Refresh Program in Chiang Mai, Thailand July 3-14.

Special programs for across cultural workers. Registration is open. More information and registration form at www.heartstreamresources.org

For special direct contact: lee.maliska@worldteam.org Skype: lee.k.maliska

Under the guidance of professionals with years of experience in pastoral and cross-cultural counseling and leadership, you'll have an opportunity to focus on issues affecting you and your family. A variety of programs, learning experiences and activities are provided for you to choose from. This is more than a program. It is A Holiday With a Purpose! This includes adults, singles and kids of all ages.

- Emotionally Focused Therapy Training - China

For Counsellors and Mental Health Professionals

In English and Chinese

Date & Time: 5 days, 19. - 23. September 2011,

Where: Kunming, China

Presenter: Catherine Brown, PhD Psychology

For more info write to office@globalmembercare.com

EUROPE**Member Care while Managing Crises - Germany**

- Member Care while Managing Crises (MCMC) is a five-day workshop that will gather together interested leaders of serving organizations in Central Asia, Turkey and Germany to share and learn about the strategic role they play in member care while managing crisis situations.

Topics will include:

-  normal response to a crisis
-  stages of grief following loss or trauma
-  theology of suffering and risk
-  helpful policies, procedures and protocols
-  confidentiality and communication
-  assessment of vulnerable members
-  leadership style in crisis
-  the when, why and how's of crisis debriefings and how the Mobile Member Care Team model trains local Peer Responders for crisis care alongside agency leaders (www.mmct.org).

The workshop is very interactive and includes a fair amount of reading in preparation for each day's sessions.

Participants should come prepared to work at this "work-shop" and leave other work behind.

Date: 16. - 21.10. 2011

Sunday 16th starting at 3pm , Friday 21st finishing at 3pm

Location: Familien-Ferienstätte Holzhausen , Blau-Kreuz-Heim-Straße 1 , 57299 Burbach – Holzhausen , Germany

Please contact Annemie Grosshauser, Member Care Partners Germany agrosshauser@online.de for more info.

Find Flyer here:

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/MCMC_flyer_English.doc

- Re-entry Holidays for Children & Teens (Source: OSCAR Update - June 2011)

'Reconnect' is the name for a series of summer holidays run for TCKs and children of mission workers. There are two weeks planned for children age 6-12 (though the second week is now full) and a week planned for teens (age 13-18). Reports from those who attended in previous years have been overwhelmingly positive.

Go to <http://oscaractive.ning.com/events/event/search?q=reconnect>

European Member Care Consultation - EMCC8

- registration is OPEN for EMCC8 in 2012! Speakers are confirmed, prices guaranteed and there's an early bird rate again. Here are the basic details:

Dates: 20-24 March 2012

Venue: Schönblick Christian Centre, Swäbisch Gmünd, Germany

Title: MEMBER CARE: GROWING PEOPLE

- planting • nurturing
- pruning • re-growth

To view the brochure and register go to: www.membercareeurope.com and you can register online by clicking on "Register for EMCCVIII in the left hand column.

MIDDLE EAST

Middle East - DATES FOR 2012

Feb. 12-16 SYIS in Egypt

Mar. 8-14 SYIS in Jordan

Mar 20-24 Europe Member Care Conf., Germany

Apr. 23-27 First Global Member Care Conference, Thailand

May 5-9 SYIS in Arab Gulf

Oct. 7-11 Middle East Member Care Conference in Turkey, Jordan, or ??? ...Send us your vote.

e-mail address to Susanacypus@worksmail.net for more info

NORTH AMERICA

BARNABAS INTERNATIONAL and ELIM RETREAT MINISTRIES 2011

- BARNABAS INTERNATIONAL and ELIM RETREAT MINISTRIES will sponsor 8 renewal retreats for global workers in 2011.

6 day Retreats for adults only; spiritual debriefing, renewal, and encouragement. Low key schedule; beautiful settings State-side. With deep appreciation for the value of quiet, rest, technology fasting, the Spirit and the Word.

State-side personnel as well as overseas expats welcome.

Low cost.

For video clip, testimonies, pics and registration, see www.elimretreats.org or contact Henry Stewart at

huroncity@gmail.org

Candid Reflections on Missionary Attrition and Retention – Global Stories and Implications

- Bill Taylor, Senior Mentor for the Mission Commission, World Evangelical Alliance

Aug 18 - Reset Dialog Feed-Forward Report

Steve Moore, President and CEO, The Mission Exchange

All webinars are 2:00 – 3:15 p.m. eastern time. See registration instructions below.

See descriptions [here](#)

It's time for the global member care community to renew it's connections, and move member care to a new level of influence, presence, credibility and knowledge.

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