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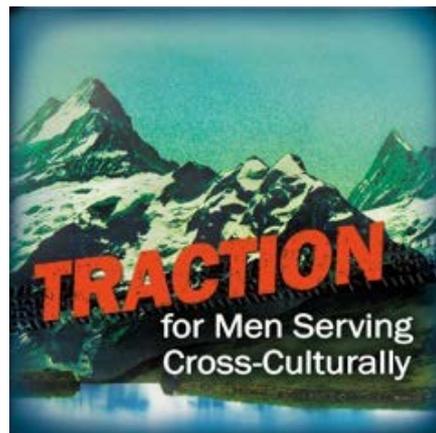
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Traction Conference for Men in Switzerland
September 15-21, 2015



Traction is a 6-day experience September 15-21, 2015 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.

Traction is held at Credo (www.credo.ch) located in one of Switzerland's most breathtaking regions near Interlaken.

Traction is led by Dr. Daniel Hahn of Catalyst Int'l, a ministry founded in 2004 dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Daniel and his wife, Lori, lead the annual Breathe Conference (www.breatheconference.org), also held in Switzerland.

The mornings at Traction are given to these issues while the afternoons are free for counseling appointments, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection. We have room for about 80 men; space is filled on

a first come, first served basis.
More Info in the EVENT section.
REGISTER AT <http://catalystintl.org/>
Contact Daniel Hahn info@tractionconference.org

Editorial: Asian MKs – A hope for their future

In recent years, there has been growing awareness about Asian MKs and their issues. Much had already been researched on and done for Western MKs. There may be much in common, but there are also unique challenges commonly faced by Asian MKs and of course, by those from the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. Sadly, very little research or materials have been published about non-Western MKs.

One heavy burden that is commonly borne by almost every Asian MK is the issue of finances, particularly the sense of financial responsibility an Asian MK carries to care for his or her parents especially after their retirement. How can this be tackled? Recent discussions and dialogue among caregivers and adult MKs at a conference in Malaysia have raised other pertinent questions, for example:

1. Should missionaries share honestly with their children about their financial difficulties? They don't want their children to think that being a missionary is always about being poor.
2. When the MKs were still young, they've always wanted to be missionaries, something that the parents were obviously very happy and proud of. When they turned teenagers, however, they no longer wished to participate in church or become missionaries. What should their parents do?
3. How can MKs be helped to apply their skills when returning to their passport countries (e.g., being effective in school or jobs, given the often unspoken rules and cultural expectations)?
4. In what ways can caregivers and parents exercise care and sensitively incorporate the appropriate values according to different Asian cultures and church backgrounds, when developing approaches or strategies for MK care across the various Asian contexts?
5. How can mission/church leaders and adult MKs in the Asian countries be mobilized to become advocates for MK care as part of the wider member care solution/strategy?

While there may be no immediate or easy solutions, there is always hope for the future. With the growing friendships, networking, and sharing of personal experiences and ideas among a gathering of enthusiastic adult Asian MKs in recent years, the birth of an Asian MK Network comprising several adult MKs and experienced MK caregivers has already become a reality. Surely this must be God's timing—the kairos time—time for the Asians to rise up to the challenge and start a MK care movement! Praise the Lord!

Please pray for encouragement and support for this young, developing network of God's precious children, that their fellowship and dedicated efforts will be a catalyst for mobilizing MK care across Asia. After all, it is not merely a kids' issue—it is an issue for the whole church in Asia and her whole mission.

Philip Chang, Interserve Malaysia - Website: www.interserve.org.my

RESOURCES

Blog

Tendingscatteredwool.com - Reflections on Shepherding Cross-Cultural Workers

Tendingscatteredwool.com is a weekly blog filled with ideas, encouragement, and resources for excellent care of global workers, as well as care for the care giver. <http://tendingscatteredwool.com/>

The Well Member Care Center Chiangmai - Newsletter

June 2015

Txt <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=a326a4367a&e=25f63328eb>

Book

Healthy, Resilient, and Effective

Dr. Laura Mae Gardner (SIL/Wycliffe) has written extensively on caring for missionaries and cross-cultural workers. Now, she has prepared a member care guidebook that just might set a benchmark for the state of the art.

<http://condeo.ondemandbookstore.com/healthy-resilient-and-effective.html>

It's a kind of manual which defines the vision, the challenge, and a host of practical case studies and tools to help us get started.

Content:

- i The benefit of member care for a sending church or agency
- i Four aspects of cross-cultural workers' health
- i The process of screening new workers
- i Policies and procedures as an expression of member care
- i Steps in creating a care plan and becoming a member care person
- i Cross-cultural workers' loss and grief
- i Single on the mission field
- i Moral dilemmas of field workers
- i Approaching retirement and finishing well

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Switzerland

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The week will deal squarely with issues guys contend with:

- Managing stress, isolation and opposition
- Reconnecting to God through prayer
- Cultivating the character of authentic leadership
- Honoring God with our sexuality
- Persevering with courage and trust in the face of challenges

All of this will be approached within the context of life as an international worker. The mornings at Traction are given to these issues while the afternoons are free for counseling appointments, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection.

Teams and individuals are welcome. We have room for about 80 men; space is filled on a first come, first served basis. Registration fees include shared accommodations (2-3 per room), all meals, and programming. A non-refundable \$150 deposit (in USD) paid to Catalyst Int'l is required at the time of registration. Balance of 500 CHF (Swiss Francs) is due upon arrival at Credo.

REGISTER AT <http://catalystintl.org/>

Contact Daniel Hahn info@tractionconference.org

Thailand, Chiang Mai

CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING

TRAINING CONFERENCE in LEADERSHIP and CRISIS MANAGEMENT
with Phil Harper QPM.

October 24-26, 2015, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

In 2012, there were 167 incidents of major violence against aid workers in 19 countries.

This 3-day 2-night course helps you be prepared to facilitate the best resolution to 'live' critical incidents and hostage taking.

For directors, crisis management teams, member care providers and church leaders.

For all details please direct to Phil at sheep100conferencing@gmail.com

The first South Pacific Region Member Care Conference

Member Care Bootcamp: 7-11 Sept 2015 - Australia

Good Member Care doesn't just happen, it requires information, experience, practice and resources. This conference will bring together people from all over Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the Pacific Islands, to learn, discover, experience, and share how to do Member Care well.

The conference is aimed at mission leaders, staff, multicultural teams, trainers, churches, counsellors, and others involved in the care of missionaries.

<http://www.missionsinterlink.org.au/events/member-care-bootcamp-2015>

Seattle, Barcelona, Singapore

Coaching Mastery Certificate Program

Coaching Mastery Certificate Program in Seattle

September 21-25, 2015 in person in Seattle.

Coaching Mastery Certificate Program in Barcelona

October 12-16, 2015 in person in Barcelona in English

Coaching Mastery Certificate Program in Singapore

January 25-29, 2016 in person in Singapore in English

75 ICF ACC ACSTH

10 ICF qualified Mentor-Coaching hours.

The COACHING MASTERY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM is made up of a 5-day in-person workshop, followed by optional 6 two-hour telephone classes, peer group calls, and individual mentor-coaching with an instructor. At the end of 6 months or so, you will have completed all the ICF's requirements for the Associate Certified Coach credential. Keith Webb is the lead instructor.

<http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/mastery>

Coaching Teleclass

Strengths-Based Coaching Teleclass Series

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July 7, 14, 21, 28, 8am Seattle time.

7.5 ICF ACSTH CCEs

Strengths-based coaching helps you as a coach to coach from your personal strengths. It also teaches coaches how to overcome resistance and help coachees build and expand on experience, gifts, and qualities they already have. It makes coaching a breeze. Knowing how to skillfully discover and utilize your own strengths and those of your clients will energize your coaching!

<http://creativeresultsmanagement.com/strengths>

USA, Fresno, Link Care

"Building Skills -- Equipping To Serve"

We are excited to announce the Link Care Center member care conference, Building Skills – Equipping to Serve. By hosting the conference in Fresno, most of our clinicians and pastoral care providers are able to provide training sessions. 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." We will begin our mornings together with devotions. Following sessions will focus on strengthening attendees' skills in working with marriages, utilizing healthy boundaries in a cross-cultural context, addictions, thriving in a new culture, pastoral first aid, the persistently pestering person, appropriate confidentiality in pastoral care, depression, and a preliminary understanding of symptoms of trauma survivors vs spiritual warfare (i.e. the demonic), and other issues related to pastoral and

clinical care. We will strive to provide practical tools in each session that will increase your effectiveness in ministry.

For more Information and Conference Registration, send application to Ken Royer (kenroyer@linkcare.org)

Singapore, Chiangmai

Cerny Smith Assessment Certification Training (CSA)

August 15, 2015 in Chiang Mai

August 18, 2015 in Singapore

Dr. Jerry Reddix, a member care provider with Member Care International for 20 years, will offer Certification Training in the CernySmith Assessment. The CSA measures stress in 20 scales, highlighting strengths and challenges. Details and registration are available at <https://hfconsultants.org>.

For information about the CernySmith Assessment see www.cernysmith.com

Dr. Reddix can be reached at: DrReddix@hfconsultants.org

Brussels, Belgium:

OM People Care Course, Level 1

Upcoming Member Care Training Event: OM People Care Course, Level 1

Date: 6-13 December 2015

The People Care Courses provide people with new skills to fulfill their God given roles in people care and leadership while positively impacting their personal lives. The training is practical and relevant for individuals that serve in all facets of mission. The ministry skills that the participant acquires also helps build a strong foundation in the local church.

This 6-day course is designed to be an introduction to basic member care skills. It prepares the participant to care for and support community members, team members, colleagues, and friends facing the regular ups and downs of life prevalent in any environment and intensified in cross-cultural living and service.

Session topics include:

- Model of Good Practice in People Care
- Qualities of a People Care provider
- Listening and Empathy Training
- Personal Debriefing
- Conflict Management
- Cross-Cultural People Care
- Transition and Change
- Maintaining Healthy Boundaries

This course is useful for people in official member care roles and informal support, discipleship, and mentoring roles.

For more information and an application form of the course please email the People Care Administrator at people.care@om.org

Indonesia, USA

Crisis Management Seminars

Offered by [Crisis Consulting International](http://CrisisConsultingInternational.com). The CMS is a 3-day leadership-oriented course which provides the knowledge and skills to develop a competent security and crisis management program. Topics include crisis management teams, risk assessments (including the use of [EZRA](http://EZRA.com), complimentary to participants), developing appropriate policies, contingency planning, a crisis resolution protocol, and understanding the present-day terrorism threat. Case studies and tabletop exercises are used extensively.

[Bali, Indonesia - August 10-12, 2015](http://BaliIndonesia.com)

[Harrisburg, PA - November 12-14, 2015](http://HarrisburgPA.com)

France, Thailand, USA

Refresh! - Heartstream Resources

France June 14 to 24

Thailand July 5 to 15

Refresh! is a retreat designed for the renewal, enrichment, and refreshment of singles, couples, and families serving in cross-cultural settings. Several professional services are offered to you and your family, including medical consultation, counseling and massage therapy. Educational and recreational activities for all ages are aimed at

spiritual and emotional restoration.

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2015/2015%20Refresh!%20Brochure-1.pdf

Visit our website for information about additional member care programs.

Heartstream Resources www.heartstreamresources.org

USA

Heartstream Resources member care training course

Sept. 29 to Oct. 9

To be held in Liverpool, PA, USA www.heartstreamresources.org

Chiang Mai, Thailand

NCF Counseling & Member Care Seminar

October 4-16, 2015

A few openings remain—write now for an application form! As a cross-cultural worker, you support a great variety of people, yet perhaps you lack adequate academic or field training to equip you to deal with the many issues you encounter. Our instructors emphasize a strong integration of biblical truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques. Join over 2,000 others who have gained valuable counseling and member care skills by attending this intensive training.

One past participant said, "I came with the expectation of gaining some tools for the work I do as a MC provider... What caught me by surprise is the healing that has taken place for me. I didn't see that coming, but it has been a wonderful blessing." Another wrote, "One of the most helpful aspects of this seminar was the community that was formed...that was a little snapshot of what we're all about in this process of attuning ourselves to others and others attuning themselves to us...finding the safety in community to reveal what's really down deep." Write Cindy Hibma at ncf.seminars@gmail.com to receive an application form or seminar brochure, or check http://www.ncfliving.org/seminar_thailand01.php

Kigali, Rwanda

Sharpening Your Interpersonal Skills (SYIS) Workshop

August 30 - September 4, 2015

Sponsored by: Mobile Member Care Team (www.mmct.org) and Solace Ministries (www.solacem.org)

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

Email: gailkmmct@gmail.com

Kampala, Uganda

Member Care While Managing Crises (MCMC) Workshop

November 4-10, 2015

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

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

Email: gailkmmct@gmail.com

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We just reached 967 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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