Member Care Update

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Welcome again to the *Update*! The focus this month is on ***Humanitarian Development***. Our monthly reports inform you about important member care resources, news, and topics. We especially want to further equip people with member care responsibilities who are focussing on mission/aid personnel in least-reached people groups (LPGs). In addition to the mission/aid emphasis, the reports regularly contain material from the international humanitarian, health, business, human rights, and human resource sectors. Each report is archived on our web site: **www.ethne.net/membercare**. Please feel free to share the *Update* with others and your networks. May the Lord bless you and your work.

It seems I' m not alone at being alone.
I'll send an SOS to the world.
I hope that someone gets my message in a bottle.
Police, 1979

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePwjipxjAmA

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Do you know what the eight UN goals are in response to major development needs in the world?

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The *Update* is compiled on behalf of the *Ethnê-Member Care Network*. We are a growing *network of colleagues* from different nations and organisations. Our passion is to see the least-reached people groups (LPGs) experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ. We are committed to help provide and develop member care resources in order to support the diversity of people/senders who are working among LPGs. Our *Network* is part of the Ethnê to Ethnê Movement (**www.ethne.net**).

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SPECIAL RESOURCES: Tools to further equip you for member care

- *Research on Cross-Cultural Living*

If you have lived over two years before the age of 18 in a country outside the culture of your parents, we invite you to participate in a study about the consequences of living a cross-cultural childhood. Feel free to forward this invitation to others who have the cross-cultural experience mentioned above and may be interested in participating. You can also email the researchers to obtain a copy of the study results. **https://web2survey.unt.edu/users/rch0067/ACCE/***User name:* user1 *Password:* user1
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- *Indonesia Member Care***:** *Resources to Help Sending Groups and Their Workers*

Finally, going live now—there are several member care materials available on-line in the main language of Indonesia, Bahasa Indonesia. These new materials are designed to help support Christian workers/senders.

Contact: **http://IndonesiaMemberCare.googlepages.com**

- *The Micah Challenge*

Micah Challenge is a global Christian campaign**.** It aims to deepen people's engagement with impoverished and marginalised communities; and to challenge international leaders, and leaders of rich and poor countries, to achieve the **Millennium Development Goals**, and so halve absolute global poverty by 2015. For more information and the latest *Updates* see the sites below
Contacts: Micah Challenge **www.MicahChallenge.org** Micah Network **www.MicahNetwork.org**

- *Human Development Resource Network (HDRNet)*

HDRNet is a specialised information gateway and electronic library on human development and international co-operation. It is part of an international collaborative effort that brings together United Nations organisations, practitioners and academics, enabling a broad community of participants from many different parts of the world to contribute material they consider relevant to the research and practice of human development. It also archives a wealth of material that is not available through the internet or in other libraries, and makes it available in four languages.
Contact: **http://www.yorku.ca/hdrnet/library.asp?id=2&subid=24**

SPECIAL EVENTS: Gatherings to help you connect/contribute to the member care field

- *PTM Conference—Asia Member Care Network Report*

After five years of networking and planning, the launch of a new member care Asia conference and network took place in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia on 24-28 March 2008. About 70 people from 10 countries attended. The focus of the conference was on providing pastoral care to cross-cultural workers: further establishing the status of member care in the region, sharing specialist resources for Asian workers, and hearing country reports. Participants agreed to hold another conference in 2010.
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- *Member Care in Crises—Workshop in USA;* 16-20 June 2008

Member Care International and SIL are again offering the *Member Care in Crisis Situations Workshop* with peer debriefers training in Dallas, Texas USA. This workshop usually has member care folks from around the world attending. The focus is to train peers to help peers who have experienced crises and to teach a debriefing model that has been used widely in field contexts.
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- *Building Resilient Organizations for Humanitarian/Development Assistance Field Workers*

This conference is hosted by the International Disaster Psychology Program in the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver, 18-20 May 2008.
Contact: **http://www.du.edu/helpersfire/**

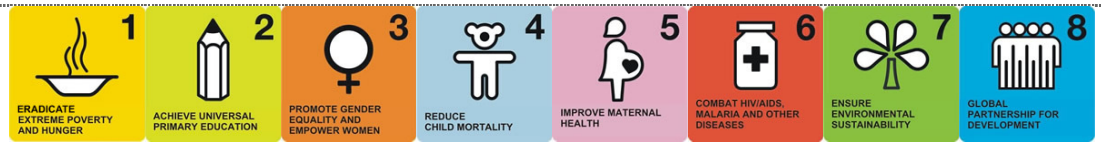
United Nations Development Programme

Millennium Development Goals

http://www.undp.org/mdg/basics.shtml

Editor's note: The following information is taken form the United Nations website for the *Millenium Development Goals*. This is a major, international effort to significantly improve the quality of human life, which of course is a desire of all of ours in the mission/aid sectors. Check out their web site/links!

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 that respond to the world's main development challenges. The MDGs are drawn from the actions and targets contained in the *Millennium Declaration* that was adopted by 189 nations-and signed by 147 heads of state and governments during the *United Nations Millennium Summit* in 2000. The eight MDGs break down into 18 quantifiable targets that are measured by 48 indicators.



Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education
Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women
Goal 4: Reduce child mortality
Goal 5: Improve maternal health
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability
Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

The Millennium Development Goals:

- synthesise, in a single package, many of the most important commitments made separately at the international conferences and summits of the 1990s;
- recognise explicitly the interdependence between growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development;
- acknowledge that development rests on the foundations of democratic governance, the rule of law, respect for human rights and peace and security;
- are based on time-bound and measurable targets accompanied by indicators for monitoring progress;
- and bring together, in the eighth Goal, the responsibilities of developing countries with those of developed countries, founded on a global partnership endorsed at the *International Conference on Financing for Development* in Monterrey, Mexico in March 2002, and again at the Johannesburg *World Summit on Sustainable Development* in August 2002.

Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2001, in response to the world leaders' request, UN Secretary General presented the *Road Map Towards the Implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration*, an integrated and comprehensive overview of the situation, outlining potential strategies for action designed to meet the goals and commitments of the Millennium Declaration.

The road map has been followed up since then with annual reports. In 2002, the annual report focused on progress made in the prevention of armed conflict and the treatment and prevention of diseases, including HIV/AIDS and Malaria. In 2003, emphasis was placed on strategies for development and strategies for sustainable development. In 2004, it was on bridging the digital divide and curbing transnational crime.

In 2005, the Secretary-General prepared the first comprehensive five-yearly report on progress toward achieving the MDGs The report reviews the implementation of decisions taken at the international conferences and special sessions on the least developed countries, progress on HIV/AIDS and financing for development and sustainable development. **http://www.un.org/summit2005/**