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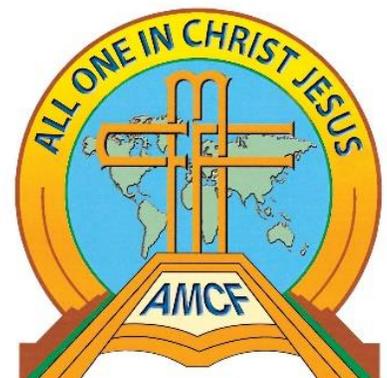
A New Beginning in India



The military Christian fellowship of India – Cornelius Network India – experienced the blessing of rebirth this year, ten years after it was founded. Through the years the MCF had died out, but in 2017 God brought new leadership, life, supporters, and members to the group.

In October, approximately 40 Cornelius Network members and guests gathered for a Pan-India leadership training conference, hosted by Military Ministry International (U.K.). Praise God for this revitalized MCF, and pray for their future ministries.

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Creative Ministry in Mongolia

Military believers in Mongolia's military Christian fellowship, Cornelius, have found creative ways to minister to their military members.

Many military members who are stationed away from home don't have easy access to Bible study materials, so the MCF has developed **internet Bible studies** for Mongolian soldiers serving in nations such as Sudan.

Additionally, the MCF has a thriving outreach to



military Christian cadets.

Some of their events have included basketball games, movie nights, and manicure and makeup nights.



Moldovan Military Christians Sharing Hope with Refugees

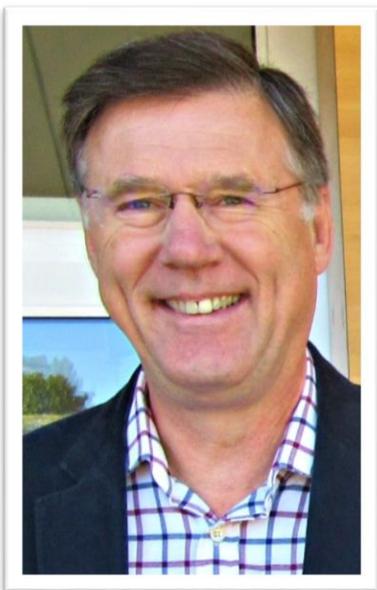


Military Christians in Moldova have gone to great lengths to help refugees living inside their nation's border by providing food, blankets, and fuel (coal, wood, etc.).

Praise God for their sacrificial work, and the work of many other MCFs around the world which exemplify James 1:27: **“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”**



New Team Leader for AMCF Partner Organization



An AMCF partner organization, Military Ministries International (MMI) in the U.K., have announced their new leader: "The MMI Trustees are delighted to announce that **they have appointed Major General Roddy Porter to be the next MMI Chief Executive/Team Leader (CE/TL)**, succeeding Colonel Jos McCabe. Roddy will assume his new role, which, as for Jos, will be part time, in April 2018. Roddy is now standing down as a MMI trustee to prepare for the appointment.

Of his long road to discerning a call to this work, Roddy said, "When Jos announced in 2015 that he would retire in two years, I

wondered if God might have a more direct role for me in MMI. I had many conversations with my prayer partners and, although passionate about MMI's work, I did not discern any such call; and I was still employed by another organisation.

"The call came dramatically, following my retirement from working in London, during October's ACCTS Staff Conference in White Sulphur Springs, Pennsylvania. **There, in a short space of time I heard the Lord's call resoundingly clear through several people in the AMCF family, including the President and folk I had not met until that week. I was amazed at how directly God spoke to me through others. I knew I had to apply.**"

The MMI Trustees investigated the call on his return to the UK and affirmed, after prayer and reflection, that this was a genuine call to the work. Trustees then conducted a pastoral review with Roddy and his wife, Marianne, to test and establish the call. A firm recommendation was made to November's meeting of Trustees. Roddy was offered the post thereafter, which he was pleased to accept.

Please pray for Roddy and Marianne as they prepare for this new role and for the entire MMI ministry in the months and years ahead.

MMI Ministry Overview

MMI exists to see the kingdom of God established and growing in the armed forces of the world.

They seek to achieve their mission through facilitating conferences, seminars, retreats, symposiums, training events and the like at local, national, regional, and international level throughout the regions they operate in: Africa, Europe South Asia, and the Middle East.

They support these activities and build and maintain relationships with individual Christians through correspondence and communication and by regular visits to Christians in the armed forces in these regions.

Long-time MMI staff member Homfray Vines has recently been appointed as the new chair of the MMI trustees.

For more information, visit their website at <http://www.mmi.org.uk/>

Intentional Prayer

Excerpts from an article by Anton Topilnyckyj, prayer coordinator for the MCF of Canada

Why is it that we seem to become busier in December than another month? It is the month we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, but many are so busy that, by the time Christmas day rolls around, they are exhausted and want it to end. Too many of our family and friends are walking around as if they had not seen sleep for days. They are jumpy, irritable, and their overall attitude reflects negativity toward the season of Christmas.

The Gospels reveal that Jesus believed in slowing down and taking time to catch His breath. He valued fellowship with His disciples but knew that He had to spend some time alone. During this time, He rested and spoke with the Father.

In Matthew chapter 6 He teaches that we should help those in need, be less concerned about accumulating worldly goods, fast to remember who's in control of our bodies, and learn how to pray.

Jesus says if we continually seek after Him all things will be



given us -- which I believe includes control daily, our daily lives.

Intentional prayer can occur as often as you plan for it. Intentional daily prayer

requires you to set aside some time in the evening to reflect on your day and speak with God about the blessings and concerns of the day.

Weekly intentional prayer time requires us to set aside 30 minutes or more of uninterrupted prayer time with God to talk about the decisions we may need to make or

problems we are struggling with and to also listen for God.

Many have gotten into the habit of trying to fill every moment with some sort of activity that excites emotions (even if it is anger). Only you know why you are busy and only you can assign activities to fill your day.

Jesus tells us if we take time to focus on God, we will be given...rest and peace.

Ensure you take time to stop and speak with God every day.



“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.”

Jesus, John 12:46

“Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.” -- Corrie Ten Boom





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