



Dear Friends,

How do you get back-up once you've fallen? It's a pertinent and important question in today's world filled with people going through struggles, loss, anxiety, transitions, suffering, failure — you name it! There simply is no one person who simply has it "all-together." We all have been broken in some capacity. The important question in the life of a Christian, and especially in the life of the cross-cultural worker, is how that person is going to bounce-back, stand-up, and learn from his or her brokenness.

Building resilience in the cross-cultural worker amidst brokenness was the framework of the recent meetings of the European Member Care Board meetings that I (Mihai) participated in last March. The European Member Care Board is a group of representatives from various countries in Europe who partner together to see how they can serve, equip, counsel, and empower Christian workers throughout Europe so that they can thrive in not only their ministries, but also in their personal and/or family lives. I represent Romania on the board.

Every two years, the board organizes a Europe-wide consultation on member care issues facing Christian workers in Europe. The next consultation will be held in Spain in 2018, focusing on this very issue of building resilience in the cross-cultural worker in a Europe that is changing rapidly. Plans are going well, and we are all excited about the quality of the speakers who will be attending.

In addition to the bi-annual consultations, the board participates in helping individual countries in Europe address various member care needs. For instance, the board has helped us in Romania on several occasions to hold seminars on educational issues for children of cross-cultural workers, and recently we led a seminar on the issues facing single workers.

This is a great group of talented, motivated, faithful, and caring people. I am always encouraged and challenged each time I meet with this outstanding group of people.

At the last board meetings in Switzerland, I was unanimously elected to the board's executive committee. I am humbled and honored by this vote of confidence. The executive committee is made up of three individuals who basically do a lot of the behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the board and are the faces of Member Care Europe to the greater global member care movement around the world. I have a lot to learn, but am thankful that I will be mentored in my new role by the out-going member of the executive committee. Please pray for me and the board. Pray specifically that we can truly come alongside and support and care for Christian workers throughout Europe.

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