



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) June 2013

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Global Member Care Conference 2015

Many of you have asked about the next Global Member Care Conference: In less than 2 years time!

February 2015, in Antalya, Turkey.

The focus will be to stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the Arab World, and if possible also Central Asia. After the great success of the 2012 Thailand conference, we now made reservations for 400 participants.

More will come...

This month's Sponsor - Equipping Women International



Equipping Women International
a ministry of Barnabas International

Does this sound like you? You have a desire or need...

- To update and enhance your ministry skills.
- To study challenging material in a peer learning, facilitator led environment.

- To find ongoing personal enrichment, growth and relationships that contribute to your long-term success.
- To be challenged to grow deeper in your relationship with God and with others.

If any of this resonates with you, we invite you to attend the 2nd annual Equipping Women International (EWI) module (in a curriculum of four modules) called **Facilitating Relational Learning**. This module focuses on learning and practicing the latest in adult learning skills and applying them to a broad range of ministry situations. The **Developing a Discerning Heart** module will also be offered for returning participants.

This training will be held at The Grove (Kalnin LC), near Chiang Mai, November 5-14, 2013. Application & Registration is OPEN NOW and closes August 15th. There is an early registration price break, so we encourage you to inquire now. A 3-month lead time is ideal for the preparation work. See www.barnabas.org/ewi for module descriptions and details, application & registration info, or write Debbie at dlamp@barnabas.org.

NOTE: This is a Barnabas International sponsored ministry using the Women to Women Ministry Training curriculum developed by Entrust.

Editorial: Euro TCK 2013 - “Change: A TCK’s life Story”

Euro TCK 2013

“Change: A TCK’s life Story”

The 3rd Euro TCK conference, took place in April this year. Its aim was to support and equip those with TCK responsibilities, adult TCKs and TCK care givers by looking at the change process throughout a TCKs life. 89 people from 25 different agencies and Adult TCKs representing almost the whole world made the conference very colourful, open and warm.

This pan-European conference provided a platform for the exchange of knowledge, experience and ideas. By doing so the aim of the Euro TCK workgroup became visible as “We do not just want to be a conference organizing workgroup, we also want to encourage initiatives,” says Guillermo Eddy, one of the workgroup leaders.

The conference’s aim was to look at change in all the different stages: pre-field, on-the-field and re-entry and to give tools to those working in this area. Ruth van Reken, the plenary speaker, set the stage by looking at how to understand and integrate the dynamics of change.

One common theme in all of these stages is loss: “Loss comes from mobility because we lose relationships”. Yet we are often unaware of our grief or do not allow ourselves the time to grieve. We also diminish the significance of our grief when we compare it to the greater good of serving the Lord. This is why one of the biggest issues of Adult TCKs is unresolved grief, which expresses itself in depression, anger, conflicts and even mental illnesses. Only with good grief is there also good resolution.

The many different workshops gave us the opportunity to discuss TCK related topics in more detail. ‘Engaging church and agency’ led by Gill Bryant, ‘TCK identity and worldview’ by Rachel Cason and Hagen Glatzle, ‘TCK Children in Crises’ by Annemie Grosshauser or ‘Re-entry’ by Marion Knell just to name a few.

I will allow Ruth van Reken to conclude with her impressions of the conference. “I was blessed to see that God brought an army of people, many of whom are second generation TCKs, to develop good strategies for helping internationally mobile families. I loved seeing people with gifts to transform concepts into programmes to equip people before they go and come back.”

Siny Widmer
Director Member Care Media

Ruth E. Van Reken is a second generation adult TCK and mother of 3 ATCKs. She speaks nationally and internationally on issues related to global family living. She is co-founder of Families in Global Transition. In addition to other writing, Ruth is co-author of [Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds](#).

For more information and resources please visit website: www.membercareradio.com

Q&A (Questions and Answers)

French speaking Belgians

Psychological assessments for French speaking Belgians?

This time I am writing to ask if anyone knows good contacts for psychological assessments for new mission candidates in French speaking Belgium.

We do have applicants from this area from time to time. Contact: Charlotte Teal teals@tealcare.org

looking for certified teachers - Vienna / Austria / Europe

The International Christian School of Vienna is looking for certified teachers to teach in the following subjects for the school year.

TEACHING POSITIONS:

- 4th grade teacher
- 6th grade teacher
- Middle School History teacher
- High School English teacher
- High School History teacher

Website: www.icsv.at

Email (for questions): hr@icsv.at

GLOBAL MAP

USA

Blue Rock BnB Healing-Care Training & Counseling

Healing-Care Counseling (HCC) is dedicated to strengthening mental, emotional and spiritual health through Christian non-clinical professional counseling and training services.

Offering a safe and supportive environment to assist people in healing emotionally and growing spiritually.

Offering services at low cost.

All care-giving services are based upon distinctively Christian principles, however sensitivity is shown to those not embracing these principles. Persons of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome.

<http://bluerockbnb.com/healing/swbcc.htm>

Services include:

- [Christian counseling](#) (marriage and family issues, depression, anxiety, abortion related issues, adoption etc.)
 - marriage enrichment and vow renewals
 - [lodging accommodations](#) (for retreat, renewal, marriage tune-up ... esp. for ministers and leaders)
 - healing prayer and growth for the inner person
 - [debriefing](#) - Le Rucher Ministries model
 - conflict resolution and mediation
 - Christian coaching
 - referral services (complimenting other Christian counseling services and ministries)
 - [tools for Christian leaders](#) and training lay counselors
 - classes on various spiritual growth topics (eg. [De-stressing Relationships](#))
 - [blog](#) on healing topics
 - [book with study guide](#) *Escaping the Pain of Offense: Empowered to Forgive from the Heart*
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Europe - UK

ARREST - Supporting mission personnel and humanitarian workers worldwide

Assessments

Reviews & debriefing

Retreats

Education
Supervision
Therapy

Who we are

We are Dr Debbie Hawker and Dr David Hawker. From our base near Nottingham, England, we offer services to help mission personnel and humanitarian workers become resilient.

Why ARREST?

Arrest is derived from the French arrêt, meaning stop. Resilient expatriates know when to take a rest. What we do

We offer mission and humanitarian workers a chance to stop and reflect, during retreats and reviews. Assessments and therapy help workers stop and consider their direction before proceeding. Education and supervision help equip workers for the road ahead.

Why seek our services?

Check your toolbox and sharpen your tools before working, and your work will be more effective.

<http://www.resilientexpat.co.uk/>

RESOURCES

toxic mission-organization

<http://ebookbrowse.com/the-toxic-mission-organization-rob-hay-pdf-d193458962>

http://encountersmissionjournal.files.wordpress.com/2012/07/rob-hay_-_toxic-mission-organisation.pdf

<http://www.globalconnections.co.uk/forums/InternationalHRForum/Forumpapers/Forumpapers.pdf>

Some links and docs written by Rob Hay, UK

Newsletter

THE WELL Member Care Center Chiangmai-Thailand

May 2013

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f614ccc5bd&e=25f63328eb>

Debriefing

Debriefing -- Missionary and Christian Leader Care

<http://bluerockbnb.com/healing/debriefing.htm>

MKs / TCKs

THE LIES MKs BELIEVE #3: Everybody Always Leaves

<http://michelephoenix.com/2011/01/the-lies-mks-believe-everybody-always-leaves/>

cross-cultural marriage

In Love but Worlds Apart

Danielle Wilson of Agapé reviews a book (2009) on Insights Questions and Tips for the Intercultural Couple

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

Google-Books: http://books.google.at/books/about/In_Love_But_Worlds_Apart.html?id=BCKroNUjcG0C&redir_esc=y

Amazon Link: <http://www.amazon.com/Love-Worlds-Apart-intercultural-ebook/dp/B006PTPP8M>

Crisis/Trauma - Kidnapping

A family's guide to handling the media during and after a kidnapping

http://www.hostageuk.org/documents/MediaGuide_Feb2012.pdf

Partnership Agreement([oscar.org.uk](http://www.oscar.org.uk))

A working agreement between all the parties involved in mission significantly reduces the chance of something being left out or 'falling between the cracks'. This sample agreement, adapted from one that a mission agency uses, provides a good starting point if you want to put together your own partnership agreement for mission partners. Go to

www.oscar.org.uk/partnershipagreement.pdf

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

USA

Mental Health and Missions Conference

Dear Mental Health and Missions Community –

Join us November 21-24, 2013 for fellowship, networking, and professional development at the 34th annual Mental Health and Missions Conference.

Held in the beautiful Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana, the conference boasts a wonderful location for rejuvenation, learning, and mutual encouragement. Join other mental health professionals, missionary care workers, and students for 3 days of challenging plenary and workshop sessions by some of the premier presenters in their fields, as well as ample opportunities for relaxation and relationship building. The conference also offers exposure to dozens of organizations and resources to aid and encourage you in your work.

For more information on conference location and other registration details, please visit our NEW website at <http://www.mti.org/programs/MHM>. There will also be information soon about some of our speakers and topics that you can expect for this year's conference! Register early as registration rates will increase in September. You can register at www.mti.org/register. We look forward to seeing you this fall! www.mti.org/programs/MHM

Europe - Switzerland

Traction 2013 Men's Conference

Traction Men's Conference

September 21-27, 2013

Sometimes I just want a break. Sometimes I want to stop fighting the battle. Sometimes I wish I could find a safe place to share my heart and hear another guy say, "Yeah, I know what you mean. Me, too."

The reality is, we're in a war, and wars are tiring. Guys in cross-cultural work feel the strain in unique ways. Some of them get depressed; some crumble in failure, and some walk away. Others, however, get some rest, receive some support, and find new traction for the uphill stretches.

That's what Traction is all about. For years we've been running the Breathe Conference in Switzerland. For a long time, we've been thinking that there needs to be a place just for men.

Traction is a 6-day experience September 21-27 for men just like you who serve in cross-cultural settings. This week of restoration is focused on helping guys navigate their roles as leaders, in order to gain spiritual footing and momentum to move forward. Traction is open to cross-cultural workers who serve in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

We're meeting at one of the most beautiful and peaceful places on earth. There are things to do like hiking and ropes courses and places to drink coffee and eat stuff that we wouldn't tell our wives about (if you're married, that is. If you're not, you get to eat what you want!).

It's for guys who need a week to rest and think and pray and talk. It's for guys who give a lot and need space to receive and bless each other by their sheer openness and grace in community.

Would you consider making the investment in your long-term staying power? Click on the link below to learn more.

Get more information

<http://encounterlife.org>

Africa - Kenia

Trauma Healing Equipping seminar in Nairobi, July 21-26th 2013

This seminar will be held at the Tumaini Counselling centre in Karen, Nairobi for those who are interested in learning more about how to help those who have been traumatized. It will be one of two seminars and in order to receive a facilitators certificate, attendance at both is needed. This seminar is non-residential, though we can give details of possible places to stay near the counseling centre. For details of cost and for an application form, please write to Margaret_hill@sil.org

Asia - Turkey

Counseling and Member Care Seminar, 6-18 October 2013

Sponsor: Narramore Christian Foundation (NCF)

Place: Antalya, Turkey

Focus: As a cross-cultural worker, one may be called to counsel and support a great variety of people. Yet, academic training rarely offers adequate equipping to deal with the many problems encountered in serving others. To meet this need, NCF has developed this intensive counseling seminar which is designed to increase one's counseling and member care skills. Instructors will emphasize a strong integration of biblical truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques.

Instructors: Drs. Bruce Narramore, Keith Edwards, Jenny Pak, Bill Kirwan, and Tim Friesen; John and Becky Leverington, and others

Cost:

\$940 USD per single person who shares a room with another participant

\$1,120 USD per single person who prefers a private room

\$1,750 USD per married couple

For more information or to receive an application form, please contact Cindy Hibma—cindyh@ccfthailand.org

Links: http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_turkey2.php;

<http://www.ccfthailand.org/resources/seminars/>

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/APPLICATION FORM_CMC SEMINAR 2013.docx

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/NCF%20CMCS%20Brochure%202013Turkey.pdf

Aisa - Thailand

WELLSPRING RETREAT

Are you burned out? Contemplating a change? Feeling spiritually disconnected? Join us at the 2nd annual Wellspring Retreat, designed and led by the Well staff, for those engaged in cross-cultural ministry. Wellspring is a safe, supportive, peaceful place to rest, renew, share your journey in a small group and individually with a counselor, and re-connect with God. A children's program is also offered. Wellspring is held at Horizon Village and Resort, a luxurious accommodation situated in an expansive botanical garden several kilometers east of Chiang Mai. www.horizonvillage.net

Registration is limited to 20 adults and 20 children so registrar early!

Dates: Begins Sunday, Nov. 10, 2012 with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ends Saturday, Nov. 16, 2012 with lunch

Cost: 10,500 Thai Baht per person (double occupancy)

15,000 Thai Baht per person (single occupancy)

7,500 Thai Baht per child

Where: Horizon Village and Resort www.horizonvillage.net

More Info: nancy@thewellcm.com

Registration: well@thewellcm.com

Registration deadline: October 21, 2013

Middle East EGYPT

MEMC Conference 22-26 Oct , Egypt

THEME: "Building Resilience in Troubled Times"

Main speaker: Dr. Richard Butman, 33 years at Wheaton Grad School USA

ACCOMODATION: Anafora is a retreat center in the desert oasis between Cairo and Alexandria [be advised: no internet available].

SCHEDULE: Minivans depart from Cairo on Tuesday, 22 Oct. at 2 pm, returns to Cairo by van by 4 pm on Saturday, the 26th Oct.

**Now available: a personal bonus day for a guided spiritual retreat if you can arrive Monday am, one day early. Add E25 to the total cost.

Transport still included.

INCLUDES plenary sessions, time for quiet reflection, networking, optional seminars on topics such as Helping Gen X & Y in their first term; case studies, new book reviews; Menopause 101 for Men; TCK/MK issues, God's Remedy to Stress; Retreats and Quiet Days as part of a Worker's daily life; God Sightings in daily life; Beguilement.

COST approximately Euro 190 per person, including all meals, coffee breaks, materials, and transportation from Cairo and back.

REGISTRATION: contact susanacyprus@worksmail.net

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