



Global Members Sub-Committee Monthly Report November 7, 2019

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PURPOSE OF THE GLOBAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

Reaching out globally, connecting, supporting meetings and carrying the ACA message in countries outside of the United States, Canada, or Europe; such as Africa, Asia, Mexico, South America, Central America, US Territories (E.g. Guam), Australia/Oceania. We honour tradition 4, each group is autonomous and Tradition 5, carrying the ACA message.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS by COUNTRY

 Bangladesh	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BCHR D was not able to establish direct communication with AA/NA group in Bangladesh. India ACA has reached out to an AA/NA member in Delhi, to work through a couple of AA and NA members in Bangladesh. 2. As mentioned previously, we will look at creating an H&I ACA meeting there, with a closed member group, to support them. 3. Current work has paused due to personal circumstances with the director of BCHR D. We will commence the ACA Closed meetings with the support team at a later date.
 India	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. India currently has 2 face to face meetings in New Delhi & suburb + 1 skype meeting and 1 step study. They are starting to grow again. They were 5 meetings a couple of years ago. There is interest in starting up again in several cities. 2. Interest has been expressed from individuals keen to start a meeting in Chennai, Mumbai, Goa and Bangalore. Our Global member plans to move discussions forward to a stage of concrete decisions which would

	<p>justify a visit to these four cities for Public Outreach leading to the introduction of actual new meetings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Active discussions are on with some members from other fellowships AA, Alanon and NA). our Global member has offered to do a presentation on ACA plus a few introductory meetings there to start them off. We are a step closer to getting the help of the GSO of Alcoholics Anonymous India to help us with Public Outreach.. Meetings in India ACA are English speaking meetings. There is a new interest in ACA meetings in the local language. Our Global member is in discussions with one of the AA translators to obtain their experience, strength and hope in translating in India. <i>They used Bhargavas English to Hindi Dictionary and app: Shabdkosh. The Hindi used is simple everyday Hindi, mixed with some Urdu (a mixture of Persian and Hindi) words (which have in any case penetrated the street Hindi) rather than pure Hindi.</i>
 <p>Israel</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> New meeting started for total of 7 face to face meetings + 2 phone meetings. 150 members on WhatsApp group getting daily meditation and the cited text from the BRB. 3000+ visits on the website http://aca-israel.tk 10 actively attending phone RSG. Interest in doing it in Israel. Issues with service meetings on the TLV meeting. Will travel there next week to share ESH about running service meetings + be meeting speaker on service using the text about the traditions from the BRB, ACA Commitment to Service, Good Enough Group leaflet, Problems in Meetings trifold, Safety Card (latest draft).
 <p>South Africa</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> South Africa has 5 active meetings in South Africa: 2 in Johannesburg, 2 in Cape Town and 1 in Durban, which cities are all geographically quite far apart. We have also got 2 more fledgling meetings – the Umbilo/Chatsworth group that Nadja started, which fizzled out after she left but has now got going again, tho is not yet ready to officially register on the WSO website, and a very, very new meeting in Kraaifontein in the Western Cape, which is a very poor, predominantly Afrikaans area. Their biggest challenge is the cost of literature – transport costs are between 2 and 4 times the cost of the actual literature, which makes it prohibitively expensive, unless someone takes the risk of bringing it in via an extra suitcase on a flight. But they never know what the person on customs duty is going to do on arrival, whether they will charge duty or not – nothing is predictable here regarding things like that. They have been charged duty when the literature is couriered even though in theory we should not have been. AA/Alanon 12 Step groups are very widespread. South Africa is also has a very big “recovery industry” with many rehab and secondary facilities, and is the go-to -choice for many people from Western European countries because of the beneficial (to them, not us) currency exchange rate. Effectively educating these facilities about ACA is a real challenge,

	as we still have very small numbers and few meetings and their service committees are very, very small.
 South Korea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A face to face ACA meeting has started by an ACA in South Korea who has been attending online meetings. 2. We have offered our “ACA Lights On” program 3. ACA meeting is in the process of starting translations as the new members need the literature in Korean.
 Taiwan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. English speaking ACA meeting started in March 2019 2. ACA Global Member in Taiwan has started public outreach in Taiwan and the Philippines
 Vietnam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ACA member formerly from South Africa is exploring starting ACA meetings and has started public outreach activities. They have joined Global members.



OVERALL GLOBAL MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

TRANSLATIONS FOR NEW COUNTRIES	We are currently working with South Korea and India using the WSO Translations material and supporting the process of starting a new meeting and translating at the same time. There are more challenges when there are no English ACA meetings with recovery. We are creating innovative solutions starting with adding support from those in ACA who have moved to another country. India has English speaking meetings and is connecting with the local AA translations volunteers.
SUPPORT FOR NEW MEETINGS & EXISTING MEETINGS	We are providing support to different meetings around growing meeting attendance and step studies.
GLOBAL PUBLIC OUTREACH	Our Taiwan Global member has started to provide public outreach to the Philippines when travelling and will start in Taiwan shortly.
INTERNATIONAL ACA ACCESSIBILITY	Asia and Africa are in need of new solutions to assist them with providing literature to their members. The current cost is prohibitive, ie over \$70 per book and they can only afford to pay \$2. We have started discussions on how we can work together with WSO.

If you are living or have lived in Asia, Africa, South America, Central America or Mexico, or if you feel called to global service, please consider joining the Global Members Sub-Committee and carry the message of ACA healing. Please email us at: globalmembers@adultchildren.org .

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