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Global Member Care Conference

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Theme: Global Voices on Global Challenges

Find an updated list on the amazing list of speakers

And register now:

<http://www.globalmembercare.org/index.php?id=187>

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).

REGISTER: to register, click the following link and enter the Password in Capital letters:

https://forms.sameventregistration.com/survey.cfm?su_id=199

Password: GMCN

(if you don't succeed in getting the form to open the first time please try again. The internet in Thailand can fluctuate from time to time causing some difficulty on occasion.)

For any questions, please contact Harry Hoffmann at office@globalmembercare.org

Editorial: Side-effect of Member Care

Member Care focuses on the missionary. The definition says: Member Care is the ongoing preparation, equipping and empowering of missionaries for effective and sustainable life, ministry and work. Missionaries (according to local/regional definition). ... empowering missionaries for effective life and work...

I have been living in Asia for 15+ years now. As I and many others support foreign missionaries in Asia, I more and more realise that there is a side effect, a need, almost a cry-out for help: The local church and the local society is asking us for help.

Side Effect 1: After catastrophes there often are member care providers as first responders available to help and serve victims. THE WELL Member Care Center in Chiangmai Thailand set up a branch office in Southern Thailand after the Tsunami for 2 years, to serve not only missionaries, but also locals, the new churches, and devastated communities. Member Care by Media translated member care programs after earthquakes into local languages to support and encourage local victims and caregivers.

Side Effect 2: As societies and churches develop in less developed country, 'Heart' issues emerge. "We have bible teaching and teachings about christian spirituality, but we need to address issues of our heart". People are wounded due to historical wounds, war, trauma, culturally determined behaviours etc... Often these nations have no developed christian counseling resources. Member care providers are asked by locals through the missionaries to respond to needs. I am not talking about psychotherapy, but facilitated healing prayer, one another care, healthy community and church care, mentoring and coaching care, as well as counseling and psychological care. Often, we member care providers understand the "issues of the heart" better than others.

What do we do with this? Do we still call this member care?

For sure, member care providers have something that the local church in less developed countries is asking for.

Think about it, and let me know.

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GLOBAL MAP

USA, Costa Rica, Slovakia

Life Impact

Life Impact exists to strengthen Christian workers in hosted centers, called Oases, so they can impact the nations. Here are the Centers that are open for your use if and when you or a colleague needs us.

The Kerith Springs Oasis
Sisters -- Central Oregon

The Elderberry Oasis
West Linn, Oregon

Salmon Harbor Oasis

Winchester Bay, Oregon

Black Hills Oasis
Rapid City, S.D.

Good Book Oasis
Vrbovce, Slovakia

Coast Rica Oasis
Grecia, Costa Rica

In addition to these Oases, we have 7 unhosted Partner facilities listed on our website strictly for R&R, or personal retreats. Info can be found on our website: www.LifeImpactMinistries.net

USA, FL

D & D Missionary Homes

D & D Missionary Homes provides transitional housing for missionaries in fully furnished houses for as little as a week or for as long as a year in St. Petersburg, FL. Application for housing can be made online at www.ddmissionaryhomes.com

Compass Ministries provides Member Care to missionary families at D & D Missionary Homes, including confidential personal debriefing, play therapy, filial therapy or marital counseling. www.ddmissionaryhomes.com/?page_id=428

Compass House is a dorm-style group home for college-aged MKs on the grounds of D & D Missionary Homes. Residents can live at Compass House for up to two years, and can attend one of six nearby colleges, or begin their careers. http://www.ddmissionaryhomes.com/?page_id=440 link

Europe - Netherlands

Intomission

Intomission is an organisation, which I started two years ago, with a focus on coaching/member care for Dutch people who are going to work and live abroad, as missionaries or development workers.

I also do workshops for homefrontteam, a group of people who support their missionaries as long as they are abroad into mission.

Next to that also intercultural workshops.

The website is in Dutch, partly english, maybe in the future totally in English, but for now it is especially for Dutch people, but all about member care. Thus I thought will be good, if that is possible to use this link.

I you have questions, please let me know.

Thank you very much,

Regards,

Margriet Muurling

Coach and Trainer Intomission

www.intomission.nl

Switzerland Schweiz Europe

Klinik Sonnenhalde - Switzerland Schweiz Europe

Mit der Erfüllung unseres diakonischen Grundauftrags wollen wir einen Beitrag zu einer ganzheitlichen Heilung an Körper, Seele und Geist leisten. Wir begleiten unsere Patienten in ihrem Streben nach Versöhnung und Heilung ihrer Beziehungen, aber auch in der Realität gesundheitlicher Einschränkungen. <http://www.sonnenhalde.ch>

Le Rucher Ministries - Switzerland Europe

We hope you will enjoy seeing who we are and what we are doing in the areas of Member Care, Ethnic Reconciliation and Community Development.

* Our Member Care services provide both routine debriefing and crisis debriefing for individuals, families or teams, brief counselling, and training courses.

* Founded by Dr. Rhiannon Lloyd, our Ethnic Reconciliation work includes running Healing & Reconciliation Workshops in war torn countries and in nations with a history of ethnic division. We also have an office in Kigali, Rwanda, serving the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa (Rwanda, Burundi, Eastern Congo).

* Our Community Development ministry involves training, consulting and finding resources for projects in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe. <http://www.lerucher.org>

Malaysia

Oasis MC Network Malaysia

<http://www.oasismembercare.net/home.html>

RESOURCES

Women of the Harvest

Women of the Harvest is a ministry of support and encouragement for women serving cross-culturally.

<https://www.womenoftheharvest.com>

Newsletter

MC Network Chiangmai Thailand Sep 2011

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Member_Care_Network_Newsletter_-_September_2011.doc

Newsletter

MC Network Chiangmai Thailand October 2011

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Member_Care_Network_Newsletter_-_October_2011.doc

Newsletter

Missions Interlink Bulletin (MIB)

Sept. 2011

52 Chapter e-book on What Missionaries Ought to Know

Financing Retired Missionaries -

When Disaster is at the Door - Should We Prepare...?

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/sep_11.pdf

GLOBAL MEMBER CARE EVENTS

Europe / Austria

Barnabas Zentrum Counseling and Renewal Retreats

Barnabas Zentrum is especially designed to strengthen the lives of Christian workers who are serving in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. While 'trusting God' is certainly a key element in any trying situation, we, the Body of Christ, are called to minister to one another. Christian workers are also part of this Body; yet, because they are often in a place of leadership, many feel that sensitive problems cannot be shared with their colleagues or with those to whom they minister.

BZ is committed to coming along side these workers. The following is the schedule for the October through December retreats.

Fall 2011 October 23- November 4 Singles and Couples Retreat Two Week Baden, Austria

Fall 2011 November 13-19 Singles and Couples Retreat One Week Baden, Austria

Winter 2011 December 4-16 Singles and Couples Retreat Two Week Baden, Austria

www.bzentrum.comweb.org

USA

ELIM Retreats, RENEWAL RETREATS FOR MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS

REGISTER NOW FOR 2012 AT www.elimretreats.org

ELIM Retreats, a ministry of Barnabas International, www.barnabas.org will offer renewal retreats for missionaries and pastors in the States in 2012. e.g.

"SERVING THE SERVANTS" , Saturday, April 14th, 2012 , Port Huron, MI.

UK, Southern England

Rise on Eagle's Wings:

Rise on Eagle's Wings: A time of recovery for God's busy people, is for Christians who are 'sick and tired of being sick and tired'. You will be interested to know that in Southern England in February 2012 we are hosting a four-day therapeutic retreat primarily for mission partners.

The retreat, called Rise on Eagle's Wings: A time of recovery for God's busy people, is for Christians who are 'sick and tired of being sick and tired'. It will be of benefit to body, mind and spirit. It will include gentle therapeutic support in an atmosphere of spiritual healing. Please see the attached leaflet and consider printing it to display in a prominent place.

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Eagles_wings.pdf

Brook Creative Therapy

Roger Day UKCP Registered Psychotherapist, PTSTA Psychotherapy, CTA, Certified Play Therapist , Christine Day European adult teaching certificate, NNEB (Kindergarten Qualification), Diploma in Counselling , Brook Cottage, 16 Burnside, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 6AX, UK , brookcreativetherapy@hotmail.com <http://www.brookcreativetherapy.com>

Malaysia , Asia

Leadership seminar

"Today's excellence can easily become tomorrow's mediocrity. Life may be like a race, but it is not a sprint. It takes humility and determination to stay the course and finish well. Discover seven critical factors in how to lead with Christ-centered excellence."

Thus, Dr Eric Scalise starts out his three-evening series on *Leadership from the Inside Out for an Upside Down Kingdom.*

*Date*** *24th – 26th October 2011 on Mon - Wed*** See attachment for more info http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/Leadership_Seminar.pdf

Malaysia , Asia

Counseling vs. Deliverance

An Overview of Counseling vs. Deliverance Seminar In all our counseling trainings and seminars, participants have been asking one common question – how would they know when to it is appropriate to use psychological counseling or spiritual deliverance approach to any difficult and intricate counseling cases. This seminar will cover the different components between psychological counseling vs. spiritual warfare or deliverance interventions, and when it is appropriate to provide them. It examines the issues involved when providers are only versed in one approach and not both, and addresses other types of puzzling and complicated counselling issues. *Date***5th November 2011 on Saturday *** See attachment for more info

http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion

[/GMM_EA_Overview_of_Counseling_vs_Deliverance_Nov_2011.pdf](#)

Asia, Malaysia

Stress Management

Stress Management for the Service Provider (An ICISF certified course).

Focuses on decreasing signs and symptoms of stress and learn to develop personal resilience and use a stress management plan.

*Date*** ** *18th November 2011 on Friday *** http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion

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USA

“Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence”

“Building Skills for Member Care with Excellence” (Jan. 9-13, 2012)

Link Care Center

See attachment for more info http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion

[/1110_To_our_Colleagues_in_Personnel.pdf](#)

Switzerland / Europe

Breathe 2012

a Ten-Day Retreat for Cross-Cultural Workers

June 20 - June 30, 2012

Breathe is a 10-day retreat intentionally created for the renewal and encouragement of singles, couples and families who serve in cross-cultural settings all over the world. Breathe is led by Dr. Daniel and Lori Hahn of Catalyst Int'l, an organization dedicated to supporting Christian leaders in highly challenging global environments. Under the guidance of professionals experienced in member care and cross-cultural work, guests will have time to talk about issues affecting them or their family. Counseling, medical consultation, and massage therapy are provided. In addition, there are fun programs for preschoolers, elementary children and teens.

All of this takes place against the backdrop of the Swiss Alps. There is time to hike, rest, and pursue spiritual renewal. There is space to be in community and to alone with God.

Breathe is best suited for North American or Western European English speaking international workers. The conference typically fills by April so please encourage people to register early. See attachment for more info <http://www.globalmembercare.org>

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<http://www.breatheconference.org/>

Africa, Niamey, Niger

Education Conference

Education Conference, Niamey, Niger

Jan 10-12 2012

- This conference is designed for families educating their children cross-culturally as they work in the various countries of West Africa.
- There is a program for every parent and child, including a highly educational and fun program for children from elementary years through high school.
- Opportunities to consult individually with educators who care about your family's unique needs.
- Well qualified testing consultant will be available for achievement and diagnostic testing of children.
- Marion Knell consultant and author ('Families on the Move'; 'Burn up or Splash Down') will be our main adult conference plenary speaker.

See attachment for more info http://www.globalmembercare.org/uploads/tx_wecdiscussion/conference_flyer_A.doc

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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