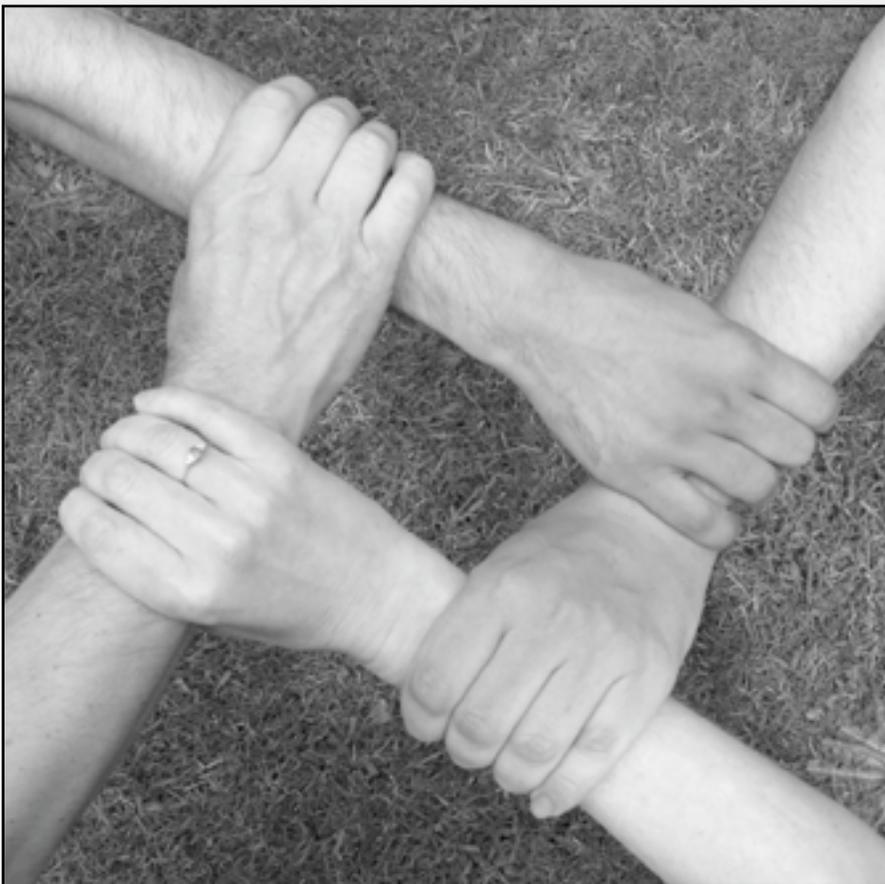


All One in Christ Jesus



AMCF's motto, "All One in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28), reflects our desire to seek oneness in Christ rather than focus on the differences that military Christians inevitably have when they come from a variety of churches, cultures, and countries. We pray that the following quotations will help all of us become an answer to Christ's prayer in John 17:11: "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name — the name you gave me — so that they may be one as we are one."

In necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, liberty; in all things, charity.
-- Augustine

Humility is the secret of fellowship, and pride the secret of division.
-- Robert C. Chapman

The world is not looking at our tracts and rallies and telecasts and study manuals. It is looking at us and how we behave. When it fails to see the unity of Jesus' followers -- the church -- it fails to see the validation that Christ is indeed the Son of the Living God. -- Charles Colson, The Body

I found it refreshing and instructive to discover that a saint could vigorously disagree

with another saint and both still be holy. Charity seems to stretch far enough to cover a diversity of opinions, as well as a multitude of sins. -- Hilda (614-680 a.d.)

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is His new creation by water and the Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride, with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died. Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth, her charter of salvation -- One Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

-- Samuel J. Stone

South America:

Impassioned Presentations and Reconciliation

The AMCF South American Regional Conference was held in Chile in October with nine of the ten South American countries represented. Among the highlights of the conference were the enthusiastic and exuberant worship of the participants, the very visible participation of large groups of Chilean Christians in uniform, and impassioned, eloquent presentations by the speakers. All of the MCFs reported on the progress of God's work among those in uniform in their countries. There were also special sessions

for the wives of those in uniform. Additionally, ACCTS staff members Bob and B.J. Reifsnnyder report, "There was a moment of high emotion when the Bolivian delegation publicly asked forgiveness of the Chilean brothers over the resentment they had long harbored due to a longstanding conflict between these two countries. They bowed on their faces before the congregation and the Chilean Christians lined up to embrace, forgive, and be reconciled."

Innovative Ministry Ideas: Cooking Classes



"Eating is always good!" said one Korean general with a smile as he explained how Korean military Christians taught a cooking class to participants at a 2006 Cambodian English language camp. The class taught basic Asian cooking skills while also giving the teachers a chance to share their faith in Christ. In addition to the cooking classes, the Koreans hosted karate exhibitions and drama presentations, all of which incorporated presentations of the gospel.

Welcome to the AMCF Family!

We rejoice that military Christians in Angola, Bangladesh, Madagascar, and Mauritius have, in the last few months, formed military Christian fellowships! It took much preparation to start these groups, and sometimes their formation looked doubtful, as one Christian shared: "It seemed almost impossible that this important legal recognition by the government of Angola would become a reality so quickly ... Our experience here in Angola enables me to testify to everyone who has supported MCF Angola with

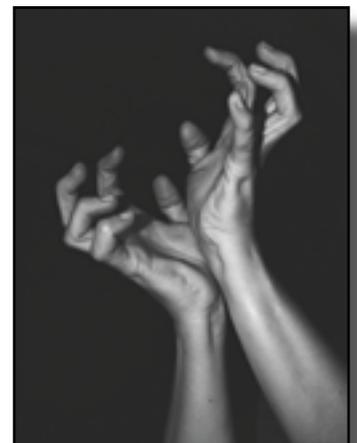
prayers and assistance that God has great mercies for us and the work that has been accomplished here."

Pray that the members of these new organizations will have the eyes of their hearts enlightened so that they may know the hope to which God has called them, the riches of His glorious inheritance, and His incomparably great power for those who believe (Ephesians 1:18,19).

Military Christian Martyrs

"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Rev. 2:10

In October Crosswalk.com reported that two military Christians in Eritrea had been tortured to death: "Immanuel Andegergesh, 23, and Kibrom Firemichel, 30, died from torture wounds and severe dehydration in a military camp outside the town of Adi-Quala, eyewitnesses told Compass. The military buried the two unmarried men yesterday in the southern Eritrean town near the Ethiopian border, where they had been performing their military service."



Forgiveness is Fundamental



Photo courtesy of U.N.

Forgiveness is a fundamental issue of the Christian faith and probably the most important thing that every human being needs in life – both to be forgiven and also to forgive others. One of the greatest truths of the Christian message is that Jesus died on the cross for us as individuals so that we might be forgiven for our sins. That's wonderful news, but perhaps we are not quite as keen to hear that as a result of Christ's forgiveness of us, we must in turn forgive our brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues, teachers and leaders, governments and nations, those we love and those we don't! One test of whether we have truly forgiven is to ask ourselves whether we could pray a blessing upon an individual rather than rehearsing speeches to offend them! *Excerpts from <http://www.flameinternational.org/teaching/forgiveness.asp>*

South Asia: Building Networks of Support

Regional Conference and Interaction Report

October's South Asian Regional Conference, held in Sri Lanka, provided opportunities for discussions between military Christians who are developing their military Christian fellowships within the constraints of their country's culture and laws.

Participants from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Taiwan, UK, and USA attended the conference, which had as its theme, "Be Strong in the Lord" (Ephesians 6:10). The main speaker powerfully and effectively shared the Word of God using illustrations taken from the lives of David, Nehemiah, and Jesus.

National representatives reported on the history and progress of their MCF and participants could attend four workshops on the themes of marriage in the military context, prayer support and planning, standing strong as a Christian minority, and facing ethical dangers.

A Mini-Interaction leadership program was held after the conference and covered the concepts of inductive Bible study, conversational prayer, and Christian leadership. AMCF's vice president for South Asia, General Weerasooriya, shared his vision for the development of MCFs in the region, stressing the principle of partnership between countries.

Among the many blessings of this conference were excellent teaching, praise and worship. **The conference also was an answer to prayer as it allowed regional MCF members to develop a network of support and cooperation to help each other face the challenges of military ministry in this region of the world.**



AMCF Associates Step Down



Commander Michael Piper (OBE Royal Navy, Retired), who along with his wife Sue has been associated with AMCF and Accts MMI for nearly 30 years, has stepped down from his Accts MMI ministry in South Asia. Michael Piper's ministry travels in these last years focused entirely on South Asia, encouraging military Christians "to establish fellowship groups with a view to becoming fully grown MCFs making an impact for Christ amongst their own armed forces," writes Mike Paterson of Accts MMI.

Inge Wold (Captain, Royal Norwegian Air Force, Retired) has stepped down from his dual positions with two AMCF sister organizations -- ACCTS (USA) and Accts MMI (UK). Before serving with those two organizations, Captain Wold was the AMCF vice president for Europe for nine years. ACCTS' executive director, Cal Dunlap, writes, "We have so appreciated Inge's faithfulness to military ministry in Europe. Only God knows the full extent of what he has accomplished, but we have seen fruits of his efforts in many ways. One of his gifts is the ability to develop strong one-on-one relationships, and the fruits from those friendships will continue on throughout the years, even after he moves into a retirement period."

