

# Accts Military Ministries International

## Update

November 2009

**Thank you to everybody who prays for our work and also to those who responded so generously to our financial appeal.** Responses included a significant anonymous donation which has enabled us to support an additional key event in Africa seeking support just after we had received this major gift. Praise God for his provision in excess of our asking.

**Many will be aware of the number of people in military ministry that have recently been afflicted by serious illness or sudden bereavement.** Pray for Mark Fillingham, Linda Dunlap and Nigel Mumford.<sup>1</sup> Sadly we recently received news of the sudden death of an old friend of Accts MMI, Paul Pettijohn<sup>2</sup>. Please pray for his widow Lorraine and their family. If these illnesses are news to you and you wish to know more please contact the office by Email or telephone so we can update you.

### Africa.

- † TMTI<sup>3</sup> has just come to an end in Cape Town, **South Africa**. The focus was on the development of the MCF<sup>4</sup> leadership in South Africa and 5 national delegates attended. In addition delegates came from Malawi. Pray for the delegates as they return home that they will have been moved to be instrumental in the development of their local and national fellowships.
- † The MCF of **Kenya** leadership training course is underway. General Tim Cross<sup>5</sup> has gone on from TMTI to speak in Nairobi about military Christian Leadership. Alpha for Forces and Military Ministry of Campus Crusade are also there to lead on evangelism and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder respectively. Pray that this event will develop the leadership of the MCF and allow the current leadership to focus on international work in East Africa.

### Europe.

- † An Email this morning from Rainer Thorun<sup>6</sup> and Igor Sawicki<sup>7</sup> travelling in **Bulgaria** spoke again of the need for a military chaplaincy to be formed there. They will meet with a politician involved in the discussions who is in favour of the proposal, although most are against. Pray for this meeting, the establishment of a chaplaincy and other discussions with the MCF. **Greece** (Komotini and Athens) will be the next stop hosted by a delegate from the AMCF European Conference earlier this year.
- † Mark Hibbert-Hingston<sup>8</sup> and Torbjörn Boström<sup>9</sup> were very well received on their recent missionary trip to **Belarus** to re-establish our relationship with the fellowship there – praise God!

### Middle East.

- † Discussions are still going on to hold a training event in **Khartoum** for chaplains in the police, prison service and armed forces. Richard Sandy<sup>10</sup> is very much involved but leadership in the planning process is with a third party. The most likely date seems to be sometime in January 2010. Please keep this matter in your prayers.

### South Asia.

- † Praise God for Chris West's<sup>11</sup> missionary trip to **India** and **Sri Lanka** in October and pray for the trip to **Bangladesh** and **Nepal** (15-24 November). In India and Sri Lanka there was much to be encouraged about concerning the development of the MCFs. New appointments have been made in both and Chris' presence was clearly a considerable encouragement.

**Our work depends on your prayer and financial support.** If you are able to help, on-line donation is possible at our website [www.acctsmmi.com](http://www.acctsmmi.com) by clicking on the buttons in the **Donate** box or use the response form and FREEPOST envelope enclosed in your recent Newsletter.

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<sup>1</sup> Mark (former AMCF Vice President for South and Central Europe) has oesophageal cancer, Linda (wife of ACCTS USA Executive Director, Cal Dunlap) has had an arm and shoulder amputation to stop the spread of cancer. Nigel Mumford (USA based ex-Royal Marine and speaker at AMCF European Conference 2009) has pneumonia brought on by swine flu and is coming out of a 2 week medically induced coma.

<sup>2</sup> Paul died of a massive brain aneurism on 5 Nov 09. He had been Executive Director of the Officers Christian Fellowship (USA) for 22 years and since 1995 as a missionary with Military Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Table Mountain Top Interaction.

<sup>4</sup> Military Christian Fellowship.

<sup>5</sup> Accts MMI Trustee.

<sup>6</sup> Accts MMI Regional Team Leader (Europe).

<sup>7</sup> Accts MMI Regional staff member from Poland.

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<sup>9</sup> AMCF Vice President for North and East Europe

<sup>10</sup> Accts MMI Regional Team Leader (Middle East).

<sup>11</sup> Accts MMI Regional Team Leader (South Asia).