



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) September 2011

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Global Member Care Conference, April 2012 - Speakers

Global Member Care Conference

Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

Registration now open
Find out more about

Speakers and Presenters ... here

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=187>

John and Janine Barclay
Philip Chang
Dr. Laura Mae Gardner
Ruthie and Rod Gilbert
Dr Debbie Hawker
Stephen & Jocelyn Head
Polly Chan-Ho
Harry Hoffmann
Marion Knell
Dr. Bijoy Koshy
Brent Lindquist, Ph. D.

Belinda Ng
Marina Prins
Rhonda "Roni" Pruitt
Phil Harper (Pending)
Claudio Muzzi (Pending)

Date: April 23-27, 2012
Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand
Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

Topics:

1. Status Quo of Member Care
2. Spiritual anorexia & Biblical illiteracy
3. Crisis & Catastrophes
4. Marriage, Family, Singles, MKs
5. Sending Church & Agency

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Please find a list of confirmed Speakers and Presenters here:

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=187>

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:

The Global Member Care Network

Earthquakes in Haiti (12January), Chile (27February) and central China (13 April), the heatwave in Russia and the floods in Pakistan (July to September)...The Global Member Care world was at large more influenced by the five major 2010 catastrophes

than any of the global mission conferences in 2010.

I often compare the Member Care department with the Human Resource department. It's a necessity, but not in the headlines. It's worth a small group or a workshop but seldom a plenary in or even a theme of a conference. Within Global Evangelical Missions, some National Missions Movements don't have Member Care, others want to know and learn more, some others just started to implement Member Care into their programs and structures, and again others are well established and functional in caring for their missionaries from recruitment to retirement.

But it's usually crisis, that brings the theme of Member Care topics to the attention of all: supporters, the sending church, sending agencies and the local communities. Let me list some examples here of missionaries who in 2010 experienced:

- Suicide, cutting, and eating disorders of Missionary Kids
- Adultery of both missionary husband and wife
- Being taken hostage
- Natural death, car accidents and being murdered
- Organizational conflicts leading to loss of faith in God and/or the body of Christ.
- High stress leading to heart attack, domestic violence, suicidal depression.
- Being and working in natural catastrophes.

I was on the phone with a family right after the earthquake in China. "There are so many dead people around us. My kids are crying. We have to get out of here, right now!"

Care during catastrophes has different aspects to it:

- The safety of the missionary and family
- After care, incl. medical, psychological, logistical and trauma care
- Immediate and long term care for locals, often initiated and supported by missionaries and member care providers, in cooperation with local churches.
- Emotional, spiritual and psychological care for care givers, aid workers, local churches, missionaries and member care providers serving in the aftermath of catastrophes.

In reality, Member Care then goes beyond the immediate care of missionaries only. Member Care providers reach out to the local people, which the missionaries care about. And they reach out to the local Christian communities in need and beyond. A privilege and responsibility for Member Care, increasing the need for a deepening of global connections and further development of professionalism.

The Global Member Care Network has truly become a professional network of superb Member Care providers around the world serving each other. Where ever a need is expressed, a reply will come from somewhere around the world sharing resources, experiences and prayer. Examples of some initiatives that added value, credibility and professionalism are:

- Website and Blog: www.Globalmembercare.com is our communication, resource and media platform connecting global needs with resources.
- Masters Degree in Member Care is now offered by Columbia University (USA), and Redcliff College (UK). A Masters in Asia is currently being planned.
- Growing regional Member Care networks in Eastern Europe, Australia, Middle East, Africa, Latin America and China.
- "Global Voices" is the theme of the First Global Member Care Conference, April 2012, Chiangmai Thailand, which will be a landmark in bringing all member care initiatives around the world together, giving them a voice.

Harry Hoffmann , Coordinator of the GMCN

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

who's who in the Philippines

"From your perspective, who's who in the Philippines in Philippine Member Care? Who might Alex, Albert and others turn to in order to get help in thinking how they might want to structure the provision of member care to the new cross-cultural workers they send out?" info@globalmembercare.com

future missionaries to deal with emotional/spiritual/psychological baggage

My name is Erin Evans. I am currently a Masters Student in the Professional Counseling program at Liberty University, who is planning her 600 hour internship requirement. This past year, God has really been placing a burden on my heart to work with missionaries, and to help people who want to be future missionaries to deal with emotional/spiritual/psychological baggage that may prevent them from fulfilling God's calling on their life. I wanted to know if you knew of any opportunities in Lynchburg, VA to gain experience in this field. Or, if you had any advice or information on how to prepare for future work in this much needed field. God Bless, Erin Evans ekevans@liberty.edu

MMCT Resilience Survey Invitation

Wouldn't it be great if we had even more understanding of the challenges faced by cross cultural workers and what contributes to their resilience? Do you ever wonder if there is a difference for singles and marrieds in how they experience the challenges and pressures of cross cultural ministry?

In November, I (Karen Carr of MMCT/Barnabas International) have been asked to present a plenary at the Mental Health and Missions Conference in the US on the topic of "Resilience: Unique Perspectives of Single Missionaries." In order to truly understand this topic, I would like to gather as many responses as possible from BOTH married and single cross cultural workers from around the world. I hope that the results of this survey will also contribute to other articles, presentations, and workshops that further strengthen the cross cultural worker community.

The only qualifying criteria for each person taking the survey is that they are currently engaged in full time Christian ministry and living in a culture not their own.

This survey will take 15-20 minutes. Just click on the link below and it will take you there. Would you please consider taking the time to fill this out yourself if you qualify for the survey or to send it on to any contacts you have who would? Thanks for helping me out!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MMCTResilienceSurvey2011>

Karen Carr

MMCT Clinical Director

www.mmct.org

Feedback

You (GMCN) have been...

... an inspiration to us in many ways.

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GLOBAL MAP

Australia Oceania

Missions Interlink NZ

Who Are We?

Missions Interlink (NZ) connects people with a heart for mission: agencies, churches, church mission committees, mobilizes, training organisations, individuals and couples enabling them to gain mutual benefit and cooperate in joint initiatives.

We have been around for a while (we began life as the NZ Evangelical Missionary Alliance) gaining experience, riding trends, keeping up to date with developments in mission world wide.

Our Vision

We see New Zealanders contributing with passion, effectiveness, and in ever increasing numbers, to the fulfillment of God's plan for people of all cultures to be part of His redeemed family.

Our Purpose Statement

To network and serve all involved in cross-cultural outreach in, from and to NZ so that NZ participation in world mission is maximized. <http://www.missions.org.nz>

Southeastern Asia

Thailand

Juniper Tree Dolphin Bay Thailand

Dolphin Bay

The Juniper Tree Dolphin Bay opened in November 2009. It is in a beautiful, quiet location beside the beach at Dolphin Bay, approximately 40 minutes drive south of Hua Hin and 3½ hours south of Bangkok.

The Juniper Tree Dolphin Bay has proved very popular with our first year of guests. While some enjoy the quietness and peace of the really undeveloped 5km of beautiful unspoilt beach, others enjoy the many trips we can offer from snorkelling to exploring caves in the nearby National Park.

The gardens have now been landscaped with trees and shrubs around the pool. We have plans to start the development of Phase 2 with four new bungalows.

<http://www.juniper-tree.org/dolphin-bay.html>

Southeastern Asia

Thailand

Chiang Mai

The Juniper Tree, Chiang Mai is situated in a secluded area near the city centre. It is located about 10-15 minutes drive from the International airport and 5-10 minutes from the railway station and city centre. There is a 9 hole golf course within walking distance and it's just a short taxi ride to banks, travel agents, supermarkets and shopping malls, as well as Chiang Mai's famous Night market. <http://www.juniper-tree.org/chiang-mai.html>

Asia

Asia Education Resource Consortium (AERC)

AERC was specifically created to provide critically needed educational services and support to Christian worker families in Asia, particularly those who are using nontraditional educational methods such as home schooling, national schools, or online schooling to educate their children. Through its staff and resources, AERC can help with the important task of meeting the educational needs of these families by assisting parents in educating their children where they live and work. https://www.asiaerc.org/aercj/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=351&Itemid=213

USA

Welcome to Care Port!

Online Video Counseling

Care Port Counseling is online video counseling (via Skype video calling) for those who live and serve abroad – whether you're in the military, in missions, or some type of humanitarian aid work, we're here to help.

Resources and Services

Life away from your homeland can be the most exciting adventure of your life, but it can also have its challenges. Browse the pages here to see what Care Port has to offer in the way of resources and services, or go directly to our Counseling Request form.

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

RESOURCES

Newsletter

Member Care Network Thailand Chiangmai

Global Member Care Network Newsletter July 2011 http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Member_Care_Network_Newsletter-July_2011.doc

Global Member Care Network Newsletter August 2011 http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Member_Care_Network_Newsletter-August_2011.doc

MK / TCK

MK Safety Net's Mission

* To be a resource to and advocate for current and former MKs and TCKs who have been hurt or damaged by their experiences within the missionary environment * To call Evangelical mission agencies and their supporting churches to establish justice and healing, especially in those cases where the church has wounded its own children <http://www.mksafetynet.net>

Newsletter / Communiqué

Leadership

Current Issue: Leadership - July 2011

Back Issues:

Sabbath and Rest - October 2010 Sabbath and Rest Text Only Version

Singleness - August 2010

Suffering - May 2010

Grace of the Gospel and Member Care - January 2010

Long Distance Elder Care - November 2009

Accommodations, Retreat Centers and Opportunities for Rest - June 2009

<http://www.mmct.org/#/resources/communiqu>

Crisis and Trauma Response

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Emergencies

General information related to most emergencies

The target group for WHO work on mental health and psychosocial support in emergencies is any population exposed to extreme stressors, such as refugees, internally displaced persons, disaster survivors and terrorism-, war- or genocide-exposed populations. The WHO Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse emphasizes that the number of persons exposed to extreme stressors is large and that exposure to extreme stressors is a risk factor for mental health and social problems. The Department's

work on mental health in emergencies focuses mostly on resource-poor countries, where most populations exposed to natural disasters and war live. http://www.who.int/mental_health/emergencies/en/

French

Réactions Courantes Suite À Un Traumatisme – Adultes

see attachment

Karen Carr, MMCT 2000

Vous trouverez ci-dessous une liste de réactions et de symptômes qui sont souvent ressentis par des personnes qui viennent de passer par une situation de crise ou un traumatisme. Ces symptômes reflètent les moyens que le corps utilise pour essayer de faire face et de s'ajuster à ce qui s'est passé. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Ractions_Courantes_Suite_Un_Traumatisme_Adultes-1.pdf
<http://www.mmct.org/#/resources/debriefings-french>

Spanish

Salud mental y apoyo psicosocial en las emergencias

Información general relacionada con la mayoría de las emergencias La población objeto del trabajo de la OMS en salud mental y apoyo psicosocial, en las situaciones de emergencias, es cualquier población expuesta a factores estresantes extremos, como los refugiados, las personas con desplazamiento forzoso en su propio país, los sobrevivientes de desastres, las poblaciones expuestas a la guerra, al terrorismo o al genocidio.

www.who.int/mental_health/emergencies/es/index.html

New Book

"Global Mission, reflections and case studies in Contextualization for the Whole Church."

Dear Mission Commission Associates and invitees to the Mission Commission Global Consultation in Germany. With joy I hereby ask your earnest attention for the release of a new Mission Commission resource: a book, edited by Rose Dowsett, called "Global Mission, reflections and case studies in Contextualization for the Whole Church." The attached document shows you the content, incredible discounts and the way how to order. Please make use of this offer and, by doing so, also consider others in your network(s) for whom this book can be (and will be) a benefit. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Book_Contextualization_accomp_letter.pdf

Book

Operation World 7th Edition now available as download from Mission InfoBank

It comes in either PDF format or ePUB format (for smartphones), for US\$19.99 each. http://www.missioninfobank.org/library/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=15_1224&products_id=5664

Pornography

Leading with Integrity in Response to the Pornography Tsunami

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/1108_LinkCareTo_our_Colleagues_in_Personnel.htm

Depression

Resources on Depression

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=117&L=0>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Africa

School of Reconciliation, Rwanda

Location: Kigali, Rwanda

Dates: January 30 to March 9 2012

Practicum March 12– 30, 2012

Cost: Great Lakes Region Nationals*: \$500†USD

Others*: \$1000† USD Practicum \$800

For an application or more information e-mail

School@lerucher.org or log onto www.lerucher.org

See attached program http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wceddiscussion/SR_Brochure_6_week_school.pdf

USA

Pastor To Missionaries Conference. USA

Refreshment for Missionary Caregivers --Shelters from the Wind

is our theme this year for the Pastor To Missionaries Conference.

This conference, October 4-7, 2011,

is a retreat worth attending for those who give of themselves to those serving on the front lines. This years location is at beautiful Glorietta Conference Center outside Albuquerque, New Mexico. Speakers include Dr. Steve Sweatman of Mission Training International and our Bible teacher will be Bill Tell of the Navigators.

More information, and registration, is available at the Barnabas International website, barnabas.org/ptm.php

There are also pre-workshop intensives (October 3-4) that you can learn more about on our website.

Europe

Serving as Senders, UK

Mike Frith is leading four Serving as Senders days this Autumn; in Worcester, Bicester, Inverness and Edinburgh. If your church would like to know how to better support and encourage your mission partners, this is the day for you. Why not send someone from your church to one of these days and consider running one for your church in 2012? Go to <http://oscaractive.ning.com/events/event/search?q=senders>

Egypt

EGYPT HOSTS TEEN CONFERENCE FOR TCK'S

NOVEMBER 3-7 WITH NATE BRANSEN http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wceddiscussion/TCKflyer_2011.pdf

Europe, Spain

Family Education Conference, Spain

Family Education Conference Malaga, Spain November 18-20, 2011 http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wceddiscussion/SHARE_conf.docx

Europe

Single Vision Programs:

Isle of Gibraltar

June 16-24, 2012 "A program that has refreshed and enabled me to serve...." <http://www.singlevisioninternational.com/>

Asia

Single Vision Programs:

Hong Kong

February 2013 "A program that has refreshed and enabled me to serve...." <http://www.singlevisioninternational.com/>

Europe, Germany

SYIS

WHEN: 31 October- 05 November 2011

HOST: MC Europe

WHERE: OM Germany

LOCATION: Alte Neckarelzer Strasse 2; 74821 Mosbach

FACILITATORS: Paul Lere; Henk van Boxtel; Marion Knell and Siny Widmer http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/SYIS_Mosbach_Details.pdf

Europe, Netherlands

Screening versus Roeping?

Het kan echter zijn sommigen van u die de uitnodiging over het hoofd hebben gezien vanwege de vakantie-mail. Daarom bij deze een laatste kans om in te schrijven (de inschrijving sluit 19 september).

(Wil men dan toch komen kan dat wel, maar dan moet men op de dag zelf zich melden aan de registratie en met gepast geld 19,50 betalen. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Aankondiging_MCNL_toerustingsdag_2011.doc

Asia, Malaysia

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) , Childhood Sexual Abuse

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

(PTSD) – Recognizing it,

Approaches to Treatment

Date : 1st October 2011 @ Saturday

Time : 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Childhood Sexual Abuse

Recovery Treatment in Adults

- Part 1 Date : 8th October 2011 @ Saturday

Time: 9:30 – 12:00 noon

Childhood Sexual Abuse

Recovery Treatment in Adults

- Part 2, Date : 15th October 2011 @ Saturday

Time : 9:30 – 12:00 noon

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/GMM_EA_Oct_2011.pdf

Europe, Netherlands

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