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### Global Member Care Conference

## Global Member Care Conference

### Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

Registration now open

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

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).

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For any questions, please contact Harry Hoffmann at [office@globalmembercare.org](mailto:office@globalmembercare.org)

## **Editorial: Side-effect of Member Care**

I recieved some very encouraging replies in response to my editorial last month:

*"..it is time for input in matters of the heart for local leaders / pastors/ missionaries in this fast growing indigenous church..."*  
*"..There are also many, many people who are called to help local people rather than expats in areas of emotional need..."*  
*"..Some member care providers also help meet needs of national people. Others feel they are not equipped to do so personally as they may not know enough of the language or culture. ..."*  
*"!.. Thank you for raising the issue and awareness among the member care community. (...)are both pursuing how we can better engage in helping outside of traditional MC definitions...."*

I thought I post it again, to draw out some more thoughts and replies from you:

Member Care focuses on the missionary. The definition says: Member Care is the ongoing preparation, equipping and empowering of missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry and work. Missionaries (according to local/regional definition). ... empowering missionaries for effective life and work...

I have been living in Asia for 15+ years now. As I and many others support foreign missionaries in Asia, I more and more realise that there is a side effect, a need, almost a cry-out for help: The local church and the local society is asking us for help.

**Side Effect 1:** After catastrophes there often are member care providers as first responders available to help and serve victims. THE WELL Member Care Center in Chiangmai Thailand set up a branch office in Southern Thailand after the Tsunami for 2 years, to serve not only missionaries, but also locals, the new churches, and devastated communities. Member Care by Media translated member care programs after earthquakes into local languages to support and encourage local victims and caregivers.

**Side Effect 2:** As societies and churches develop in less developed country, 'Heart' issues emerge. "We have bible teaching and teachings about christian spirituality, but we need to address issues of our heart". People are wounded due to historical wounds, war, trauma, culturally determined behaviours etc... Often these nations have no developed christian counseling resources. Member care providers are asked by locals through the missionaries to respond to needs. I am not talking about psychotherapy, but facilitated healing prayer, one another care, healthy community and church care, mentoring and coaching care, as well as counseling and psychological care. Often, we member care providers understand the "issues of the heart" better than others.

What do we do with this? Do we still call this member care?

For sure, member care providers have something that the local church in less developed countries is asking for.

Think about it, and let me know.

Harry Hoffmann, [office@globalmembercare.org](mailto:office@globalmembercare.org)

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## GLOBAL MAP

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### Europe / Sweden

#### **Swedish TCK and Family Therapist**

I am a Swedish Family Therapist, My focus is very much on TCKs, both because I am one myself, I am a Mom to five TCKs, and because of my training in Family Therapy. I have just created my own website, [www.familjegladje.se](http://www.familjegladje.se), where I also have included some information and ideas about Global Nomads. Ulrika Ernvik [www.familjegladje.se](http://www.familjegladje.se)

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## RESOURCES

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### Online Counselling

'Online Counselling: Wherever you are in the World' by Claudia Smith <http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/smith.htm>

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### Newsletter

#### **Member Care Nederland Newsletter**

Txt [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/MCNL\\_Nieuwsbrief\\_okt\\_2011\\_1\\_.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/MCNL_Nieuwsbrief_okt_2011_1_.pdf)

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### Report of Asian MK/TCK Planning Forum

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September 2-3, 2011

See attachment [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Report\\_of\\_Asian\\_MK-TCK\\_Planning\\_Forum\\_Sept\\_2011\\_.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Report_of_Asian_MK-TCK_Planning_Forum_Sept_2011_.pdf)

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### Online Tool for Helping you Educate Children on the Field --

#### **PACE, the Professional Association of Cross-Cultural Consultants in Education**

, is offering an online course called "Education Planning for Families in Transition" for sending agencies to use in preparing parents to educate their children overseas. PACE will train your MK/TCK education consultant to facilitate this online course, and

then your consultant will guide families through the course online. This allows families to complete their education planning before arrival on the field, maximizing the chance of success in the education of their children. All content is in English and is at this point geared toward families from western countries. A free Preview Week will be offered on November 28 - December 2. Email [EducationPlanning@TCKconsultant.org](mailto:EducationPlanning@TCKconsultant.org) to register or for more information. Comment or inquire about this material by clicking the text box at... [http://www.brigada.org/2011/10/09\\_7679](http://www.brigada.org/2011/10/09_7679)

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### **TCK resource Handbook in Chinese**

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/C\\_Users\\_DaWen\\_AppData\\_Local\\_Temp\\_TCK\\_20Edu\\_20Handbook.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/C_Users_DaWen_AppData_Local_Temp_TCK_20Edu_20Handbook.pdf)

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### **PILLARS Preparing for disaster\_Chin version & Disaster\_risk\_reduction\_ROOTS\_Chin version**

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These two booklets are produced by Tearfund and translated by our partners in Hong Kong. I use them a lot in my trainings in Asia and Africa.

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/PILLARS\\_Preparing\\_for\\_disaster\\_Chin\\_version.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/PILLARS_Preparing_for_disaster_Chin_version.pdf)

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Disaster\\_risk\\_reduction\\_ROOTS\\_Chin\\_version.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Disaster_risk_reduction_ROOTS_Chin_version.pdf)

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### **Europe / Germany**

#### **European Member Care Consultation Germany**

At last the time has come that you've all been waiting for – 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](http://www.membercareeurope.com) and you can register online by clicking on "Register for EMCCVIII" in the left hand column.

The theme of EMCC8 – 'Growing People: planting, nurturing, pruning and regrowth' centres on the parable of the vine from John 15. The subjects dealt with relate to investing in workers pre-field and in service, notably in the area of spiritual preparation. We will be addressing difficult topics like suffering, risk and response to hardship as well as restoration for those who have fallen or burnt out. Finally we will be looking at the possibilities of Regrowth and continuing development.

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### **Europe / Switzerland**

#### **Breathe Conference a Ten-Day Retreat for Cross-Cultural Workers**

June 20 - June 30, 2012

Location: Switzerland

Date: Wednesday, June 20 thru Saturday, June 30, 2012

Breathe is a 10-day retreat intentionally created for the renewal and encouragement of singles, couples and families who serve in

cross-cultural settings all over the world. Breathe is led by Dr. Daniel and Lori Hahn of Catalyst Int'l, an organization dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Under the guidance of professionals experienced in member care and cross-cultural work, guests will have time to talk about issues affecting them or their family. Counseling, medical consultation, and massage therapy are provided. In addition, there are fun programs for preschoolers, elementary children and teens.

All of this takes place against the backdrop of the Swiss Alps. There is time to hike, rest, and pursue spiritual renewal. There is space to be in community and to alone with God.

Breathe is best suited for North American or Western European English speaking international workers. The conference typically fills by April so please encourage people to register early.

For fees and registration details, contact [info@catalystintl.org](mailto:info@catalystintl.org)

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## USA

### **Camp Christmas for college-aged MKs**

Camp Christmas is five weeks of holiday fun for college-aged MKs from December 18- January 21. It is designed to make the Holiday Break memorable for those who cannot fly home to be with their families during that time. Many colleges close their dorms during the winter break, leaving MK students with the dilemma of finding somewhere to stay for four or five weeks. Camp Christmas is a fun alternative which provides lodging, food, lots of fun activities, a full-time Camp Director, daily devotions and worship as well as fellowship with other MKs from all over the world.

Compass House, in St. Petersburg, FL is coordinating Camp Christmas, which will be held at Camp Gilead in Polk City, Florida. Students can stay for a few days, or for the entire five weeks. Attached is the brochure which gives all the information needed to register.

Registrations must be postmarked along with a 50% deposit of the required camp fees no later than November 30, 2011.

See you there! Questions? Contact me at [cduff@ddcompass.com](mailto:cduff@ddcompass.com)

Cindy Duff,

Director of Compass Ministries, a division of D&D Missionary Homes

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Camp\\_Christmas\\_v4-1.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Camp_Christmas_v4-1.pdf)

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## Europe / Germany

### **ADULT-CROSS-CULTURAL-KIDS RETREAT, Germany**

Kids and Teenagers who grow up abroad are different. They often feel as if they have two hearts beating in their chest. One beating for the culture in which they grow up and the other for the culture of their parents. We call them Cross-Cultural-Kids (CCKs) or Third-Culture-Kids (TCKs). They are very flexible and can easily adjust. But most of the times they don't really know where they are at home, where they belong and who they are. They find it the easiest to communicate with people who are CCKs too.

WHEN: 24.-26. Feb. 2012

WHERE: Riederau am Ammersee / Bavaria / Germany

#### WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Creative Weekend for CCKs: Exchanging experiences, learning from each other, discovering ourselves and meeting people who have a similar story to tell.

#### WHO IS THE ORGANIZER?

Jochen and Christine Schuppener have together with their 3 children lived abroad for 8 years. As intercultural and psychological consultants they mainly support repatriates in the reintegration process and after critical incidents. Find more info here:

[www.jochen-schuppener.de](http://www.jochen-schuppener.de)

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/111025\\_Invitation\\_A-CCK-Retreat.docx](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/111025_Invitation_A-CCK-Retreat.docx)

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For college-aged MKs at  
Camp Gilead in Polk City, FL  
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Find more info in attached brochure

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