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**Global Member Care Conference**  
**April 23-27, 2012 - Thailand**  
**Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges**

Find out more ... here  
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**Registration now open**

**Global Member Care Conference**  
**April 23-27, 2012**  
**Chiang Mai, Thailand**

**Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges**

The Global Member Care Network is excited to announce the Global Member Care Conference. Registration is now open. Find more infos below.

The heart of the conference is to create a platform to hear global voices about member care in a borderless world, which is characterized by increasing hostilities and schisms. The environment that workers are serving in is getting harder, more dangerous, more challenging, more persecution, more risks, and more suffering. We need to hear how workers can overcome these challenges and thrive in their ministries. Out of this gathering we will see great opportunities for networking, sharing our stories and resources, and learning to care for His workers effectively.

Date: April 23-27, 2012

Location: Lotus Hotel, Chiangmai Thailand

Cost: Accomodation and Conference fees: Early Bird 9,100 Thai Baht (~300 USD)(twin room per person).

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For any questions, please contact Harry Hoffmann at [office@globalmembercare.org](mailto:office@globalmembercare.org)

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### **Editorial: Member Care training for the United Nations (UN)**

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I have just returned from providing two days of training for the United Nations (UN). As you may know, the UN send personnel to respond to situations of dire need around the world (the worst famines, disaster zones, war zones etc). Like us, they try to address issues related to injustice, conflict and mass suffering - but they do it on a huge scale. They do phenomenal work and I had a great group to work with, including some key decision makers. Harry asked if I would share some reflections on this with the GMCN.

Training at such a high level, inside a palace, was very different from my usual member care work. I was struck by how much Christian missions and Christian NGOs seem to be leading the way in terms of caring for personnel. Well done to all of you! The UN representatives asked me about this, and also spoke about how people who have a faith seem to be much better (on the whole) at dealing with the difficulties they encounter when serving in disaster relief or in very harsh places.

They also commented that this training was different from what they were used to. I believe that the key difference was that people were backing this in prayer. One participant said that she had been to professional training from psychologists based in the same city, and it was good academically, but this time there was 'a healing presence in the room'. The feedback from the group reflected that my workshops had a big impact because they combined not only research and personal experience (from working in many disaster zones etc), but also values, compassion, love and the 'healing presence'.

Reflecting on this, my prayer is that I, and all of us, will always take the presence of Jesus where-ever we go. This is at the heart of membercare. Helping mission personnel to carry the presence of Jesus with them will lead to long-term fruitfulness.

I came back very encouraged that Christian member care is so far ahead. Our beliefs shape our motivation, attitude and resilience. We have much we can improve on, but we have come a long way. Servant leadership and valuing every individual are very important. I realise that having more money and resources does not necessarily make better member care.

The nations of the world are looking to us, GMCN, for guidance and a model on how to address some of the biggest problems in the world. And we are looking to God. Awesome.

At the Global Member Care conference in April 2012, we will seek to help each other develop in our Christlike character. I am looking forward to the conference. May we experience the presence of Jesus in new ways there, when Christlike people of compassion from around the world gather in one place. I hope you will join us. I long to learn from all of you.

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### **Q&A (Questions and Answers)**

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#### **a mission couple who are considering cross-cultural adoption**

I have just been speaking with a mission couple who are considering cross-cultural adoption.

I know that many mission couples have adopted, and I wonder if, through your networks, you are able to suggest any reading or websites which they might find helpful? I would be very grateful of suggestions. I know I have read about the issues but I can't remember where!

Can you help? [globalmembercare@gmail.com](mailto:globalmembercare@gmail.com)

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### **GLOBAL MAP**

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**RESOURCES**

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**BOOKS****book: Third Culture Kids, Revised Edition**

- Third Culture Kids: Growing Up Among Worlds Revised Edition at <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/1857885252/84-20>

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**NEWSLETTERS****Missionary Upholders Trust (MUT) India**

MUT - Newsletter see link

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/care\\_serve-august\\_2011\\_web.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/care_serve-august_2011_web.pdf)

**August '11 Missions Interlink Bulletin, New Zealand**

- Here is the • In this issue you will find information about: • HCJB looking for a new director • IRD giving notice on receipts for donations • Block courses at Eastwest College of Intercultural Studies • MIB website make-over • All Nations International Ministry looking for the right pastor • NZCMS looking for a personnel director • Mission Gatherings around NZ • the Missionary Enrichment Retreat - Earlybird registration almost up • former MI director - Ray Windsor - and the funeral on Monday 15th • Mike Francen meetings across NZ • Envision report • John Stott and the NZ memorial service • The Lausanne Movement resource Connecting Point [http://www.missions.org.nz/media/com\\_acymailing/upload/aug%2011.pdf](http://www.missions.org.nz/media/com_acymailing/upload/aug%2011.pdf)

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**LINKS****TCK Care Organisations**

- [http://www.tcklife.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=33](http://www.tcklife.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=33)

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**Mk Safety Net**

- <http://www.mksafetynet.net/index.html>

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**- Families in Global Transition**

For over 10 years, Families in Global Transition, Incorporated (FIGT) has been the global leader in cross cultural education and training to support the entire expat family. FIGT offers information-packed conferences and year-round benefits through its Associates Program and expanding educational web site.

As the leader of a global network, FIGT promotes the positive value of the international experience, and empowers the family unit and those who serve it before, during and after international transitions.

FIGT believes in the capacity of the expatriate and repatriate family to transition successfully, and to leverage the international experience for all of its human and global potential.

<http://www.figt.org>

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**GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS**

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**AFRICA**

**Resilience & Safety**

- Specialist integrated training for NGOs

12 – 23 September 2011

Nairobi, Kenya

<http://www.interhealth.org.uk/training-in-east-africa.html>

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**ASIA**

**Malaysia - Building an Emotionally Healthy Community - Family Conference**

1st Family Conference @ Full Gospel Assembly Kuala Lumpur-Malaysia, 1-3 September 2011

Theme: 'The Connected Person' - Building an Emotionally Healthy Community

The speakers for the main sessions, Pastor Michael Koh of Connexions (USA) and Elder Dorai Manikam (FGA) will focus on the conference theme, "Connected with God, Self, Family and with the Community."

Special ministry to preschoolers and primary school children are currently being arranged.

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&tx\\_wecdiscussion\[single\]=463](http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=15&tx_wecdiscussion[single]=463)

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**Christian Spiritual Direction - Hong Kong**

Christian Spiritual Direction: The Way of St. Ignatius of Loyola

@ Hong Kong Tao Fong Shan Christian Centre

[www.tfsc.org/eg/SP/all\\_active3-2.htm](http://www.tfsc.org/eg/SP/all_active3-2.htm)

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**China Christian Counseling Conference**

- Date: OCTOBER 2011

For more information, please contact [office@globalmembercare.com](mailto:office@globalmembercare.com) and identify yourself.

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**Adult third culture kids (ATCKs) and missionary kids (MKs), Singapore**

- Friday 2 Sept

Adult third culture kids (ATCKs) and missionary kids (MKs) from Singapore, Korea and India discuss the unique challenges and benefits of living a mobile childhood. Panel discussion and Q & A led by ATCKs and MKs. See file

[http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/ATCK\\_MK\\_event.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/ATCK_MK_event.pdf)

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**EUROPE**

**Member Care Nederland**

- Beste Member Care vrienden,

De Holland Debriefing week van vorig jaar was een bijzonder gezegende tijd. Zo zelfs, dat iedereen het voor herhaling vatbaar vond. Vandaar dat we in de week van 11 december weer een zelfde soort retreat gaan organiseren.

Bijgaand de folder over deze debriefing week, met meer inhoudelijke gegevens en ook waar er aangemeld kan worden. [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/Folder\\_Exchange\\_of\\_the\\_cross\\_december\\_2011.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Folder_Exchange_of_the_cross_december_2011.pdf)

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## MIDDLE EAST

### TCK conference in Egypt

- upcoming TCK conference in Egypt.

See attachment [http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx\\_wecdiscussion/TCKflyer.pdf](http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/TCKflyer.pdf)

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## NORTH AMERICA

### Cross Cultural Symposium, USA

- Just wanted to let you know we are organizing a symposium at Butler University, Oct 13-14, 2011 to have a conversation on are there/what are common themes shared by children who are raised cross-culturally for any reason. Our long term goal is to see what areas of research might still be needed for all of us to better understand how being raised among many cultural worlds creates new things to consider when compared to those raised in the more traditional mono-cultural communities of the past. Please see following link for details.

[www.crossculturalkid.org/sympo](http://www.crossculturalkid.org/sympo)

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### Next Families in Global Transition conference, USA

- March 29-31, [www.figt.org](http://www.figt.org)

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It's time for the global member care community to renew it's connections, and move member care to a new level of influence, presence, credibility and knowledge.

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