

Accts Military Ministries International

Update

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If you are reading this as an Email I hope you have spotted our new website at www.acctsmmi.com. On it you will find the updated programme, downloads for event fliers and programmes as they happen and links to key events like the AMCF European Conference. There is also the usual, History, About us, Our Ministry, etc pages. Please have a prowl around it. For those who do not use the Internet we continue to provide all our news as paper copy as well. Our **Active in Accts MMI Training Weekend** at the end of this month is nearly full – even for day visitors. If you cannot make it there will be recordings available for downloading or ordering as tapes/CDs on request.

Africa.

- † Since our Newsletter went out there has been a coups d'état in **Guinea** but as I write Colonel Gaston Gnomou¹ is visiting the authorities there who have confirmed that we will be able to hold the AMCF Francophone conference planned for April. Pray for Gaston and for the planning. One concern is that our Foreign Office advises against all travel to Guinea and we propose to send Paul Whitehead² to support Gaston and speak about MCFs. Our policy is not to go against FCO advice without prayerful consideration and agreement of our Executive Council and those involved.
- † Please keep former staff members, **Val and Gina Rajah** in your prayers. Val is still very unwell and Gina is exhausted. They are both still in Brazil.
- † General Njuki Mwaniki³ visited UK recently and Jos McCabe⁴ and Homfray Vines⁵ were able to meet with him and discuss AMCF and our work in his region. These fruitful discussions included Homfray's proposed trip to Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda in April as follow up to the Pan-Africa Conference last September.

Middle East.

- † Pray for plans for Richard Sandy's⁶ visit to **Morocco** from 16-30 April. This will be a ground-breaking event for Accts MMI.
- † We asked for prayer and support for plans for two members of the MCF in Khartoum to visit Juba (See Day 11 of the Quarterly Prayer Brief). This remains a priority and we would ask you to keep it in your prayers.

South Asia.

- † We ask for prayer for Chris West's⁷ plans for 2009. In outline he plans to go to the region three times – quite a change from the once every other year of 10 years ago. Praise God for the growth of our ministry in this region.
- † Please keep Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and India, all of whom have fellowships of different kinds, in your prayers.

Europe.

- † Rainer Thorun⁸ and Igor Sawicki⁹ recently visited the Caucasus region and report much interest amongst those they met, many of whom face difficult circumstances in following their faith.
- † Please pray for the Skiing Retreat facing funding difficulties as our co-hosts the Austrian MOD have had to increase the charges significantly. Please pray that we have sufficient funds to support those who will need sponsorship.
- † Praise God and pray for the Alpha for Forces course running in Poland at the moment. The purpose is to give a corps of MCF members experience of the Course so that they can run it themselves in their units.
- † Please keep praying for the AMCF European Conference in May and June. We have a feast of wonderful Godly speakers and very few delegates so far.

Prayer

- † Our Prayer Coordinator moved, hurriedly as their landlord wanted his house back, in early January from Norfolk to Hampshire. Please pray for Sue and her family as they settle into their new surroundings, schools, etc.
- † The Executive Council Retreat was held at Burnham Abbey where we were the guests of the Sisters of the Society of the Precious Blood and in particular Sister Victoria Mary. She worked in the MOD before she joined the Order and has a heart to pray for the armed forces both locally and internationally. It was a great time of sharing God's word together.

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⁶ RTL Middle East

⁷ RTL South Asia

⁸ RTL Europe

⁹ European Regional Staff Member

He will judge the world in righteousness;
he will govern the peoples with justice.
The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.
Psalm 9:8-10 (NIV)