

### Programme 2008-09

(Name in brackets refers to Accts MMI representative; see staff & trustee details over.)

#### April

Albanian MCF Conference (Thorun)

Marriage Review Seminar (Poland) (Thorun)

Francophone Africa Chaplains Conference (Whitehead)

#### May

Cadet Camp Lithuania (McCabe) Travel in Jordan and Israel (Sandy and Barritt)

Travel in Armenia (Clare, former trustee now volunteer)

Travel to Caucasus Region (Thorun and Sawicki)

#### June

Bulgaria MCF 10th Anniversary (Chappell, volunteer)

Travel in Southern Africa (McCabe)

Prayer Day (UK)

#### July

Sailing Retreat (Thorun)

Exhibit at New Wine (UK)

Trustees Summer meeting

#### September

AMCF Pan-African Conference, Kenya (McCabe, Vines & Seii)

Family Seminar & Travel in Moldova (Thorun)

Travel in India and Pakistan (West)

#### October

Travel in Malaysia & Singapore (West)

AMCF Conference Bali (West & Hellberg, former trustee now volunteer)

#### November

Day of Prayer for Armed Forces (UK)

Travel to Lebanon (Sandy)

Trustees Residential meeting

Nepal MCF Annual Meeting and travel to Bangladesh (McCabe)

#### January

Executive Council Retreat

#### February

Training & Supporters Weekend (Salisbury)

#### March

Skiing Retreat (Thorun)

Trustees Spring Meeting

## Objectives & Activities of Accts MMI

**Accts MMI was established by Trust Deed in 1974 for the promotion of the Christian faith. Since its inception it has focussed its activities on the armed forces to encourage and equip men and women in the armed forces of the world to be effective Christian disciples at work and at home, growing as Christians and making other disciples.**

Accts MMI's work advances Christianity by promoting mature and effective Military Christian Fellowships (MCF) and Chaplaincies that follow orthodox Christian teaching in particular with regard to the profession of arms. This work is with all those in the armed forces of the world prepared to listen to the Christian message and/or receive Christian ministry.

Accts MMI seeks to achieve its

mission through facilitating conferences, seminars retreats, symposiums and the like at local, national, regional and international level throughout the regions we operate in. Those are: Africa, South Asia, Europe and The Middle East. To support these activities we build and maintain relationships through communication, correspondence and by regular visits to Christians in these regions' armed forces. Accts

MMI also maintains contact and communication with existing chaplaincies in the countries in which it operates and supports efforts to form chaplaincies in countries which currently do not have them.

Accts MMI is one of three principle supporting organizations for the worldwide Association of Military Christian Fellowships.

## Review of Achievements 2008-09

The programme of activities for Accts MMI staff and volunteers on the left shows how comprehensively the organization has achieved its objectives in the reporting year. Particular highlights include the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) conferences in Kenya and Indonesia. The latter, a first for both Accts MMI and the Indonesian Military Christian Fellowship.

In Bali one hundred and ten delegates participated, 38 from overseas and 72 from Indonesia, including 26 courageous serving officers from the Indonesian armed forces. Two main themes were addressed - *Christian Leadership* and *How to Cope with Persecution in the Armed Forces and Police*.

At the AMCF Pan-African Conference in Nairobi over 300 delegates from 31 African nations (including 9 nations without a current military Christian fellowship (MCF) or chaplaincy) gathered to hear how we can be the *Salt and Light* of the world, with particular reference to the military profession. The Conference, which was opened by the President of Kenya, also celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the first African MCF in Ghana.

Less high profile were the other firsts this year such as travel in the Caucasus region (May) and to Lebanon (November). On both journeys Accts MMI staff were able to make contact with Christians with a heart for those in the armed forces and wanting to see MCFs launched. In both these regions acute sensitivity is needed and Accts MMI's experience over the last 35 years has taught staff how to proceed appropriately.

Travelling to meet contacts, encouraging MCF members and assisting in the planning of local or regional activities is the bread and butter of Accts MMI's ministry. Visits from Accts MMI staff are highly valued, especially in countries like Pakistan and India (September) where maintaining an active fellowship is a challenge and may be opposed by those with a different religious perspective.

On-going communication and follow-up is essential in nurturing young MCFs and that was the purpose of visits to Nepal and Bangladesh in November. It has been most encouraging to see how these Fellowships, formed in the last 4 years have grown in strength and maturity.

The encouragement, teaching and support for the junior leaders in the armed forces has always been recognized as a key area of the Accts MMI ministry. For this reason each year skiing and sailing retreats are organized in March and August respectively. These provide the atmosphere and environment that active young military men and women enjoy. Nonetheless teaching and discussion sessions are serious and often have a deep personal impact on the attendees affecting their views of their profession and the application of their faith to it.

Keeping supporters informed and up to date with our activities is vital in an organisation that sees prayer as its foundation. In addition to quarterly Newsletters and prayer briefs Accts MMI holds a supporters and Training Weekend called *Active in Accts MMI* in February each year and Prayer Day in June. These events give greater visibility to our supporters of our work and also the opportunity to meet with and question the Accts MMI staff. Guests from overseas are usually invited to take part in these events providing yet further insights into our ministry.

# Financial Review 2008-09\*

The reporting year saw a significant increase in our income over previous years and with one exception (2006-07 a major legacy year). The charts below illustrate that this income was sufficient for our activities and has given a small surplus to carry forward. The graph alongside illustrates the financial growth of the organization since it was founded and is an encouragement as we seek significant growth through a higher profile in the next financial year. Trustees decided to raise the organization's reserves to £15,000 by 2011 and it has been possible to move to £13,000 in the current financial year.

We are pleased to report that the ratio of Governance Costs to Cost of Charitable Activities has reverted to previous levels of <20%.

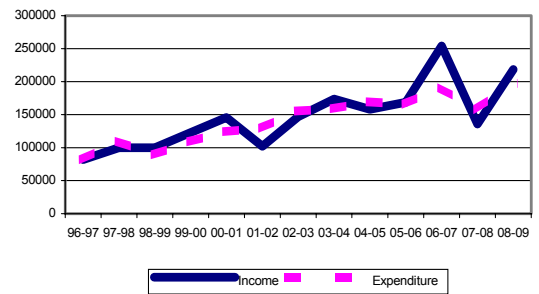
Trustees were grateful for three significant, generous anonymous donations at critical points in the year and acknowledged them through the donors' agents.

Also notable in the reporting period was a successful campaign to raise funds to support the AMCF Pan-African Conference in September 2009. (See over)

Work is underway to increase our profile and thereby our income over

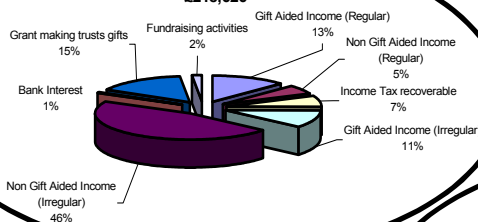
the next 3 years. The first Tranche of this will be raising an additional £13,000 income in FY10.

Accts MMI Income & Expenditure from 1996-2009

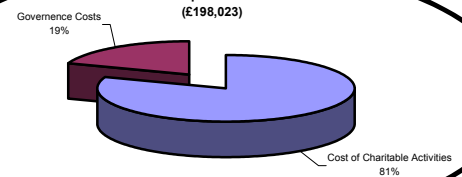


\* This Financial Review complements the Accts MMI Financial Policy set out in the annual accounts presented to the Charities Commission and available from the Accts MMI office.

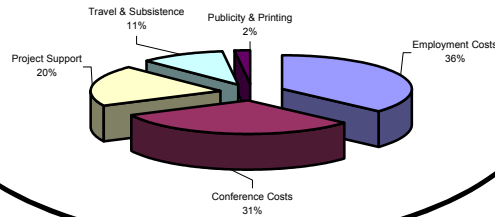
Analysis of Income  
£218,626



Expenditure  
(£198,023)



Cost of Charitable Activities  
(£169,559)



## Aim and Constitution of Accts Military Ministries International

"The vision of Accts MMI is to see the Kingdom of God established and growing in the military of every country we serve."

Accts MMI (the working name of the Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching and Service) is a private organisation; non-denominational and unrelated to any specific church or government body. It was constituted by a Trust Deed dated 20 December 1974 and is a registered UK charity, number 284203. It has sister organisations in the United States of America and South Korea which operate along similar lines but with different areas of interest and different, independent boards of directors. There is some overlap and partnership in activities. In the year 2008-09 Accts MMI's major areas of operation were Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

### Management

Accts MMI staff are responsible to an Executive Council chaired by a Chief Executive/Team Leader, reporting to the Accts MMI Trustees. The Executive Council meets approximately every 6 weeks

### Trustees

Trustees are recruited by invitation and appointed by the existing trustees as set out in the Trust Deed. Trustees meet 3 times each year in Spring, Summer and Autumn. The following are currently serving as trustees or served during 2008-09:

Mr Ian Willis (Chairman) (resigned November 2008), Mr David Thomson (Chairman from November 2008), Mr Peter Roberts (resigned November 2008), Mrs Sue Millard, Maj (Retd) David Baldwin MBE, Capt Mike Barritt RN, Maj Gen (Retd) Tim Cross CBE, Revd Richard Hovey, Revd John Whitton (appointed July 2008), Mrs Yvonne Cobbold (Appointed March 2009). Eight out of a maximum of 10 appointments were filled at the time of reporting.

### Accts MMI Staff

Chief Executive/Team Leader	Col (Retd) Jos McCabe OBE
Africa Team Leaders	Col (Retd) Jos McCabe OBE (West & Francophone), Maj (Retd) Homfray Vines (East & Southern)
Europe Team Leader	Oberstlt a.D. Rainer Thorun
South Asia Team Leader	Mr Chris West
Middle East Team Leader	Col (Retd) Richard Sandy
African Staff	Col Gaston Gnoumou (Burkina Faso) (Retired 31 December 2008) Maj John Seii (Retd) (Kenya) (Retired 31 March 2009)
European Staff	Col (Retd) Igor Sawicki (Poland), Revd Paul Whitehead (UK)
Prayer Coordinator	Mrs Sue Millard
Secretary	Lt Col (Retd) Mike Paterson OBE
Fin & Admin Secretary	Mrs Judith Hillary

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