



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) December 2011

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Email Henry Stewart at hstewart5@juno.com with questions.



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Global Member Care Conference

April 23-27, 2012, Chiangmai Thailand

Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

- Status Quo of Member Care
- Spiritual emptiness & Biblical illiteracy
- Crisis & Catastrophes
- Marriage, Family, Singles, MKs
- Sending Church & Agency

Speakers & Presenter

find the full list with pics here: <http://www.globalmembercare.org/2012>

- Stephen Head (NZ) Christ-like character
- Philip Chang (Malaysia) Suffering
- Larrie Gardner (USA) Reconciliation
- Debbie Hawker (UK) From spiritual anorexia to Christ-like character
- Bijoy Koshi (India) Crisis
- Marion Knell (UK) A Community of Grace, TCK guidelines – preparation and support
- Gilberts (UK) Healthy Missionary Marriages
- Belinda Ng (Singapore) Healthy MKs, Needs of Asian MKs
- Roni Pruitt (US) Healthy Singles, Being Single on the field
- Marina Prinns (S Africa) Equipping the local church to do member care
- Jocelyn Head (NZ) Spiritual direction: awareness, noticing and paying attention to God
- Larry Dinkins (USA, living in Chaingmai) The use of Biblical narrative in counselling
- Kevin Stebbings (UK, based in China) Member care through Coaching
- Claudio Muzzi (Argentina) Needs of Latino Families
- Anonymous (ME) Serving in Restricted Contexts: coping with surveillance, arrest, detention and interrogation
- Pramila Rajendran (India) Leader's care
- Storm and Richard Hann (UK) Spiritual retreats
- Lois Dodds (USA) Global Servants: effective cross-cultural work
- Anisa (Zambia) Member care in Africa
- Chantal Tehe (Ivory Coast) Member care in Africa
- Marina Prins (South Africa) Member care in Africa
- Roger Brown (USA but based in Kenya) Member care in Africa
- Polly Chan (Hong Kong) Needs of Asian MKs
- John and Janine Barclay (Australia) Debriefing TCKs, Research on TCKs & resulting tools
- Harry Hoffmann (Germany) Status Quo of MC
- Brent Lindquist (US) Therapeutic Worship for survivors
- Phil Harper (UK) hostage situations
- Siny Widmer (Switzerland) Member Care by Media
- Kevin Belcher (UK) InterHealth,
- Elecah Mbithi (Kenia) Amani Counselling Cente and Training Institute

Visit Member Care Centers:

Wednesday Afternoon will be time to visit:

- THE WELL - Member Care Center Chiangmai
- Cornerstone Counseling Center - Chiangmai
- Grace International School - Chiangmai
- Chiangmai International School (CMIS)
- Asia Educational Resource Center - Chiangmai

Member Care reports from around the world:

In addition to that we will have short Member Care reports with voices from around the world:

- Asian and Pacific region
- Europe
- Middle East
- Africa
- South America
- North Amercia

And superb worship

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click the following link and enter the Password in Capital letters:

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Password: GMCN

Find more INFO here

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/2012>

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

Endorsement

This is conference is endorsed and recommended by



Editorial: The Global Member Care Network met in Germany



The Global Member Care Network met three times during the recent consultation. The first was a closed session where the board which was inaugurated during the Thailand consultation met to review progress and work on the forthcoming Global Member Care consultation. This will take April 23-27, 2012, in Chiangmai, Thailand. with the theme: "Global Voices on Global Challenges." "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.

A further two open meetings were held on consecutive afternoons and it was great to be joined by the committed, the challenged and the curious in the area of Member Care. We were particularly encouraged to have pastors and leaders from sending churches join us as this is an area we want to grow in hearing from, helping and networking with.

A number of topics went into our melting pot (which never reached boiling point thankfully!) – starting a member care programme from scratch, are for the persecuted, various aspects of dealing with a crisis -from preparation to crisis debriefing. Sadly the last twelve months have given us plenty of opportunity to hone our skills in this area and to encourage those living under hostile conditions.

GMCN co-ordinator, Harry Hoffmann, declared:” It became clear that the GMCN has helped Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Brazil to develop a member care network, with Korea, Philippines, different African regions and Spanish speaking South America slowly developing member care as well. In the last 2 days we had an amazing time in particular in regards to Brazil member care movement.” Two books on member care have been written in Portuguese by Brazilian missionaries, one a collection of articles by missionary mums on TCKs and the other on general aspects of Member Care.

All in all, we feel very encouraged by our time together , the strength of our global networking and the very real sense of a movement which has been re-energised by God’s Spirit and a commitment to partnership in the gospel across latitudes.

Find WEA Press release here: http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Press_release_sv.pdf

GLOBAL MAP

Asia - Cambodia

'Indigo'.

There is an organisation here (Cambodia) called 'Indigo'. It is a counselling business here and we could recommend contacting Kristina Marshall. They have an international staff of 3. Their office phone number is 00855 (0)23 222614. Email address: IndigoCambodia@gmail.com Their office is based at No. 28, Street 460, Toul Tom Poug, Phnom Penh.

USA, New Zealand, The Phillipines, Korea

Heartstream

Visit our website for information about additional member care programs.

Heartstream Resources - www.heartstreamresources.orgheartstreamresources@hotmail.com

Heartstream New Zealand: heartstream@heartstream.org.nz

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Heartstream Korea: uej0921@hotmail.com

Asia - Indonesia

Indonesia Member Care Web Site!

<http://sites.google.com/site/indonesiamembercare/>

Thailand

Eagles Rest

<http://eagles-rest.info/>

RESOURCES

Book: Cultural Intelligence

The Cultural Intelligence Difference: Master the One Skill You Can't Do Without in Today's Global Economy

Most people know that some basic cultural sensitivity is important. But few have developed the deep cultural intelligence (CQ) required to really thrive in our multicultural workplaces and globalized world. Now everybody can tap into the power of CQ to enhance their skills and capabilities, from managing multi cultural teams and serving a diverse customer base to negotiating with international suppliers and opening offshore markets. "The Cultural Intelligence Difference" gives readers: a scientifically validated instrument for measuring their personal CQ score; customized strategies for improving interactions with people from diverse cultures; new findings on the bottom-line benefits of cultural intelligence; examples of major organizations that use CQ to achieve success; and, a high CQ points to more than just cultural sensitivity. It is linked to improved decision making, negotiation, networking, and leadership skills - and provides a crucial advantage in a crowded job market. "The Cultural Intelligence Difference" delivers a powerful tool for navigating today's work world with finesse - and success. http://www.amazon.com/Cultural-Intelligence-Difference-Without-Economy/dp/081441706X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1323300475&sr=1-1

audio podcast - iTunes - download

Culture & Transformation by Sherwood Lingenfelter

Transformation is a familiar buzzword among God's people. We want to be transformed ourselves and play a role in the transformation of other individuals and the world at large. This desire to be involved in God's transforming work is often based on good intentions but bad assumptions about other cultures, how we should interact with them, and what we should change about them. As the world shrinks and connections between individuals and cultures become more numerous and complex, understanding our own cultural assumptions as well as those of others becomes increasingly important for Christians to be transformational agents in the world. This course's aim is to heighten our sensitivity to our own cultural assumptions and biases, and to recognize the blind spots those create as we interact with others. Ministry ought to be incarnational. In order to minister incarnationally, we need to first become aware of our own cultural biases and how to transform them, so that we can more humbly and sensitively approach others and their cultural biases. Exegeting a culture is the central activity of this course. It describes the work of unpacking one's cultural biases and assumptions as well as the systems and structures within a culture. It is something we may have done intuitively but without awareness of how our own biases are affecting the process. Our hope is that this course will give you a new awareness of and fresh perspective on how to exegete a culture from God's perspective. Using case studies, historical examples, and your own ministry experience, we will learn how globalization, economics, and other social forces have shaped a culture and how those forces create both opportunities and challenges for transformational ministry. With this knowledge, you should be able to more effectively engage in partnership with majority world Christians for ministry that transforms you, other people, and communities. <http://itunes.apple.com/itunes-u/mb500-culture-transformation/id427248423>

Portuguese Resources

member care in Brazil

Já temos recursos para o cuidado de missionários no Brasil. O CIM (Cuidado Integral do Missionário) é um departamento da Associação de Missões Transculturais Brasileira (AMTB) que mobiliza forças com o objetivo de promover a conscientização e capacitação e a organização de redes para o cuidado missionário integral. Oferece um site com textos e informações www.cuidadomissionario.org.br ou www.amtb.org.br/cim/ além de cursos e seminários. Para contatos, fale com Rúbia, pelo endereço cuidadomissionario.cim@gmail.com ou por **skype: cim.cuidado.missionario** Além disso, há um fórum via email mensal que também é publicado em www.cuidadointegral.info

Temos um ministério específico para filhos de missionários realizado pelo ministério Flechas www.flechaswec.com

Vários livros foram lançados no 6o CBM que podem ajudar as famílias missionárias. Podem ser pedidos pelo site www.cuidadomissionario.org.br ou pelo site da editora Ultimato <http://www.ultimato.com.br/loja/produtos>

Download - Managing stress in English, Arabic, French and Spanish

Managing stress in humanitarian workers - Guidelines for Good Practice

We warmly invite you to download the Antares Foundation Guidelines for Good practice. This download is free of charge. The Guidelines are currently available in English, Arabic, French and Spanish. <http://www.antaresfoundation.org/guidelines.htm>

Newsletter

SPECIAL: Thailand - Member Care Network Newsletter November 2011

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Special_-_Member_Care_Network_Newsletter_November_2011.doc

monthly Thailand - Member Care Network Newsletter November 2011

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Member_Care_Network_Newsletter_November_2011.doc

Chinese

burn out self assessment engl & chin

<http://www.aizairenjian.com/node/224>

Newsletter

Africa Member Care Network Nov 2011

Txt <http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=a1f4bdd6b7&e=a3dbaa64df>

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

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 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.

USA

"Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence"

(Jan. 9-13, 2012) – Coming soon! We are very much looking forward to a profitable week together, and are thankful for each of the 30 registrants (incl staff). There is still room available if you'd like to join us. <http://www.linkcare.org/buildingskills>

India

Missionary Upholders Trust VI Consultation with Member Missions and Church Leaders

18th to 20th APRIL 2012 – SAIACS CEO Center

Praise be to God. The ministry of MUT has steadily grown in the last 18 years to fulfill God given objectives of meeting some of the common unmet needs of missionaries and other Christian workers involved in direct and indirect evangelism. There are – 140 organizations & Institutions with over 16000 workers have taken membership in MUT as on 1st Sept 2011. They are spread all over the country doing different ministries among various people groups. MUT has two wings now 1) IMPACT for workers registered under Missions 2) SMILE (Scheme For Missions linked to Evangelism) for missionaries and the other for workers of Bibles Colleges, Mission Hospitals, Mission schools, Networks and associations of evangelists.

The ministry is run mostly by volunteers with clear cut objectives and focused activities. MUT is a value based organization and the faith statement runs like this "God's work done by God's people, with God's money in God's ways will never lack God's provisions" We believe it and God has been faithful all these years. Hundreds of members are receiving blessing from this ministry every month.

Not only the missionaries are blessed but there are two other distinct benefits accrue out of this. 1) Missions and Churches of different denominations come under this umbrella to bless one another in need 2) Churches and supporters have meaningful opportunity to involve in the ministry.

Various Christian organizations and Churches serving one Master and building His only Kingdom are able to share their love and resources at times of needs of one another through these schemes while they work for the Master Care Giver.

Secondly, MUT ministry provides opportunity to the supporters to share their blessings with the God's servants at the point of their needs. The present trend is that while we, the blessed people have one style of living in are in our comfort zone with all our needs are met adequately, there is another group of people, our own sisters and brothers in the fields sacrifice, undergo innumerable sufferings on account of carrying the Gospel. We are ignorant of their plight.

God has enabled MUT to help many leaders of Missions to enhance their care for their workers over the years. Yet there is long way to go. Also the scope for Churches to involve in evangelizing the unreached people groups by extending support to Missions to take care of their workers is also very high. MUT has been striving to achieve the same by encouraging, challenging and sensitizing all the leaders.

There are seven different programs in MUT to take care of God's messengers in physical, Emotional and Spiritual areas to make them effective witness and to build God's Kingdom in India. 1) Assistance to the families of missionaries who die while in service, 2) Assistance towards major illness & accidents to missionary and family members, 3) Crisis Relief, 4) M Kids welfare, 5) Retired Missionaries welfare, 6) Providing places for rest and rejuvenation and 7) Personal Development programs.

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Europe - UK

four-day therapeutic/spiritual retreat

Just a quick note to remind you about our four-day therapeutic/spiritual retreat Rise on Eagle's Wings from 20-24 February 2012. This is especially for mission partners, pastors and other Christian workers who feel almost burned out and in need of therapeutic refreshment. There is a 10 per cent discount for people affiliated with organisations who are members of Global Connections. Several of you have shown interest in this event. It is now time to confirm your place before it is too late. Read the details on the Penhurst website <http://www.penhurst.org.uk/> and book today! If you need any more details give us a ring on 01788 541 937 or 07870 737 652. [link](#)

Thailand, France

"vacation with a purpose" program, called "Refresh!"

I am attaching the Heartstream Resources brochure about our "vacation with a purpose" program, called "Refresh!," for those serving cross-culturally. http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/2012_Refresh_Brochure1.pdf

New Books

Global Servants: Cross-cultural Humanitarian Heroes

Global Servants: Cross-cultural Humanitarian Heroes Lois A. Dodds, Ph. D. Laura Mae Gardner, D. Min. This book will be released in a 3 volume series. The cost for an online download is \$10.00 USD. You may also purchase the book for \$15.00 USD plus S&H. More info here: loisdoddsbooks.org/store-2 and Attached flyer http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/HSRbookFlyer.pdf

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