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- **Editorial** - An image to represent member care
- Resources
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Global Member Care Conference
April 23-27, 2012 - Thailand
Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

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Global Member Care Conference
April 23-27, 2012
Chiang Mai, Thailand

Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

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 - An image to represent member care

I was recently asked to choose an image to represent member care. Two of the options were helping someone climb a mountain and two people sitting, one talking, one listening intently. I wonder what image member care conjures up for you? Even the language is a problem for many of us – a jumble of arms and legs being tended too? The members of an organisation being read their rights! In many ways it's an unhelpful phrase, the more so if your first language is not English!

However, I continue to have confidence in and be helped by the definition adopted by the GMCN. This states that member care is:

The ongoing preparation, equipping and empowering of Missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry and work."

I like the statement because it is robust, comprehensive in time and scope and assumes what I would call a 'paraclete' dimension – a coming alongside to enable and encourage, to listen and support, to provoke and resource. I have been encouraged in travels to newer sending countries to hear them say 'We want Member Care in our DNA from the start'. This, I think, reflects that member care, at local, national and international is more of an organism than an organisation. And within our communities we need to breathe and breed member care into the organisations and people we serve.

Marion Knell

GLOBAL MAP

NORTH AMERICA

Compass Ministries

- Compass Ministries, a division of D & D Missionary Homes, is now accepting applications for residency at Compass House. Young adult MKs, especially those who are just now returning to live in the US after growing up abroad, are invited to apply for very affordable housing on the grounds of D & D. Compass House offers independent dorm-style living with a Resident Advisor, who is also a TCK. We have one house for men, and another for women. Residents receive Member Care support as they negotiate the adjustment to the American culture. Compass House is an easy drive or bus ride to Clearwater Christian College, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg College, and the University of South Florida (Bayboro campus). Attached to this post is an information sheet which will give you a full explanation of the program. Applications for residency and additional information can be obtained by emailing the Director of Compass Ministries, Cindy Duff at cduff@ddcompass.com
[Compass_House_Information_Sheet.doc](#)

Member Care Services now available at D & D Missionary Homes

- Compass Ministries, a division of D & D Missionary Homes provides a number of member care services to missionaries living at D & D in St. Petersburg, FL. About 200 missionary families live at D & D each year, some for a few weeks, and some for a full year. The houses are fully furnished, including linens and kitchen tools. Now, in addition to meeting missionary housing needs, on-site member care is available at no additional cost. Services that are available include Personal Debriefing, Family Debriefing, Play Therapy, training in Filial Therapy, Marital Counseling and seminars for Spiritual Renewal. Applications for housing and additional information can be found at www.ddmissionaryhomes.com

RESOURCES

TOPICS

"Raising Resilient MKs" Free Download

- This valuable 500-page book published by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) went out of print several years ago. It is now available for free download as .doc, .pdf, or .zip files for your computer and as a .mobi file for your Kindle.

Its 56 chapters by 38 authors are important resources for anyone involved with Third Culture Kids - parents, teachers, school administrators, and caregivers.

ACSI has graciously given permission for it to be free of charge. You can't beat the price. Find it at...
www.missionarycare.com/ebook.htm#resilient_mks

BOOKS

Book: Burn Up or Splash Down: Surviving the culture shock of re-entry

- Dr Debbie Hawker reviews Marion Knell's book about surviving the culture shock of re-entry:

<http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/resources/resourcereviews/BurnUporSplashDown>

NEWSLETTERS

Leadership: MMCT Communique July 2011

The latest issue of the mmct communiqué, a digest of member care resources, is now available. This issue's focus is [Leadership](#).

We hope you will find it helpful as you take a moment to browse its content and check out the links to the on-line resources.

If you notice a key resource on Leadership is missing, please send us the name, with an internet link, so we can add it to the archived edition of this issue which we will store on the mmct website. We envision these communiqués becoming "living" documents as we add more resources, so we welcome your suggestions of links to add to any previous issues which you can find archived on our website.

The next Communiqué will focus on two particular aspects of Leadership that are serving many in cross-cultural work these days - Coaching and Mentoring. If you have a recommendation to share, please send us an email in the next couple weeks, as we hope to send another issue to you soon. Thanks!

Following Him with you, The Mobile Member Care Team www.mmct.org

Link Care

- Tips for Missionary Communication with Those Back Home http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/201107_Link_Care.pdf

actuateconsulting.com.au

- Stability in Leadership

<http://www.mantismail.com.au/campaignview.aspx?id=1615&token=mx0125r3aa0x2>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

EUROPE

Mission and Member Care related events

- <http://www.oscar.org.uk/newsevents/events.htm>

----- Screening versus Roeping?

- Beste Member Care collega's,

Op 30 september vindt er weer een heel belangrijke studiedag plaats. Het onderwerp raakt alle zendingsorganisaties:

Screening versus Roeping?

over het screenen van missionaire werkers voor uitzending

Toerustingsdag Member Care Nederland

Amersfoort, vrijdag 30 september 2011

Er gaat veel vooraf aan het uitzenden van missionaire werkers. Er zijn zoveel aspecten om aandacht aan te geven.

Of het nu gaat om alleengaanden, of gezinnen met of zonder kinderen. Welke criteria hebben we als zendingsorganisaties, zendende kerken of hulporganisaties bij het beoordelen van de mensen die we uitzenden?

Hoe screenen we de mensen en welke plaats heeft roeping? Deze en andere vragen komen aan de orde op een bijeenkomst voor member-care-verleners op vrijdag 30 september 2011 te Amersfoort. Deze dag wordt georganiseerd door Member Care Nederland in samenwerking met de EZA en NZR.

Doelgroep: mensen die een functie hebben in de selectieprocedure van missionaire werkers, zoals personeelsmedewerkers van zendingsorganisaties, leden van selectiecommissies, pastores van uitzendende gemeenten en membercarewerkers.

Datum en tijd: vrijdag 30 september 2011, van 10.00 - 16.00 uur (inloop vanaf 9.30 uur)

Plaats: Kerkgebouw De Brug, Schuilenburgerweg 2, 3816 TB, Amersfoort

Kosten: inclusief koffie, thee en soep, zelf lunch meenemen

€ 14,50 bij aanmelding voor 13 augustus (vroegboekorting)

€ 19,50 bij aanmelding na 13 augustus

Aanmelding kan via de website van Member Care Nederland: www.membercare.nl

Verdere informatie volgt nog, maar noteer alvast de datum!

Member Care Nederland (MCNL) bevordert en stimuleert de ondersteuning van en zorg voor missionaire werkers in alle fasen van de uitzending. De Nederlandse Zendingsraad en de Evangelische Zendingsalliantie zijn de dragende organisaties van MCNL. Member Care Nederland richt zich op alle missionaire werkers.

Met hartelijke groet, Rita Daane info@membercare.nl www.membercare.nl

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Aankondiging_toerustingsdag_2011.doc

----- 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.

----- 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

----- Barnabas Zentrum, in Grand Junction, CO USA

- Barnabas Zentrum is expanding by having additional retreats in Grand Junction, CO USA

Remaining US retreats are August 21 - 27 and September 4-10

See retreat cost and other information on web site: www.bzentrum.eomweb.org

Grand Junction is 250 miles west of Denver on I-70.

Grand Junction has an awe-inspiring natural beauty and a dramatic red rock landscape. Exhilarating outdoor adventures and stunning golf courses. Full of peaceful places to reflect, unwind and relax during free times.
Guest accommodations include pool, exercise room, in room microwave, coffee maker, and refrigerator.
For further information email Carl or JoLynn Krause at: barnabaszentrum@juno.com

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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