



Global Members Sub-Committee Monthly Report December 4, 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/New Zealand/Oceania. We honour tradition 4, each group is autonomous and Tradition 5, carrying the ACA message.

Our Global members meet on zoom, 4th Wed of the month at 10 am, EST, 3 pm, UTC.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS by COUNTRY

 <p>Bangladesh</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New Meeting Groups: With the help of an AA/NA member in Delhi, a contact in NA Bangladesh has been found. We are in the process of connecting the NA/AA volunteer with the Human Rights organisation. We are waiting for the executive director to return from bereavement leave.
 <p>India</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. New Meeting Groups: Starting in Chennai (South India) and Gurugram (suburb of Delhi). We are supporting this new meeting by assessing their needs, location searches and suggesting meeting supports within ACA and for public outreach.2. Meeting Support: We are working with to register an existing ACA meeting with WSO.3. Literature Translations: We have reached agreement for AA to share the glossary of their work with us. It is in physical and not a digital form.

	<p>The persons in NA/AA who translated the NA/AA literature from English to Hindi.</p> <p>4. Access to Affordable Literature: Is a significant issue for ACA meeting groups.</p> <p>5. Public Awareness of ACA: Our country coordinator is working with other 12 Step groups.</p>
 Israel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Meeting Groups: F2F meeting started in the south city of Be'er-Sheva. To a total of 8 F2F and 2 phone meetings; New bi-lingual meeting starting in Zefat on beginning of December. 2. Study groups: Eight members completed RSG phone workshop. 3. Phone Meetings: Phone meeting reading chapter 8 with major boost to recovery. 4. Online Groups: 150 members in WhatsApp group; applying the traditions to WhatsApp groups. 5. Meeting Support: Issues resolved in Tel-Aviv meeting. 6. Literature Translations: Is a major force in growth. Finished SMR and have about half of BRB translated. All meetings are reading the literature.
 South Africa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Meeting Groups: The new group in Kraaifontein, Western Cape is also struggling to get going, but the coordinator is determined to make it happen. This is another very poor area like the defunct-again Durban meeting, and also predominantly Afrikaans (similar to Flemish) and they struggle to afford literature. 2. Meeting Support: Our Johannesburg meetings are doing okay but recently experienced difficulties with a group conscience decision to expand a whats app group; the second meeting in Durban has, sadly, fizzled out again. Members cannot get to the Hillcrest meeting (it is too far) nor can they afford to buy the literature, as the members of that group are financially restricted; the 2 Cape Town groups are very separate, and still relatively small, but still active and the Tableview meeting still seems to be struggling to grow. 3. Online Groups: WhatsApp Support group voted to include the Hillcrest, Durban meeting members (they asked to be included as there is no long-term recovery there, unlike in Johannesburg). Unfortunately this caused some Johannesburg members being triggered, acting out, refusing to accept the group conscience and then leaving the WhatsApp group and some even the meetings, 4. Service Structure: Finding people willing to serve on service committees is a challenge, as our groups are all still small and geographically quite separate, so just finding enough people to rotate service in meetings is challenge enough. Our country coordinator is looking for a volunteer as a backup at the Intergroup level. 5. Access to Affordable Literature: Is a significant issue for ACA meeting groups. 6. Public Awareness of ACA as separate from AlAnon ACoA as a solution to CPTSD and childhood family dysfunction are our biggest issues. There is

	<p>a huge “treatment centre industry” here, but they are mostly unaware of ACA and as AA and AlAnon consider ACA to be “an outside issue” and that perspective has been passed on to NA and the treatment industry too. We struggle to get the message out, especially with a very small committee. Geographical distance is also a challenge.</p>
 South Korea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Meeting Groups & Literature Translations:: We have sent an email to our ACA member in South Korea offering the lights on program and other support. 2. Public Awareness of ACA: Our Canadian ACA member formerly from South Korea has reached out to other 12 Step members in South Korea to bring awareness to the new ACA meeting group in South Korea
 Taiwan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting Support & Public Awareness of ACA: Our Taiwan ACA member continues to support the new ACA meeting group (English speaking meeting) and is increasing awareness of ACA through their public outreach efforts.
 Vietnam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Meeting Groups: Our Vietnam ACA member, formerly from South Africa continues to explore the possibility of starting the first ACA meeting group in this country.



OVERALL GLOBAL MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

TRANSLATIONS FOR NEW COUNTRIES	We are working with WSO translations to build processes for translations for starting new meetings in a country’s local language and have provided input to the new literature translations webpage, https://acawso.org/literature-translations/ .
SUPPORT FOR NEW MEETINGS & EXISTING MEETINGS	We are providing support to different meetings around growing meeting attendance & step studies.
GLOBAL PUBLIC OUTREACH	We have started to receive offers of service to provide support to countries from ACA members visiting countries as a result of the members’ survey.
INTERNATIONAL ACA ACCESSIBILITY FOR LITERATURE	We are starting a subcommittee in January 2020 to develop solutions with WSO to increase accessibility of literature for meetings in Asia and

	Africa. We will be meeting on zoom, 2 nd Wed of the month at 10 am, EST, 3 pm UTC.
2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE & WORLD CONVENTION	<p>We have submitted a workshop proposal for supporting our ACA groups globally at the 2020 AWC.</p> <p>We are encouraging all ACA Intergroups and meeting groups to provide a delegate to the 2020 Annual Business Conference either in person or virtually through zoom.</p> <p>We have supported our first visa letter of support for one of our members in Asia.</p> <p>Our ACA member from India is encouraging their members now living in the USA to join us at the 2020 ABC and AWC.</p>
WSO ACA WEB PAGES	We are in the process of updating the global pages on the WSO ACA websites, www.adultchildren.org and www.acawso.org .

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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