



Global Member Care Network (GMCN) April 2016

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This month's Sponsor - [Traction](#)



Traction is a 6-day experience **September 14-20, 2016** 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 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 Catalystintl.org
Contact Daniel Hahn info@catalystintl.org

This month's Sponsor - [Barnabas' Equipping Women International](#)



We are looking for women who want to...

- Experience true community with other women serving in cross-cultural ministry.
- Study challenging material and unpack it through facilitated discussions & a variety of learning activities.
- Learn new ministry and life skills to be used in a wide range of arenas.
- Give God an opportunity to transform their inner life and ways of thinking.
- Enhance their disciple-making skills.
- Be encouraged!

If any of this resonates with you, we invite you to attend the 5th annual Equipping Women International (EWI) module called Facilitating Relational Learning. This 1st 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 #2, will also be offered for returning participants.

The training will be held at The Horizon Village Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 25th to November 3th, 2016. The early registration price break ends May 25th, 2016, so we encourage you to inquire now. Final registration closes July 25th. A 3-month lead time is necessary for completion of the preparation work. See www.barnabas.org/ewi for details of module descriptions, syllabi, application form, FAQ & registration info, or write Debbie at dlamp@barnabas.org.

NOTE: This is a Barnabas International sponsored ministry using the WWMT curriculum developed by Entrust.

Editorial: A Member Care Award

Dear Global Member Care community,

For the past 16 years, Siny Widmer faithfully laboured at finding ways in which to use TransWorldRadio's (TWR) skill in media and its high power transmitters to "encourage those in their place of calling." Siny, devotedly plugged away through the ups and downs of establishing the Member Care Media project and contacts that make it to what it is today.

When Siny retired in 2015, from TWR and as the Director of Member Care Media, she told us that we will need to "continue labouring without much recognition" but doing it out of love and calling. I believe this is also true, for all of you faithful care providers that daily are "encouraging, enhancing and enabling" those in their place of calling!! So it was with great joy and surprise that in February 2016, Member Care Media received

the 2016 NRB International Strategic Partnership Award! As there are no "Member Care" awards or recognitions yet, this award is also a recognition of what the Global Member Care community and care providers are doing!!

On behalf of TWR, Member Care Media and all those who have visited the websites or heard your encouragement via the radio we want to say "thank you." Thank you for caring, sharing your experience and knowledge so freely, crying and sacrificing your time, energy and skills. A special "Thank you" to founder Siny Widmer, longtime friends Dr. Brent Lindquist, Marion Knell, Dr. Lois Dodds, Harry Hoffmann and the 60 contributors who have provided material, leadership and encouragement to Member Care Media.



I knew when I was standing at NRB, I was in reality receiving this award on behalf of others who had laid the foundations and had gone through a lot to bring Member Care Media to where it is today. This award was not for the work that I had done, but the work that all of us had put into this ministry over the last 15 years! But as someone who has also benefited from Member care personally it was a privilege to know that your hard work was being recognized! May God bless each and every one, as you strive to encourage those who are working in the harvest fields! We are looking forward to continuing to labor together in order to encourage, enhance and enable the many in their place of calling!

Jonathan Griffiths and Karin Rotter
TWR Member Care Media

GLOBAL MAP

Member Care Europe

The 10th European Member Care consultation - Report

For over ten years Member Care Europe has been working on behalf of the Christian cross-cultural community to facilitate networking as well as provide and develop member care personnel and resources.

The 10th European Member Care consultation (EMCC) was held at Haus Schönblick in Germany. The theme of this five-day consultation was "Going and Growing: Mission in Member Care", a key value in the ministry of member care. Each morning, Peter Nicoll led our devotions by looking at "The Life of Moses." He encouraged participants to think about how God invests in us and how we can invest in the lives of others.

During the morning plenary sessions, the outstanding speakers helped us to explore the theme of "Going and Growing" from different angles. Ulrike Ernvik led the session on "Going and Growing as Families" and Rev. Tim Herbert looked at how we go and grow as singles. Sarah Lanier led the discussion of "Going and Growing as a Team in Mission" and Harry Hoffman presented "Going and Growing as a Community in Mission". A range of different workshops were held in the afternoons, giving participants the opportunity to further explore particular aspects of going and growing. These smaller group settings allowed us to interact with one another and grapple with important issues together.

There is something quite unique about this gathering of Member Care personnel every two years. It is worth noting that the EMCC is a consultation rather than a conference; the emphasis is about connecting with one another on a personal level. With 106 participants and over 48 different churches and agencies represented, there was a lot to share with one another. The program gave plenty of time and space for personal refreshment and informal meetings. As 2016 marked the end of Marion Knell's involvement on the board of EMC, she was also honoured for the years she invested in establishing the European Member Care network.

Feedback from a participant:

What a unique opportunity to listen and be encouraged by some of the world's leading Member Care specialists. It was a time to be personally encouraged and connect with like-minded people. During this week the Lord really spoke to me and renewed my calling!

RESOURCES

The Well - Member Care Center Chiangmai

April 2016

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=93ed99d9b6c8479d135b01b96&id=be0a3ef36d&e=25f63328eb>

Third Culture Kids: Selected Articles

...called Third Culture Kids: Selected Articles by Ruth Van Reken. She is the co-founder of the Families in Global Transition conference, and co-author, *Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds*, published by Nicholas Brealey Publishing, www.nicholasbrealey.com,

It is a free download from Washington International School at:
https://www.wis.edu/uploaded/Admissions/Third_Culture_Children.pdf .

Africa Member Care Network

Newsletter April 2016

<http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=895d43ef69926eab7812e0395&id=58bc17a2b0&e=a3dbaa64df>

WEA Mission Commission: New book release

The Church in Mission: Foundations and Global Case Studies

The WEA Mission Commission and William Carey Library are pleased to introduce the new volume of the "Globalization of Mission" series, *The Church in Mission: Foundations and Global Case Studies*. Edited by Dr. Bertil Ekström, Executive Director of the WEA MC, the book is the most recent distillation of Evangelical and globally-grounded studies on the local church-people of God. Dr. Ekström has led an MC global missiology task force team of reflective practitioners through a 3-year process working in community to present this singular publication gift to the church on and in mission. Some 31 writers from 19 nations have contributed to this resource, demonstrating yet again the Mission Commission's commitment to listen to the global voice and provide a publishing platform for those voices to be heard.

Core information - "The Church in Mission: Foundations and Global Case Studies":

- **Publishers:** William Carey Library and WEA Mission Commission
- **Release date:** May 1, 2016
- **Size:** 7" X 10", 278 pages, soft cover, perfect bound.
- **International ISBN:** 978-0-87808-0533

To read the table of contents and all the endorsements, as well as for information on how to pre-order this resource, visit our website: <https://mc.worlddea.org/special-pre-print-offer-the-church-in-mission-foundations-and-global-case-studies/>.

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Canada, Ontario / Alberta

MK re-entry retreats in Canada

Each year, cross cultural workers repatriate to their passport country, or in the case of workers ministering to First Nations peoples - stay in Canada but move to a larger city, for a variety of reasons...often it is to support their children in the transition from high school to bible school, university, college or a gap year.

Every summer we offer a re-entry retreat for missionary kids aged 17-20. If they have younger (or older) siblings outside of that age group we often invite them to join their sibs for the re-entry retreat.

Attached are two posters – inviting you to consider sending your children to either the Ontario (July 16-22) or the Alberta (Aug. 6-12) re-entry retreats.

The Canadian MK Network is a collaboration of mission sending and training organizations working together to provide a tremendous transition for MKs who have grown up in a cross-cultural setting. No matter whether they've been outside Canada for a year or more, or within Canada in a cross-cultural setting, we recognize the importance of giving them a healthy start to living in Canada.

We cover such topics as Spiritual and Personal Identity; Developing Healthy Relationships; Canadian Culture; Expanding your faith on campus; Safety and Security; MK careers in the marketplace, and Managing your Finances!

One of the greatest gifts every MK receives at ReBoot are a host of MK friends from all over the world, plus MK staff who become personal friends and supporters through one of their most challenging and exciting transitions in their lives.

We are prayerfully planning towards providing a family re-entry retreat in 2017, recognizing the importance of supporting the entire missionary family in this very challenging time of transition. Please pass this on to all of your missionary families. We welcome each MK as the amazing child of God they are!

Paul Dyck, CMKN National Team Leader, Building tomorrow's global leaders by supporting today's missionary kids, www.canadianmk.net

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/ReBootOntario.jpg

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/ReBootAlberta.jpg

Australia, Kangaroo Ground

SPIRITUALLY AWARE MEMBER CARE

Expressions of interest needed for the up-coming Spiritually Aware Member Care course being held at Kangaroo Ground in June. We will need a min of 15 people attending to be able to run this course. As our teachers, Stephen & Jocelyn Head, are coming from New Zealand to lead us, we would appreciate people contacting us to tell us if they are interested, so we can allow the teachers to try to get flights at the best price (& keep down costs) ! Speaking of costs: please note we have just adjusted the cost of the course for those choosing to stay in a double room (marrieds)!

For those wanting to "live out", we are happy to adjust the costs of the course for you too.

Blessings from Sandy Wade , (AU NSW Member Care) au.nsw.mc@omfmail.com

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/SAMCfinalpdf.pdf

Antalya, Turkey

NCF Counseling & Member Care Seminar

9-21 October 2016

As a cross-cultural worker, you support a great variety of people, yet perhaps lack adequate academic or field training to equip you to deal with the many issues you encounter. Join over 2,000 others who have gained valuable counseling, member care, and listening skills by attending this intensive training sponsored by the Narramore Christian Foundation. Instructors emphasize a strong integration of biblical truth with practical psychological insights and counseling techniques.

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 after a hard year." 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."

To receive more information or an application form, write Cindy Hibma at ncf.seminars@gmail.com.

Biola University, LaMirada, California, USA

MK ReEntry Seminar

17-29 July 2016

Narramore Christian Foundation offers this 12-day intensive seminar for MKs as they enter North American culture to attend college or university.

Orientation: We'll talk about American culture—the good and bad, college life, friendships, dating, and finances.

Assessment: Personality tests to help you assess your personal adjustment and identify growth edges.

Fun: the California beach, Knott's Berry Farm, pool party, games, sports, GREAT FOOD and more!

Adjustment: Christian educators and counselors, with a heart for missions and a love for teens, will encourage and guide you in addressing areas for personal, social, and spiritual growth.

Challenge: Daily meetings, nightly dorm devotions, and informal conversations with staff and fellow MKs will challenge you to trust God more fully and give new understanding to the Christian life.

Registration: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1794378> or
<https://www.facebook.com/NCFMKREENTRY/>.

Joplin, MO, USA

"ABIDE" 5-day re-entry retreats

TRAIN International invests in equipping for cross-cultural effectiveness. In pre-field language and cultural adaptation training for outbound global workers and re-entry debriefing for inbound global workers, and through church missions coaching, we desire to see individuals, families and teams equipped to go prepared and to stay effective in their fields of service.

TRAIN is soon hosting the third of our quarterly "ABIDE" 5-day re-entry retreats for global workers. The next ABIDE is July 10-15, 2016 in Joplin, MO and is led by Donna Cole and our team of debriefers with over 85 years of experience in cross-cultural ministry, debriefing and shepherding global workers. ABIDE serves the whole family, and children of all ages are welcome and will be shepherded by our experienced team in age-appropriate debriefing of their own cross-cultural experiences and will be equipped to navigate their unique re-entry challenges.

traininternational.org/Abide

USA, Angola, IN

Psychology and Law in Missions

Selecting Mission Employees: The Intersection of Law, Ethics, and Spirituality

Link Care Center is co-sponsoring an important seminar November 16 & 17, 2016, in the arena of Psychology, Law and Missions.

The seminar will focus on missionary candidate selection with regards to the new legal issues surrounding pre-employment screening. The attached flyer has all the details but here are the specific topics we will cover:

- What are the possible legal pitfalls of assessments?
- Do you really want to defend the ministerial exception?
- Intersection of ADA and pre-employment assessment
- Are your assessments defensible under Daubert? (yes, we'll tell you what that is)
- What is the psychologist's standard of care?
- Mission Employee Selection: psychometric and personality factors
- Measuring resilience, spirituality, and psychopathology
- What are some relevant psychometrics?
- What are ones you want to avoid?
- What is the clinical value of spirituality and how do you do the pre-hire "spiritual" interview?
- Integration of psychological healing and spiritual soul care

Find more info in attachment

http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2016/2016%20PsychoLaw%20Flier.pdf

Panama

WEA Mission Commission Global Consultation

October 3-7, 2016 in Panama

Panama was the site, 100 years ago, for the *Congress on Christian Work in Latin America*. Much has changed since then. In 1916, missionaries to Latin America from Europe, USA and Canada, gathered in Panama to think about Latin America as the target of their mission. Their challenge was make the gospel of Jesus available to all Latin Americans. Today, Latin America is home to more than 70 000 000 evangelicals - one of the largest concentrations of evangelicals in the world. It is now Latin America's challenge to understand and live out their participation in the global mission.

Because of these changes, the Global Consultation will have nearly an opposite focus from Panama 1916.

In 2016, we aim to understand the global challenge of the gospel, as it is understood and practiced in mission that emanates from Latin America. By examining vision and practice of Latin Americans in mission, we hope to broaden an understanding about how multiple ways and centers from which the Spirit leads God's people into mission changes how we work together with each other and with Him.

We are in the process of refining the actual theme and program for the Global Consultation, and we welcome your input on this. We think it will be well worth your time and expense, and that of many reflective practitioners of mission, especially from some of the newer sending countries. Even though we enter the world from different contexts and with differing levels of resources, we are engaged in shared mission under the exalted Christ.

The Mission Commission is committed to promoting interaction between reflective practitioners of mission from all these contexts, with their great variety of practices. The Global Consultation provides an important opportunity for our interaction as Mission Commission Associates. The outcome of such interaction is intended to inform leaders, who assist the people of God locally in many parts of the world, so that the story of the Gospel of the Kingdom might be made known world-wide.

Find more Info here:

<https://mc.worlddea.org/2016-global-consultation-panama-registration-and-invitation-application-open/>

GMCN note:

Several of the Global Member Care Network board members will be there, to facilitate networking, working groups and the preparation of the next GMCN Conference in Latin America.

GMCN Facebook group

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

We just reached 1365 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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