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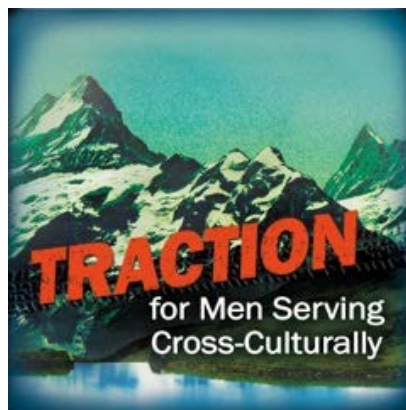
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This months Sponsor - Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland

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/>

Editorial: Disaster & Member Care Programs

Only experts and those who have personally gone through a disaster know what this really means. An event like this does not leave anyone untouched. Everyone reacts in some way and almost everyone reaches the limits of emotional and physical strength. We as mere spectators through what we hear on the news cannot even imagine how severely every life detail is affected and how long the aftermath will last.

After the floods in Bosnia, a few weeks ago, the director of TWR's national partner IKONOS, describes the challenges they are facing right now: "Mainly in the rural areas drinking water will most likely become a problem. As a result of the weather, we are also expecting invasions of mosquitoes that carry different diseases. Many areas are already facing a high number of people with stomach and skin infections as the water retains contaminants from dead livestock and people and other things that have been mixed with it.

In Bosnia, this flood has not only moved mine fields but has also opened some unknown mass graves from the war." Though much of Member Care Media's (MCM) programming is targeted to the Cross Cultural worker, the trauma- and health-based material is full of relevant information relating to the situation in Bosnia, especially when addressing the issue of the trauma caused by the flooding.

As the world media moves on to the next story, IKONOS is starting to address the long-term issues as mentioned by the IKONOS director. Though the flooding happened in hours, the recovery, both physical and emotional, will take years and this is where radio is effective. MCM, with its network of care specialists and gathered resources, is helping IKONOS in addressing the needs of their listeners and reminding them that God has not forgotten them in their time of need. For over 15 years Member Care Media (MCM) has been producing and broadcasting radio programs that have been aimed to encourage, enhance and enable Christian workers serving in difficult and isolated places. The care aspect has always been at the centre of this ministry. It was this holistic approach that allowed us to build a strong worldwide network of care specialists such as psychologists, renowned member care experts and pastoral caregivers that we can draw on right now. Since 1999, MCM has produced more than 6,000 programs dealing with all aspects of life such as relationships, grief, stress, burnout, disappointment, etc. As our work has become more and more recognized, we have been approached with requests for urgently needed psychological first aid in areas of global disaster that would use our professional contacts and content for specific programs.

Learn more by visiting our homepage: www.membercaremedia.com

Siny Widmer

Director, Member Care Media

The Second Global Member Care Conference 2015 in Turkey

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Registration is NOW open - Click here to register:

<https://www.regonline.com/register/checkin.aspx?EventId=1574817&MethodId=0&EventSessionId&startnewreg=1>

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.

Speakers

We invited and contacted high quality speakers from around the world.

You find a list of confirmed speakers here on our conference website at

<http://www.globalmembercare.org>

and on facebook

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

Prayer & Intercession Team

We just started a conference prayer and intercession team. In case you want to join this virtual team, please write to

harry@globalmembercare.com

any inquiries contact Sue at sue@globalmembercare.com

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

Q&A: Cambodia MC staff needs

Cambodia, living well Centre, Phnom Penh

at least one other person who may be able to join us in the future.

www.livingwellcambodia.org

has now been operational since the beginning of February. Apart from the Director there are a few other people who are able to be involved in providing some services on a part time basis. But if we are going to develop the centre further we need additional expat staff.

Knowing how long it can take to recruit other staff we have now produced some documents which we will be using to try and identify at least one other person who may be able to join us in the future.

I have attached a document, a summary of what we are looking for.

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/living%20well%20Staff%20opportunities%20Summary.docx

Any questions please contact. bobtoan@gmail.com

RESOURCES

Third Culture Kids and Cross-cultural Kids

Daraja

'Daraja' is the swahili word for bridge.

We are an organization under the directorship of Michael Pollock, serving Third Culture Kids and Cross-cultural Kids (TCKs and CCKs) during the transitional time between high school and college senior year. Son of TCK author and researcher Dr. David Pollock, Michael grew up in the US and Kenya and raised three children in China. He worked for nine years with international TCKs in six schools across China. <http://www.daraja.us>

Member Care Europe Newsletter

Subscribe

Due to the limitations of using a Yahoo group for communicating, we're migrating our newsletter over to Mailchimp. While we could simply transfer your details, we're aware that there's a lot of out-of-date contact information on Yahoo which has built up since the group was set up way back in 1999! So we're going to ask you to complete a simple sign up form if you want to keep receiving our updates. Just go to <http://eepurl.com/RtTpr> and it will take you less than a minute.

<http://membercareeurope.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6bc4a139953bb7b45f6a213f3&id=c091a3d3cb>

People ministering in Europe may be aware that Member Care Europe has its own website advertising events, materials, retreat centres and resources which can be found at www.membercareeurope.com. Anyone wishing to promote their European member care services should email the webmaster at info@syzygy.org.uk. We also produce a regular newsletter featuring highlights from the website, which you can sign up to receive at the website. This replaces the previous Yahoo Group which is now closed, and anyone who was part of that will need to re-register.

Child Abuse

Finally A Video On Child Abuse That Every Kid Can Watch And Learn From.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkJY0xqtW6W8>

Doing Re-entry Well (oscar.org.uk)

Re-entry

is one of the least understood stages of any missionary's experience. That's why we at OSCAR like to keep it at the forefront of mission topics. Helen Watts recently conducted a survey amongst workers returning from overseas. In this month's guest article, Helen shares some of the key findings of this survey and 'unpacks' a few key pointers that can make re-entry an easier experience.

Go to www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/watts.htm

Depression

What is it like to be depressed?

Clinical depression is a difficult disorder for many individuals to understand. The following links are provided to help individuals with depression or those who care for them to begin getting a grasp on understanding it:

- What is depression? (a link to a short video that explains what it is like to be depressed and some steps to recover)
- Depression – One Person's Story by Jerry Solomon (a Probe Ministry article giving an example in one Christian's life and 10 steps toward responding to depression)

<http://tomainicounselling.net/2014/01/31/what-is-it-like-to-be-depressed/>

Newsletter: Africa Member Care Network

July 2014

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=6bcc141ab5&e=a3dbaa64df>

Newsletter, The Well - Member Care Center - Thailand

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=f6b667d397&e=25f63328eb>

COPING WITH CRISIS MAGAZINE

by the International Red Cross

The latest issue of our magazine deals with issues of violence, focusing on psychosocial support for those affected by the on-going conflict in Central African Republic, by typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and by gender-based violence. The magazine also highlights the psychosocial impacts of the current Ebola outbreak, as well as looks at the mental health gap and what is being done to improve it.

The new issue (1-2014) is now available for download in English on our site <http://pscentre.org/resources/coping-crisis-2014-issue-1-english>, and will be available in hard copy from the PS Centre at the end of the summer. French, Spanish and Arabic translations will also be produced after the summer holidays.

BROKEN LINKS

Psychosocial support for people separated from family members

Broken Links: A field guide and Broken Links: Training Module are aimed at providing psychosocial support for people who have been separated from family members. These materials - a field guide and a one-day training module - were developed to support staff and volunteers in a wide range of settings who may be in contact with families who have been separated from their loved ones.

These two books are useful resources for those working with missing persons and family reunification in various contexts. The field guide outlines some causes of separation, discusses the psychosocial impact of being separated, and provides guidelines on how to support those who have been separated from family members - including delivering difficult news to loved ones, basic helping skills, interviews, and reunification. There is also a chapter on self-care for staff and volunteers. The one-day training module provides activities and discussion points, giving volunteers and staff a solid foundation in supporting people who have been separated, as well as offering concrete guidance on self-care.

Download the two Broken Links books here, or purchase a hard copy by contacting the PS Centre on

psychosocial.centre@ifrc.org.

<http://pscentre.org/topics/broken-links/>

Newsletter - Cyprus Retreats

latest Retreats News

Dear Friends

Please find attached a copy of the latest Retreats News.

Blessings on your summer,

Maggie Maggie Le-Roy Retreats Facilitator

Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/1405GMCN3.pdf

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Thailand, near Chiangmai

Equipping Women Int'l Training Seminar

- Do you have a desire:

1-To enhance your ministry skills?

2-To study challenging material in a peer learning, facilitated environment?

3-To find personal enrichment, growth and relationships that contribute to your long-term success?

4-Be challenged to grow deeper with God and with others.

We invite you to attend a training module Facilitating Relational Learning.

FRL focuses on learning and practicing the latest in adult learning skills and applying them to a broad range of ministry situations.

Developing a Discerning Heart module will also be held for returning participants.

Held at: Horizon Village, near Chiang Mai, Oct. 21-30, 2014. Application & Registration is NOW OPEN. Registration closes July 20, 2014.

See <http://barnabas.org/ewi> for details, application & registration info

Antalya, Turkey

Narramore Christian Foundation Counseling & Member Care Seminar

http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_turkey01.php

When: October 19-31, 2014

Where: Antalya, Turkey

For whom: Designed for cross-cultural workers—those who would like to develop their own member care skills or develop member care within their context or organization, and those who counsel and listen to people—this intensive training offers practical psychological insights and counseling techniques with a strong integration of biblical and theological truth. Daily worship, individual consultation, and daily breakout groups to practice what is learned make this a rich and life-changing experience.

Information: visit http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_turkey01.php or write for an application form to

Cindy Hibma, ncf.seminars@gmail.com.

An electronic brochure is available at http://www.ncfliving.org/NCF_MCC_seminar_brochure_2014.pdf

New Zealand, Matamata

Missionary Enrichment Retreat 2014

26 Oct. - 1 Nov. 2014

Crystal Springs, Matamata

Each day begins with a devotional followed by two workshops on practical topics. These are followed by free time and opportunity to meet with one of the facilitators to explore personal issues. We will also have a guided quiet retreat segment. A range of topics relating to missionary life will be covered

Sessions will focus on developing effective life skills such as:

- Communications
- Conflict resolution
- Appropriate assertiveness
- Spiritual resources

Some will be focused on challenges such as:

- Dealing with "baggage" from the past
- Unfulfilled expectations
- Stress & Burnout

- Singleness issues and marriage strains

Who?

Recently returned missionaries, missionaries on leave, and people involved in cross-cultural ministry in New Zealand or abroad.

MERs provide opportunity for you to reflect on your experience, evaluate how you have coped, and equip you for the future in a safe place away from pressure and with people who understand.

<http://www.missions.org.nz/images/pdfs/bulletin/2014/July-14.pdf>

Africa, Bamenda, Cameroon

Trauma Healing Equipping Session

August 25-29:

Sponsors: SIL and Trauma Healing Institute at American Bible Society Contact: Truus Babila truus_babila@sil.org

Africa, Kampala, Uganda

MEMBER CARE WHILE MANAGING CRISIS (MCMC)

September 10-16:

Sponsored By: The Mobile Member Care Team (www.mmct.org)

Contact Person: Gail Koski, MMCT-EA Member Care Facilitator

Email: gailkmmct@gmail.com

St George's Church, Troodos, Cyprus

mountain retreat in August

Join us for a Mountain Retreat at St George's Church, Troodos

9 August 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Led by Maggie Le-Roy

Book by 5 August 2014: retreats@cypgulf.org

<http://cypgulf.org/join-us-mountain-retreat-august/>

London, United Kingdom

The Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders (Interhealth & CRM)

InterHealth are now partnering with Creative Results Management to run a short Coaching Workshop in October 2014 (22nd Oct – 24th Oct). For details about this course see <http://www.creativeresultsmanagement.com/workshop>

It is a short 3 day course aimed at Christian Leaders and Pastors looking to increase their ministry impact.

After the 3-day intensive workshop you will be able to:

Listen actively so others feel you understand them. (I had a habit of thinking of my next comment before the other person finished)

Ask powerful questions that initiate a change of thinking. (My questions were often focussed on the answer I wanted)

Generate feedback that avoids defensiveness. (My questions were often quite pointed!)

Design action steps that will actually be accomplished.

Follow-up to increase learning and accountability.

In addition, the program will cover:

Naturally using the COACH Model™.

Adopting the mindsets of transformational leaders.

How to integrate coaching skills into your leadership roles.

When you take the Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders, you get practical ministry skills training.

I highly recommend this course if you are passionate about making a greater difference through other people. The course costs £215 plus VAT for the three days inclusive of course materials and refreshments during the day in an excellent Central London location. Please circulate to Christian leaders and Ministers that you think would benefit from this course.

You can either book the course through the Creative Results Management website

(<http://www.creativeresultsmanagement.com>) or directly with InterHealth through the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-coaching-workshop-for-christian-leaders-tickets-12152816401>

USA - Grand Junction, CO
Europe - Samabor, Croatia

Europe - Millstatt, Austria

Barnabas Zentrum

Barnabas Zentrum ministers to missionaries and Christian workers serving worldwide. We offer intensive counseling, encouragement, debriefing, and pre-field training for individuals and couples. The following are dates for the counseling retreats held at the USA and Europe centers for the remainder of 2014.

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/2014%20summer%20and%20fall%20retreats.docx

USA

Fall ELIM Retreats

Barnabas International and ELIM Retreat Ministries are offering two Fall 2014 Retreats for Missionaries and Pastors. The first is September 14-19, to be held in Huron City, Michigan. The second, Oct. 26-31, will be held at Eagle Center House in Eagle, Wisconsin.

These low-cost Retreats are for the purpose of spiritual renewal, low key debriefing and rest. Participants can count on not having to be "on".

These Retreats are open to any full time Global Workers--pastoral staff, member care leadership, states-based missionaries, and missionaries on home assignment. Single or married adults only

Registration takes place at the ELIM Retreats home page, <http://www.elimretreats.org/>

USA

Intermission Kid Education Consultation (IMKEC)

is an annual meeting of primarily home-office sending agency personnel who have MK education issues as part of their responsibilities. IMKEC also welcomes mission leaders and MK educators.

Dates: September 4-7, 2014

Theme: Partnering In Education

More info here: <http://www.acsiglobal.org/home-2/events/imkec-2014>

USA, Fresno, CA

"Building Skills -- Equipping To Serve"

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Jan. 12-16, 2015 (M-F)

Location: Holiday Inn (Airport), Fresno, CA

Sponsored by: Link Care Center;

We are excited to announce that the Link Care Center member care conference, Building Skills – Equipping to Serve will be held January, 12-16, 2015. We are moving the Conference from Hume Lake to Fresno so that a larger number of our clinicians will be able to provide training sessions during the Conference. This year, nine Link Care counselors will be presenting during the Conference. Our primary objective is to promote skill development that will increase the effectiveness of member care workers as they serve others.

The theme of the January conference is "Equipping to Serve." Sessions will focus on strengthening attendees' skills in working with depression, anxiety, couples and parenting issues, team dynamics, self care, debriefing, and other issues. We will strive to provide practical tools in each session that will increase your effectiveness in ministry.

find more info here:

www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2014/Announcing%20for%202015%20as%20of%20071115.docx

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 595 members!

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>

The Global Member Care Network is an independent network of volunteers. Please consider donating to this important network, to keep the running costs covered. We do this, because we believe in it. This Newsletter is a free service and was created to share and connect member care resources around the world. It goes out in the middle of each month. News and resources need to be posted on our website blog, or send to office@globalmembercare.com.

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