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نم ع بارلا عامتجا لجا نم مك تاو لصل ريدين
(هدا حث ليين سقلا). ناريزح

(translation) "The Alpha Course is running in a military context in 60 countries. It is a pleasure to be invited by Richard Meryon to introduce Alpha to the MMI Middle East group. As an Alpha Coordinator in the MENA region, I have seen the course working in churches, schools and prisons; I look forward to seeing it serve the military in the region. After an Alpha introductory session on the 7th of May, another training session will be held on June 4th. The ME group has participants from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Egypt and Tunisia. Many of the country representatives are serving congregations as well as groups for military personnel. In consultation with the in-region co-worker, it was decided to include The Marriage Course and the Parenting Course in the training, as there is great need to support families in the communities the representatives serve. The Alpha Course (for adults) and the Alpha Youth Course (ages 14-18) are tools for evangelism and discipleship. The Marriage and Parenting courses are transformational tools for families and society. They also serve as "pre-evangelism" for families outside the fellowship, who might not be interested in exploring faith in the first instance but are interested in enriching their family life. Participating in these courses creates a positive connection with the community, which could lead to attending an Alpha course and faith in Christ.

Your prayers for the meeting on June 4th and the subsequent training session would be appreciated." ●

guarantee having Leave approved far enough in advance to enable plans to attend.

So, THE GATHERING was effort-lite in comparison to our traditional 5-yearly meeting in Cyprus, and it was also cost-FREE.

Praise God – and now our Links are asking us to arrange a 'Gathering' twice a year, as well as the monthly online fellowship and prayer meetings. Things are moving!!

Alpha in the ME Region

We are excited that Rev Nabil Shehadi, the Alpha Levant Coordinator based in the region, will work with us to enable the Alpha courses to be used for both military and civilian groups. He will be masterminding this Alpha in Arabic roll-out for MMI from Beirut and Cyprus. Nabil is very enthusiastic about the Alpha programme and says:

يركسع قايس يف افلا ءرود لي غشت متي
ىق لتا نأ يروسس ي عاود نمل هنأ. ءلود 60 يف
عرف ىل افلا ميدين تل نو يريم درا شتير نم ءوعد
افلا قس نم يتفصبب. طسوالا قرشلل (ي.م.م)
، ايق يرفلا لامشو طسوالا قرشلا قطنم يف
س ئانكلا يف لم عي جمان ربالا اذه تيار دقف
هت يور ىل عل طتا ينن؛ نوجسلا وسلا سراملا او
ءسلج دعب. ءقطنملا يف شيشي لجا ءمدخ يف
ءي بي ردت ءسلج دق عتس ، ويام 7 يف ءي في رعت
طسوالا قرشلا عرف مضى. وي نو ي 4 يف ىرخأ
ني طسلفو ندرال او ايروسس وانبال نم ني كراشم
يل شتم نم ديدعلا مدخي. سنوتو رصمو قارعاو
دارفالل تاعومجم ءي لجم سءانك دالابلا
، عرفلا سئير بئان عم رواشتلاب. ني يركسع لجا
ءي برت جم انرب جاوزلا جم انرب ني مضت ررقت
ءري بگ ءجاج دوجت ثيح ، بي ردتلا يف دالوالا
اهمدخي يتلا تاعمتجملا يف رسالا معدل
افلا ءرودو (ني غلابل) افلا ءرود. نول شتملا
ري شبتلل تاودأ يه (اماع 18 ىل 14 نم) بابشلل
تاودأ ءي برتلاو جاوزلا تارود ربتعت. ءملا
ءب اشبم اهان امك عم تجملاو تال ئاعلل ءي لوجت
، ءس ني كراشم جارج تال ئاعلل "ري شبتلا لبق ام"
نام يال افلا شكتساب ءمتهم نوكت ال دق يتلاو

AMCF President, General Srilal Weerasooriya. It was very special having someone from Palestine and someone from Israel participating, greeting each other in Christian love and as Christian neighbours.

It was also an experiment to see whether such an event might be a better way of doing regional conferences in the Middle East. Historically, physical meetings have been onerous for our countries' representatives, especially to acquire the right visas, and almost impossible to get national permission and leave; planning such expensive get-togethers is challenging when servicemen cannot

Exciting momentum in the Middle East

RTL MIDDLE EAST RICHARD MERYAN

We give thanks for the now not so new monthly 'Zoom-ins' for our Links across the region – Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Israel, West Bank, Egypt and Tunisia. Some join more regularly than others.

THE GATHERING: After months of regular zoom meetings with our links across the Middle East (ME), we wanted to hold an event that connected them to the wider MMI praying family, our ME RPPG, the MMI team ministering in other regions and MMI's UK and international supporters. 40 people joined the online Gathering in March, including the AMCF VP for the region, BGen Isam Oumeish, and

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Alpha



S Asia: Standing in the gap, interceding for the nation

"I am burdened like Habakkuk and am calling out to the Almighty to intervene immediately." An MCF India leader.

In 2020 it appeared that the pandemic had by-passed S Asia. Yes, there were many COVID cases and some deaths. But compared to what was happening in Europe, USA and Brazil, it seemed S Asia was being spared. MMI co-worker Pastor Blesson was able to visit the NCO ministry in South India and some other limited visits took place.

All that has been turned on its head and the pandemic situation now in most of S Asia is dire. It's as though a

dark veil of sickness and death is covering the whole of the region. But the dark veil is holed and it appears as though vibrant shafts of intense heavenly light are penetrating the darkness.

We can give thanks to the Almighty for the shaking that S Asia is experiencing because of the glorious light at the end of the tunnel.

In the meantime, the poor in particular are suffering dreadfully. Their dead are being burnt on the streets and bodies are being flung into the holy rivers. The health authorities are overwhelmed and there are stories of suicides by medical staff.

We have heard of aid provided or offered by Christian organisations being turned down by local authorities. There are rumours of a black market in medicines, vaccines, face masks and oxygen. People are fearful. They lack good leadership. Hope has gone.

Without doubt the battle lines are drawn in S Asia. We are facing a titanic struggle for the soul of the region. In many areas the skirmishing both physical and spiritual, has already broken out. Many in the UK and across the world are on their knees praying. We have unconfirmed reports of idols being broken but also of about 2000 Christian leaders dead in India alone,

because of COVID. The real battle is in the heavenly realms.

This is a call to prayer. The Region of S Asia needs you. Equip yourselves to struggle and to fight and to pray and to pray, for "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2 Cor 10:4)

I firmly believe God is preparing our country for revival. Over a thousand prayer groups have started up across India praying relentlessly to the Almighty. Personally, I have started an online morning prayer group from 4AM to 8AM.

An MCF Indian Pastor. ●



ETERNAL WALL
OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Making hope visible

One Million Answered Prayers to collect – do you have one?

Have you heard about the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer project? We asked Michelle who is working on the project to explain it:

"Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer will be a huge, thought-provoking piece of public art, aiming to kindle conversations about prayer. The iconic structure will be constructed using one million bricks, each brick featuring an answered prayer. This Christian landmark will make hope visible by digitally linking visitors with our database of one million answered prayers, using interactive technology and a bespoke app. Visitors will be able to use their smart device, holding it against any brick to read the individual answered prayer.

Built near Coleshill on the outskirts of Birmingham, Eternal Wall will stand at

169 feet, eclipsing the size of the Angel of the North, and is expected to attract 300,000 visitors each year. 500,000 journeys will see Eternal Wall every week from the M6, M42, HS2, and flight paths from Birmingham Airport.

We believe Eternal Wall will give people and communities hope that God hears them, answers prayer and can change circumstances. We would love visitors to be able to access answered prayers that demonstrate the full breadth of Christian experience; from different denominations, countries and points in history; workplaces and family situations. "

With a million answered prayer stories to find, they need to have yours if you have one. Sharing your answered prayer story is simple. There is a hyperlink on our website (www.mmi.org.uk)

so that people can directly submit their answered prayer. It's very important to START YOUR MESSAGE WITH #MMI and then in 500 words or less explain:

- what your situation was
- how you (or someone else) prayed
- how Jesus answered that prayer

Answered prayers will be displayed anonymously, with names changed to protect identities. You can upload photos (make sure you have permission from those featured) and voice recordings; video answered prayers (not anonymous) can be shared via email – details will be on the website.

The intention of the organisers is to have a specific 'military community' area of bricks so the #MMI is important for your prayer to be in the military community and MMI area. Your prayer can be about anything.

You should also receive a certificate with both the logo of the project and the MMI logo!

The Eternal Wall team have also asked if MMI has any access to historical answered prayers, "as it would be wonderful to have some answered prayers from battlefield situations throughout history".

If you can help with battlefield answered prayers, please consider also submitting the prayer story to be featured in future editions of MMI News.

Please pass this on to someone you know who might have a story to share



MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS:

VISION

To see what God might do if every military Christian had someone to stand with.

MISSION

Helping Christians follow Jesus Christ in Armed forces around the world.

Despite COVID-19, the MMI team continues to:

- Meet via video conference weekly to pray, study the Word, encourage each other and plan ahead
- Maintain contact with our brothers and sisters in our regions to encourage and pray with them
- Seek the Lord for what he has for us in the months ahead
- Cherish our close friendships with our sister organisations ACCTS and MSO
- Explore how we can better use social media to reach even more military Christians with God's Word for them
- Consider how we will get back on mission when the Lord says, "Go!"

We are in no way downhearted but are rejoicing in the Lord's love and grace and are excited that he has called us to prepare and pray in these days for what He has called us to do downstream.

This is not wasted time – it is prayer and preparation time and the Lord is at work.

7th JULY 2021
Trustees Meeting (UK)

23rd - 25th JULY
CoV Camping Retreat for young military leaders in the Bavarian Forest

23rd - 28th AUGUST
BULGARIA: Summer Adventure Retreat (SAR)21

14th - 17th OCTOBER 2021
CROATIA: Adria Interaction

11th - 18th OCT 2021
SOUTH KOREA: MEO

18th NOVEMBER 2021
NEPAL: MCF Annual Gathering

21st NOVEMBER 2021
NEPAL: AMCF VP visit

NOVEMBER 2021
INDIA: RTL & co-worker visit

3rd - 8th JUNE 2021
Cameroon: Outreach

18th - 24th OCTOBER 2021
TANZANIA: Ministry Trip

31st OCT - 6th NOV 2021
KENYA: Ministry Trip

10th - 24th JULY 2021
DRC: Mission trip 1st contact with MCF and Chaplaincy

OCT 22nd - NOV 20th
DRC: Chaplaincy Training (IAEC team, Augustin Tchenkoua, Eric Mandille)

18th - 24th OCTOBER 2021
SWAZILAND: Ministry Trip

31st OCT - 6th NOV 2021
MADAGASCAR: Mountain Top Interaction (MMTI)

25th - 30th OCTOBER 2021
MADAGASCAR: Africa South Regional Conference

ONLINE
3rd JULY 2021
International Prayer Day
ONLINE
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5th JULY 2021
Africa East & South
ONLINE
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15th SEPTEMBER 2021
AMI Conference
ONLINE
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6th NOVEMBER 2021
MMI PAUSE FOR PRAYER DAY (TBC)

3rd JULY 2021
MMI INTERNATIONAL PRAYER DAY

4th NOVEMBER 2021
INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CONSULTATION

Want to support our work?

Prayer Support

Prayer is the foundation of everything we do in MMI and we have various ways to share and 'fuel' prayer. Here are some of them:

PrayerLink

Be a part of our e-mail PrayerLink. Urgent or immediate prayer needs and reminders to pray for planned activity are e-mailed in a short, succinct form, straight to you. To sign up, email prayer@mmi.org.uk to add your name to the MMI prayer support base.

TPB - The Prayer Brief (previously known as Quarterly Prayer Brief)

31 prayers covering ministry activities and regional needs for four months. One short prayer for each day of the month (current TPB June – Sep '21 available with the MMI News or from prayer@mmi.org.uk)

Pause for Prayer

Spring and Autumn (currently online) an opportunity to pray with those ministering in our regions. Next Pause for Prayer morning: Saturday 6 November 2021.

Annual International Prayer Day

Next one planned for 3rd July 2021.

More detailed prayer needs and answers to prayers are shared at our prayer days. Regional Team Leaders (RTLs) and MMI field workers brief on recent activities, difficulties and future plans; international guests are invited to provide in depth and contextual information on prayer needs.

Praying for a Region

If you would like to pray for a specific region (Africa, Europe, Middle East, S Asia) or a country within one of these regions, you can join a regional prayer group who meet to prayer together on-line, currently we have English, French, Portuguese and German speaking groups as well.

For more details on how to support MMI through prayer, look at our Prayer page on our website www.mmi.org.uk

We need both prayer and financial support to be able to continue our ministry to the military.

Financial Support

If you would like to support the ministry financially, even just £10 a month (by standing order) would make a huge difference to what we are able to do.

You can also donate a one-off gift through the mmi.org.uk website with give.net, or by bank transfer or by sending a cheque to the office. You can also designate a gift for any of the projects, activities or regions you have read about.

WAYS TO GIVE

Set up a STANDING ORDER via your online banking – you're in control of how much you give and when.

By BANK TRANSFER
Our bank details are:
Military Ministries International
Sort Code: 20-61-82 A/c No. 40127469

GIVE ONLINE: at www.mmi.org.uk

SEND A CHEQUE: payable to Military Ministries International.

LEAVE A LEGACY: If you wish to know more about leaving a gift in your will please contact us.

Your support, no matter how small can help us, through Jesus Christ, to give every military Christian someone to stand with.

Message from the MCF President of Mozambique to the German serving cadets and young officers Africa Prayer Group

"Peace warrior brothers and sisters from Germany! May God bless you. I call you warriors in prayer, because you have the strength to intercede for any brother who has problems or concerned, whatever it may be. Thank you, because I too, have felt the fire of your prayers. God richly and powerfully bless you." **Col Felicina.**



Tunnel Vision

RTL Middle East, Richard Meryan about to do the Bath Two Tunnels 10km run, in support of Middle East refugee repatriation to the UK.



Do It Yourself, Roddy!

CE/TL Gen Roddy brandishing a drill and paint brush preparing the new shared (with Flame Int) Comms room in Havelock House.



ACCTS Ethics Intern

Captain Aggrey Kajuba of Uganda has begun an internship in military Christian ethics with ACCTS, our partner organization in the USA. Capt Kajuba is a serving army officer, the secretary of the Uganda MCF and a volunteer pastor in Mutundwe Christian centre. He is developing relationships with military Christians worldwide, exploring the ethical challenges they face, and how they deal with them, to share with the Uganda MCF and to use throughout his future military career.

Pray for Aggrey in this exciting opportunity to learn about military ethics within a military context and to know how best to share that with those around him.

THE BIG MMI PICNIC!

Gather 2 or 3 people together and be part of The BIG MMI Picnic ... and we want a picture of you!

Everyone supporting MMI is organizing a picnic with their home groups or a group of friends. Just get a few people together on a patch of grass with some food to share and something to drink.

Then take the photograph!



Enjoy the food and company and give everyone an MMI News to take home.

Send a pic of your picnic or at least where you were picnicking to comms@mmi.org.uk

Enjoy the season and share your MMI stories

Digital Bible Initiative pilot in East Africa

MMI, ACCTS and US partners Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) are launching a Digital Bible Initiative to support MCFs and Chaplaincies be effective in their work, mission and outreach. The pilot project will be carried out in East Africa and the e-Bibles will be available in the main languages spoken in each country. Pray that this initiative will have a great impact and help grow God's kingdom and bring revival to both regions spearheaded by MCFs and Chaplaincies, and a harvest of souls to the glory of God.

BACKPACK

Spiritual Warfare Checklist

- God's Presence, and Intimacy with him. 1 Sam 30:6; Psalm 37:1-7
- God's Word. Eph 6:17; Matt 4:10; Hebrews 4:12
- Angelic Assistance and Care. 1 Kings 19:1-8; Mark 1:13; Luke 22:43
- Authority, Grace and Power. Matt 28:18-19; Luke 10:19; 2 Cor 10:4; 2 Cor 12:9-10
- Protection. Deuteronomy 33:26-27; Psalm 91
- The Support of Others. Psalm 68:6a; Matthew 18:20; Gal 6:2; 2 Cor 1:11, Phil 1:19)
- Father's Love. Rom 8:38-39; 1 John 4:18
- A Way out of Temptation. 1 Cor 10:13
- Prophetic Insight and Encouragement. 2 Chron 20:15

