



## Global Member Care Network (GMCN) May 2017

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



*Traction* is a 6-day renewal experience **September 20-26, 2017** for men working cross-culturally. 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.

It focuses on issues like:

1. - Managing stress, isolation and opposition
2. - Reconnecting with God
3. - Cultivating the character of authentic leadership
4. - Honoring God with our sexuality
5. - Persevering with courage and trust in the face of challenges

The week includes worship, teaching, counseling, medical consultation, outdoor activities, and personal reflection in one of the most spectacular natural settings on earth! Individuals and teams are welcome. Register at [catalystintl.org](http://catalystintl.org)

Contact Daniel Hahn [info@catalystintl.org](mailto:info@catalystintl.org)

Check out this less than 2 min clip about Traction <https://vimeo.com/catalystintlorg>

# Editorial: Emerging Missions Movements in Asia and their Membercare Challenges

Modern mission movements are said to have begun in the West during the late 18th century particularly in Europe and later in North America, followed by the rest of the world. The missionary endeavours of William Carey, a Briton who is known as the “father of modern missions,” first began in 1793 when he went to Kolkata, India. His missionary endeavours were followed by many others, like the relatively unknown British ladies who in 1852 started an obscure all-women Zenana Bible and Medical Mission (that evolved to become “BMMF” and later renamed as “Interserve”), or the famous Hudson Taylor who in 1862 founded China Inland Mission (better known today as “OMF”).

The past 150 years or so has certainly seen the emergence of so many church missions and mission agencies in the West, all committed to finishing the task of the Great Commission by bringing the gospel to the unreached—in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific, the so-called “ends of the earth.”

The last fifty years have also witnessed an unprecedented rapid growth of churches and mission movements in these mission fields. These emerging mission movements certainly have the potential to rock the worldwide church globally. To realise this great potential, however, they will need more than just numbers and missionary zeal. They need to have good mission sending structures in place and in particular, strong membercare support. Alas, when it comes to the development of membercare, they are often lagging far behind and faced with steep learning curves.

Asia is home to 60% of the global population while occupying only 19% of its land mass. This continent commands our attention in the 21st century as the church of Jesus Christ endeavours to finish the mandate of the Great Commission. The rise of the Korean, Indian, Filipino, and Chinese missions movements in recent years has been phenomenal, and others are following suit. But many challenges still lie ahead. Some may seem like short-term problems but inevitably require long-term solutions.

Let me just highlight three of the many challenges for your further reflection and prayers:

1. **MK Care:** The understanding and development of MK care in Asia is generally still very inadequate when compared to our Western counterparts. Sending churches as well as the missionaries themselves need to be educated to recognise how crucial it is to support and render the appropriate care for the wellbeing of their MKs. There is generally a strong tendency to just let their missionaries live by faith and trust the Lord to provide for all their needs. While this is a noble and spiritual attitude to have, it does not necessarily translate into appropriate support in terms of financial assistance and pastoral care on the part of the sending church or agency.
2. **Critical Incident and Post-trauma Support:** With the increasing incidences of violence and life-threatening hazards faced by mission workers in the field, there is inadequate professional training and support available for those from Asia. Many of the mission structures in Asia are not adequately equipped to handle missionaries who are serving in highly stressful environments or war zones, or victims of violence and persecution. Many do not even have evacuation policies and procedures in place, let alone proper medical and evacuation insurance. Trained counselors with skills in debriefing and trauma counselling for mission workers are also lacking.
3. **Ageing Missionaries and their Ageing Parents:** When membercare began to develop in Asia during the 1980s with the emergence of the Asian mission movements, most Asian missionaries were dealing with issues related to equipping, training, and deployment. Nowadays, more attention is paid to attrition issues related to retirement, re-entry, and caring for their elderly parents. Caring for the missionaries’ elderly parents is definitely a very crucial issue in the Asian membercare context. In many Asian societies, sending one’s aged or ailing parents to a home for the elderly is not really an option.

Some potential missionaries are unable to even fulfil their mission calling due to their parents. They could be the only male or sole breadwinner in their respective families, and hence are bound by obligations to stay home to provide for their parents. Some missionaries do overcome this by including an amount for monthly parental support in their fundraising budgets. When it comes to their parents becoming elderly or having illnesses, however, their culture and traditions may require the Asian missionaries to return to care for them.

Please continue to uphold the emerging missions movements all over Asia and their membercare development endeavours as they continue to grapple with many unique challenges. There is still so much to do—much to learn, much to understand, and much more to improve.

Philip Chang

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# next Global Member Care Network Conference: 2018

## WHEN and WHERE is the next Global Member Care Network Conference

**Where:** Quito, Ecuador

**When:** September 10-14, 2018 (next year!!!)

Please keep on praying for our conference working team, as we prepare for this next strategic Global Member Care conference in 2018. After Asia-focused Thailand2012 and Middle-East-focused Turkey2015, we will focus now on Member Care in the Latin American Mission Movement. The conference will be held at least bilingually in Spanish and English.

Any suggestions or questions, please contact me at [globalmembercare@gmail.com](mailto:globalmembercare@gmail.com) (Harry Hoffmann)

## RESOURCES

### Missionary Upholders Trust, India

**April 2017 Care & Serve Newsletter**

Also includes Trainign calendar (p. 14)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/0417MUT.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/0417MUT.pdf)

### in Spanish "Donde no hay doctor" @ 60% discount - "Where There Is No Doctor"

For all of May, **Hesperian is offering a 60% discount on all our Spanish titles, including [Donde no hay doctor](#).**

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### HIJOS DE MISIONEROS... ACOMPAÑÁNDOLOS EN SUS MOMENTOS DE PÉRDIDAS

article that was uploaded onto the comibam web page

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/HIJOS\\_DE\\_MISIONEROS.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/HIJOS_DE_MISIONEROS.pdf)

### Africa Member Care Network

**Newsletter May 2017**

<http://www.mailchi.mp/3d49551c7831/africa-member-care-network-may-2017?e=a3dbaa64df>

### Debriefing resources to Download

**Debriefing Aid Workers: A Comprehensive Manual** (by People in Aid)

Free pdf download

[people-in-aid-debriefing-aid-workers-a-comprehensive-manual](#)

## **Transition & Adjustment (oscar.org.uk)**

Moving from one culture to another does strange things to the mind and body! If you're not aware of these things before they happen, it can at best be disorientating and at worst, end in disaster. Mike Frith, OSCAR's Director, has transitioned to and from five different countries and has led training courses on this topic for over 15 years. In this month's article he outlines six key things he has learnt about this important stage in the life of a cross-cultural mission worker. < Go to [www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/frithm4.htm](http://www.oscar.org.uk/oscaractive/articles/frithm4.htm)

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## **Member Care in Brazil**

Já temos recursos para o cuidado de missionários e suas famílias. O CIM Brasil (Cuidado Integral do Missionário) é um departamento da Associação de Missões Transculturais Brasileiras (AMTB) que mobiliza forças com o objetivo de promover a conscientização e capacitação e a organização na área do cuidado e organizar redes para o cuidado missionário integral. Oferece um site

Com textos e informações [www.cuidadomissionario.org.br](http://www.cuidadomissionario.org.br) ou [www.amtb.org.br/cim/](http://www.amtb.org.br/cim/) além de encontros, cursos e seminários. Para contatos, fale com Rosa pelo endereço [cim@amt.org.br](mailto:cim@amt.org.br) ou com a Rúbia Mara [coordenação.cim@gmail.com](mailto:coordenação.cim@gmail.com) ou por skype: **cim.cuidado.missionario**

Há um ministério específico para filhos de missionários realizado pelo CIM-PHILHOS, [filhos@amt.org.br](mailto:filhos@amt.org.br)

O CIM tem produzido vários livros que podem ajudar as famílias missionárias. Podem ser pedidos pelo site [www.cuidadomissionario.org.br](http://www.cuidadomissionario.org.br)

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## **GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

### **USA**

**Psychology and Law in Missions II: A Critical Approach to Psychological and Spiritual Assessments for Missions**  
Jointly hosted by Telios Law PLLC and Link Care Center

November 15 & 16, 2017 (Wednesday evening through Thursday afternoon)

\*Just before Mental Health & Missions Conference\*

Find out more details here:

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/Psycholaw\\_2017\\_Flier.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/Psycholaw_2017_Flier.pdf)

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### **Canada**

**ReBoot retreats and ReView program**

Please see attached documents on our 3 ReBoot retreats and also note information available at the following websites:

ReBoot: <http://www.canadianmk.net/ReBoot>

ReView: <http://www.missionprep.ca/re-view/>

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/Wilderness\\_ReBoot.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/Wilderness_ReBoot.pdf)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/ReBoot\\_poster.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/ReBoot_poster.pdf)

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### **Africa, Nairobi**

**InterHealth in Nairobi**

**May and July 2017**

- **Training**
  - **Infant and Child First Aid** – 15th May 2017(1 day @ 7,000 KSHS)
  - **Family Liaison in a Crisis (FLIC)** – 24th May 2017(1 day @ 10,500 KSHS)
  - **First Aid for Drivers** – 25th July 2017 (1day @ 9,500 KSHS)
  - **Trauma & Psychological First Aid** – 20th and 21st July 2017 (2 days @ 22,000 KSHS)
- **Venue: Convent International Guesthouse, Convent Drive, off James Gichuru Road, Lavington, Nairobi**
- **Book - [training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org](mailto:training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org) or +254 (0) 20 386 1023**

## **InterHealth in Juba**

### **July 2017**

- **Training**
  - **Basic Trauma First – 17th July 2017 (1 days @\$200)**
  - **Hostile Environment & Remote Operations (H.E.R.O.) First Aid** – 18th and 19th July 2017(2 days @\$400)
  - **Trauma & Psychological First Aid** – 26th and 27th July 2017 (2 days @\$460)
- **Venue: AFEX Hotel, Juba**
- **Book - [training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org](mailto:training-africa@interhealthworldwide.org) or +254 (0) 20 386 1023**

I have attached the course details and learning outcomes.

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/InterHealth\\_July2017.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/InterHealth_July2017.pdf)

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## **Switzerland**

**Face to Face Course** 17th Nov – 3rd Dec 2017

CEF Centre, Kilchzimmer, 4438 Langenbruck, **Switzerland**

Face to Face is a 16-day personal development course following the Lord's invitation to "come aside with me to a quiet place". It is for Christian workers who have been involved in mission work or other Christian ministry for at least 2 years, and who want to develop their relationship with God and grow in self-understanding.

Each day begins with worship and study on the character of God, followed by topical teaching. There is interactive teaching directed at different learning styles, experiential workshops, individual processing time with one or two facilitators, community-groups, and personal reflection time.

### **COURSE CONTENT**

- Teaching on the Character of God.
- Connecting head and heart beliefs.
- How God heals and brings redemption.
- How the past affects the present.
- Dealing with past pain, anger, fear and shame.
- What redemption is all about.

### **THE COURSE AIMS**

- To offer a time of spiritual refreshment.
- To provide an opportunity to develop deeper intimacy with God.
- Understanding yourself and others better.
- To help you begin to implement lasting changes.

### **QUESTIONS THE COURSE ASKS:**

- Who am I?

- How have I become who I am?
- How have I managed until now?
- Who does God say that I am?
- How am I going to live in the light of that truth?

Course fee: US\$ 1300.- (Euro: 1165.-). Further details from [people.care@om.org](mailto:people.care@om.org)

[http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2017/F2F2017\\_18.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.com/fileadmin/user_upload/2017/F2F2017_18.pdf)

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## **GMCN Facebook group - close to 2000 members now!!!**

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

**We just reached 1995 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>

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