



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) April 2014

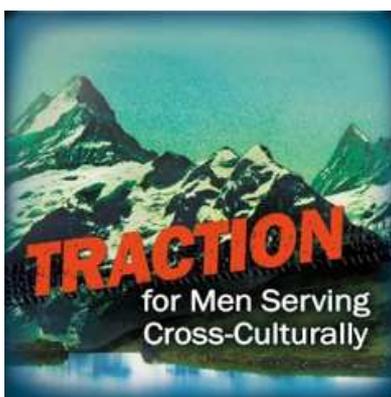
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### This months Sponsor - Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland

Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland  
September 16-22, 2014



Traction is a 6-day experience September 16-22, 2014 for men who serve in cross-cultural settings. This week of restoration is all about helping guys navigate their roles as leaders in order to gain spiritual footing and momentum to move forward. Traction is designed to encourage cross-cultural workers who serve in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Learn more at <http://tractionconference.org/>

### The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey (MARK your calendars)

**Registration will open mid-May 2014.****Date:**

February 9-13, 2015, in Antalya, Turkey

**Venue:** The conference will take place at the very nice ANTEDON GARDEN HOTEL in Antalya, Turkey. Due to off-season, we were able to negotiate an amazing price.

**Theme:** Member Care in Hard Places

**Streams:**

- Member care in the context of suffering
- Member care in the context of persecution
- Sending to hard places – the role of the local church in member care
- Being effective in hard places

**Aims and Objectives**

The conference is designed to

- be an encouragement to the many international Christians working in difficult or isolated circumstances in the Middle East, Arab World, and Central Asia.
- stimulate, serve and network member care initiatives in the Middle East, Arab World, and if possible also Central Asia.
- give excellent theological grounding
- offer wisdom and revelation, practical advice and experience for and from those working in hard places

After the great success of the 2012 Thailand conference, we now made reservations for 400 participants.

**Prayer & Intersession Team**

We just started a conference prayer and intersession team. In case you want to join this virtual team, please write to [harry@globalmembercare.com](mailto:harry@globalmembercare.com)

**Format**

We also now started to contact high quality speakers from around the world.

And we will post updates on our conference website

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=191&L=>

and on facebook

Plenary speakers, Workshop titles and Workshop presenters, and how to register..... Will be coming soon.

any inquiries contact Sue at [sue@globalmembercare.com](mailto:sue@globalmembercare.com)

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**Pre-conference - Hostage Crisis and Critical Incident**

**Management Training** with Phil Harper. February 7-9, 2015, in Antalya, Turkey.

In 2012, there were 167 incidents of major violence against aid workers in 19 countries. This 2-day course helps you be prepared to facilitate the best resolution to 'live' critical incidents. For directors, crisis management teams, member care providers and church leaders.

For all details please direct to Phil at [sheep100conferencing@gmail.com](mailto:sheep100conferencing@gmail.com)

**NEW: GMCN Facebook group**


**GMCN Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>**

**We just passed the 500 members mark!!!**

Thanks you for being part of this Facebook network group. Please continue to make it known among your member care colleagues.

We for now chose this to be a "closed group". The closed privacy setting makes it possible for nonmembers to find the group in Facebook search, but the group page's content is hidden. The process for adding a group member is the same for all privacy levels; all group members can add anyone from his friend list as a group member. When someone requests to join a closed group

on Facebook, administrators will receive a notification and can choose to either approve or deny the request.

We want to make the The Global Member Care Network (GMCN) a network community which connects you with resources, updates, links and people working in the realm of member care around the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmembercare>

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## RESOURCES

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### **Africa Member Care Network May 2014**

#### **May Newsletter**

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=118ef4312c&e=a3dbaa64df>

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### **Honduran Fellowship**

#### **Missionary Care By Joy Hoff (Missionary in San Pedro Sula)**

<http://www.honduranfellowship.org/Missionary%20Care-130.htm>

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### **Coaching Mission International**

#### **BRIDGES: COACHING FOR CROSS-CULTURAL WORKERS**

leverages the cross-cultural, mission experience of qualified professional coaches and modern communication technology to multiply the effectiveness of frontline mission leaders. With the help of its partners, CMI is able to make high quality coaching available and affordable where it will make the greatest impact.

<http://www.coachingmission.com>

<http://www.coachingmission.com/programs/bridges/bridges.htm#.U2BdWKIIHVQ>

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### **Want an M.A. or D.Min. in Member Care?**

Now you can get one ... at Columbia University. Learn more at...

<http://www.ciu.edu/academic-programs/doctor-ministry-program>

The degree equips professionals who have demonstrated skill in providing ministerial and/or therapeutic care for missionaries.

Redcliffe College offers an MA in Member Care too. Learn more at...

<http://www.redcliffe.org/Courses/MemberCare>

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### **holmes-rahe-stress-inventory**

Seen it many times, but it's always good to re-visit this inventory/scale.

The other day I spoke to someone who moved to Myanmar/Burma, saying "We are just busy surviving..."

Just everyday life may put a missionary off the normal stress scale

<http://www.stress.org/holmes-rahe-stress-inventory/>

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### **TCK - Tremendously Cool Kids**

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Like it!

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## **Catalyst Int'l - New Website**

We're writing to announce the launch of our new website! It's been in the making for many months - and is finally here. Please take a few minutes to visit us at Catalyst Int'l.

While you're there, would you pray with us for the people that God will bring to our upcoming retreats? We've got a few spots still open for the Breathe Conference in Switzerland this June. Registration has started for individuals and teams for Traction Men's Conference in September, also in Switzerland.

Thanks for celebrating our new site with us! <http://catalystintl.org/>

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## **Millennials in Missions**

### **Survey-Results: Millennials in Adulthood: Detached from Institutions, Networked with Friends**

This year the Millennial Generation became adults ranging from 18 to 33 years of age. The Pew Research Center in the USA conducted three surveys during January and February, and it released the results in March as a report titled "Millennials in Adulthood: Detached from Institutions, Networked with Friends." Here is a discussion of some of the more disturbing results, the implications of those results for missions, and suggestions for missionaries and mission agencies.

[http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures/br\\_millennials.htm](http://www.missionarycare.com/brochures/br_millennials.htm)

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## **Member Care Media turns 15**

### **invaluable resources to share"**

<http://www.twreurope.org/newsandstories/4-side-stories/698-member-care-media-turns-15>

Member Care Media has reached a level of influence and effectiveness so that it is poised to move beyond its original goals. As the work of MCM has become more and more recognized, the ministry has been approached with project ideas that utilize their professional contacts and content for specific programs, which include: Global Disaster and Relief, Health, Reconciliation, Theology of Suffering, and Leadership. The new projects that the MCM team already has taken on serve as tools to reach out to churches and their communities. MCM believes that churches who implement this holistic approach will also serve as effective witnesses for the Gospel.

After 15 years of specific content development, there is now a new DVD available. It contains member care resources—hundreds of audio files and transcripts—that will help enhance, enable, and encourage the cross-cultural Christian worker, from recruitment through retirement. These resources are portable, searchable, and adaptable.

More information and new content will be made available via the website: [www.membercaremedia.com](http://www.membercaremedia.com).

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## **book: Calloused Hands, Courageous Souls**

### **Holistic Spirituality of Development and Mission by: Robert J. Suderman**

Calloused Hands, Courageous Souls undertakes a challenging and critical task -- to articulate the nature of Christian spirituality in mission and development. The author calls us to be more intentional about making sure that our work is guided by a spirituality that is rooted in the life and work of Jesus Christ. This book is for those who want the gospel to make a difference in their daily lives, including how they understand and carry out mission and development. <http://missionbooks.org/products/detail/calloused-hands-courageous-souls>

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## **Quit Smoking**

The National Cancer Institute, who keep people informed on the relation between smoking and cancer (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/tobacco/smoking/>), and Quit Smoking Community, which has lots of info on smoking and its effects (<http://quitsmokingcommunity.org/>). They're both great organizations who are trying to make an impact in the lives of those struggling with tobacco. The Quit Smoking Community even helped my brother quit cigarettes. I'm always trying to spread the word when I can. Do you mind including those pages?

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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### **Africa - Ghana**

#### **SHARPENING YOUR INTERPERSONAL SKILLS WORKSHOP (SYIS)**

June 22 – 27: Accra, Ghana (GILLBT Guest House, 14 Abokobi Road, East Cantonments, Accra)

Sponsored By: The Mobile Member Care Team ([www.mmct.org](http://www.mmct.org))

Contact Person: Sue Schmidt, [sueschmidtmmct@gmail.com](mailto:sueschmidtmmct@gmail.com)

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### **USA, Clarkesville, Georgia,**

#### **debriefing retreat**

We have a debriefing retreat coming up for career field workers, in Clarkesville, Georgia, led by Le Rucher staff, with Sarah Lanier directing it.

It's June 22 - 27, 2014, in just a couple of months. The price is \$400 per person, all inclusive, except transport from the airport. Each person receives a personal debriefing, in the context of others from the field. For more information or an application form, contact: [sarah\\_a\\_lanier@yahoo.com](mailto:sarah_a_lanier@yahoo.com). or call: 1-706 754 9536.

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### **Manila, Philippines**

#### **Asia Member Care Degree Program**

The first Member Care class "Single & Family Issues in Missions" taught by Cristina Co, Fred Gingrich, Belinda Ng, and Roni Pruitt will be held in Manila, Philippines June 8-13, 2014. Future classes will be held in Korea and Malaysia. If you are interested in Member Care, Columbia International University offers a Master's, Postgraduate Certificate and Doctorate in Member Care. For additional information, please contact Amy Duren, at [amy.duren@mailbox.ciu.edu](mailto:amy.duren@mailbox.ciu.edu)

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### **Antalya, Turkey**

#### **NCF Counseling & Member Care Seminar**

Counseling and Member Care An Intensive Counseling Seminar for Cross-Cultural Workers

Sunday, October 19 – Friday, October 31, 2014

In February I sent you the announcement for the 2014 Counseling and Member Care Seminar sponsored by the Narramore Christian Foundation (NCF). We now have full seminar information available on the NCF website — [http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar\\_turkey01.php](http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_turkey01.php) — and an electronic brochure available — [http://www.ncfliving.org/NCF\\_MCC\\_seminar\\_brochure\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ncfliving.org/NCF_MCC_seminar_brochure_2014.pdf)

Please help us in letting others know about this life-impacting seminar. If you know of those who have left their positions and can see to it that this message reaches those who are replacing them or those who are new in their position, I would be very grateful.

Several openings are still available for additional participants. I have attached the electronic brochure and an application form here for your convenience.

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### **Singapore**

#### **MEMBER CARE SCHOOL IN SINGAPORE**

MEMBER CARE SCHOOL IN SINGAPORE by Ywam Singapore

JUL 28 TO AUG 22, 2014

<http://www.ywam.org.sg/images/docs/member%20care%20seminar.pdf>

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