



# Global Members Sub-Committee Monthly Report [April 2020]

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## PURPOSE OF THE GLOBAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

Reaching out globally, connecting, supporting meetings and carrying the ACA message globally in countries outside of the United States, Canada and Europe; such as Africa, Asia, South and Central America, Mexico, 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	No meeting is taking place. After the current epidemic eases, efforts will be made to carry the ACA message with the help of local AA and NA groups, starting with public outreach leading to new meetings.
 India	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Online Meetings:</b> 4</li><li><b>2. ABC Update:</b> I delegate attended some of the sessions. Some were observers.</li><li><b>3. AWC Update:</b> At least 15 members (probably more) attended the World Convention. 4 participated in the Sessions as Speakers. Recently translated ACA Serenity prayers in Hindi and Punjabi were read aloud in a large setting for the first time.</li></ol>

	<p>The enthusiasm generated greater interest in ACA and resulted in higher attendance in online meetings. A new member from the north East of India – Sikkim - is keen to start a face to face meeting there.</p> <p>The Session Global ACA Without Borders inspired one online group in Noida India to open-up and become truly global extending invitations worldwide - new participants in meetings attended from Taiwan, the Philippines, UK and USA!</p> <p>The announcement of the RSG coinciding with the AWC has at least 3 members interested in registering. A new impetus and a new wave of interest in ACA – thanks to the Convention!</p>
 Israel	<p><b>1. Online Meetings:</b> 11</p> <p><b>2. ABC Update:</b> 3 delegates participated. A few more listened and also joined SLACK.</p> <p><b>3. AWC Update:</b> ~20-30 known members participated. 2 speakers.</p> <p>Following AWC, NE Region offered to “adopt” Israel, helping us to form an IG. A first meeting between the teams is being scheduled for next week.</p> <p>There was a lot of global exposure for local members to feel the benefits of connecting with members and meetings in other countries.</p>
 South Korea	<p>No new report this month.</p>
 Taiwan	<p><b>1. Online Meetings:</b> For a while, it was week after week of canceling the face to face meeting here because no one wanted to just show up. Now that it’s online, there are 5-10 people showing up in the meetings.</p> <p><b>2. ABC Update:</b> Excited to be the first Taiwan delegate to the ABC, learned a lot. I’m grateful for the opportunity to serve as a delegate at the ABC representing the ACA Formosan Group in Taiwan 🇹🇼 ❤️.</p> <p><b>3. AWC Update:</b> Our Global member shared his ESH of his ACA recovery in Taiwan and was very excited to see so many of their members attend the 2020 AWC.</p>
 South Africa	<p><b>1. Online Meetings:</b> We now have 4 online meetings, 2 Joburg based (hosted by the NJ intergroup) and 2 in Cape Town (an extra one was started) that are still using the free 40-minute split.</p> <p>The Joburg-based online meeting has grown from 10 active members (only about 1/3 of the Joburg face-to-face meeting members have migrated to online) to 25 since they started 5 weeks ago, and 7 of those were added in the past few days since the AWC started.</p> <p>Many of these new participants are people who do not have a meeting in their area, so we are looking at how to keep at least one online meeting going in future.</p> <p><b>2. ABC Update:</b> We were delighted to have 2 delegates participate, and learned a lot.</p> <p><b>3. AWC Update:</b> We were thrilled that so many people (90 views, as we understand it) opted to register, so our local publicity about the event obviously worked!</p> <p>We have been flooded with requests for literature since, as well as for sponsorship, workshops, and other information, which has put a bit of strain on our very limited Intergroup human resources.</p> <p>It also inspired the PE group to formally register their meeting, although they are still just participating in our Joburg online meetings for now, and running a closed step work group via zoom.</p>

	<p>We have also had enquiries from Lesotho about how to start meetings there, and a commitment from one of our newer members to start meetings in Soweto as soon as we're out of lockdown.</p> <p>And we have received an offer from a local who was called to do service here to put a website together for our intergroup, which will also store and make available all the stuff that has been posted on our WhatsApp support group for years, so that it is available to existing and new members...</p>
 Vietnam	No new report this month.

## **MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS BY GLOBAL MEMBERS:**



<b><u>INTERNATIONAL ACA ACCESSIBILITY FOR LITERATURE</u></b>	We have started to assess the current needs of each country. We have started with Israel and South Africa. We are exploring options in India.
<b><u>2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE</u></b>	Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> We encouraged the countries we support to send a delegate to the ABC and ask their members to attend the listening/observer zoom link. We added delegates from 3 new countries to the 2020 ABC.</li> <li><b>2.</b> All the countries were feeling part of the World- Wide ACA Fellowship and were impressed with how well run the ABC was.</li> <li><b>3.</b> A member share: The ABC was a wonderful experience for me for several reasons. The rules of order that were in place kept the conference flowing beautifully. Of course, not everyone had the chance to be heard, but people were also not talking over each other or trying to overpower each other. I felt like I was connected to the rest of my loving family outside of my home group.</li> </ol>
<b><u>2020 ANNUAL WORLD CONVENTION</u></b>	Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1.</b> We sponsored 3 Global AWC workshops, great feedback received.</li> <li><b>2.</b> The Global Committee created a power point to use for the workshops, it was well received. Other workshops requested our template.</li> <li><b>3.</b> The Global Committee heart- stormed a special finishing end to the AWC workshops by creating Translated ACA Serenity prayers circling around the AWC heart Majbrit created. It was so well received, our members would like copies, t –shirts with this design. It was also used at the end of the ABC.</li> </ol>

	<p><b>4.</b> Great interest was expressed to volunteer to support the Global Members Subcommittee and the countries being supported. We received 45 offers of service from around the world. We are working with everyone. The NE Region and NY IG offered to partner with Israel. We are also hearing of possible 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition donations to the Global subcommittee.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Global ACA Without Borders: First meeting from Noida, India opened its doors to everyone! With inspiring results!</p> <p><b>6.</b> A members share: I shared experience strength and hope about doing public information / outreach in Seoul, South Korea. Working with Sue V and David to first get trifolds and booklets mailed to me, and putting together a list of therapists' offices and churches that had 12 step meetings, and attending a 12 Step fellowship open meeting, fellowshipping afterwards, making new friends and carrying the ACA message. Curious to see what those seeds will lead to!</p> <p><b>7.</b> A member share: Personal participation as a member of the Global committee has been inspiring, and I have been blessed to be able to contribute but also to have an opportunity to present our local challenges to WSO and the ACA world, while learning and sharing with other committee members. And I was thrilled that our prayer slide, expanding on Majbrit's beautiful heart, was so well-received by the fellowship.</p> <p><b>8.</b> A member share: I think the Convention has done miracles for our group and I have learnt so much in the last one week - the spirit of Global ACA Without Borders really works in bringing the diversity of experience strength and hope a new life into our group!</p> <p><b>9.</b> A member share: The sense of connection I felt at both the ABC and the AWC was something I had yet to experience in such a large scale. God was and is working through people. In the wake of the conferences, I am, connected with a few new friends in ACA, and we have begun reaching out to each other through texting and phone calls.</p> <p>I'm grateful for the opportunity to share some of my story from the heart in a massive ACA meeting filled with so much love and understanding. ❤️</p> <p>I'm grateful for the unimaginable opportunity to close a Global ACA meeting with the Traditional Chinese ACA Serenity Prayer. ❤️</p>
<p><b><u>WSO ACA WEB PAGES</u></b></p>	<p>We have updated the global pages on the WSO ACA website, <a href="http://www.acawso.org">www.acawso.org</a>. We will be updating the WSO website, <a href="http://www.adultchildren.org">www.adultchildren.org</a> for Global next.</p>

Our mission is to outreach to and support for countries outside of North America and Europe. However, we understand that the entire worldwide population is on the move. People are crossing borders, oceans and cultures more than ever. We understand that our culture of origin, similar, to our family of origin, infects and continues to affect us.

If you are living or have lived in Asia, Africa, South 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](mailto:globalmembers@adultchildren.org) .

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