

# Annual Report April 2010 - March 2011

### **Programme 2010-11**

(Names in brackets refer to MMI representative; see staff/trustee details over.)

#### 2010

#### **April**

Travel in Burkina Faso Travel in Latvia Travel in the Caucasus

#### May

Lithuanian Cadet Bible Camp AMCF East Africa Conference Travel in Rwanda & Burundi Travel in Indonesia

#### June

SIMM Week (UK)

Alpha International Conference

**Prayer Day** 

French Protestant military meeting

Travel in Russia

MEO South Korea

#### July

New Wine Conference (Display) (UK) Travel in The Gambia & Guinea-Bissau

#### **August**

Sailing Retreat (Holland) World Conference 2014 planning meeting South Africa

#### September

**ACCTS USA Staff & Board Meetings** 

#### October

Travel in Syria

Travel in Romania & Moldova Marriage teaching in Moldova

Table Mountain Top Interaction (South Africa)

Lausanne Conference 3rd World Congress

#### November

East Africa Prayer Week Travel in Bangladesh and Nepal Trustees Residential meeting Travel in Pakistan Travel in Egypt

#### <u>2011</u>

#### January

New RTL (Eur) Executive Council Retreat

Skiing Retreat (Austria)

#### **February**

AMCF European Military Christian Meeting, (Germany) Supporters' Weekend (Salisbury, UK)

Travel in India
Travel in Jordan

#### March

Travel in Serbia & RTL (Eur) Commissioning

AMCF Conference meeting Sri Lanka ACCTS USA Staff Meeting Travel in East Africa

## Military Ministries International takes on additional staff and volunteers

In the last year Military Ministries International has taken on four new staff members. Three working in Europe and one in Southern Africa. They bring new gifts, skills and experience to the Ministry but with one common factor - they all felt God calling them to this work. Grozdan Stoevski, our new Regional Team Leader for Europe needed to find a new job but felt God calling him back into military ministry so waited with patient obedience and then heard about our recruiting a new RTL (Europe). We were delighted that he had applied and the interview process confirmed that we should call him into MMI. The others are Mike Terry, ex-RN and now Rev Mike Terry, with a particular interest in Italy and Serbia; Mark Hibbert-Hingston, ex-Army now working for Street Pastors, with a particular interest in Russia and Belarus; and Samuel Cóias, former Portuguese Air Force, to work in the Portuguese speaking countries in Southern Africa.

#### Objectives & Activities of 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.

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.

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. These are: Africa, Europe, Middle East and South Asia. To support these activities we build and maintain relationships through communication, correspondence and by regu-

lar visits to Christians in these regions' armed forces. 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.

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

#### Review of MMI activities in 2010-11

The past year's calendar has been dominated by staff travelling to meet, encourage and pray with Christian's in the world's armed forces. All members of staff, including the Secretary and the Fin & Admin Secretary have been in the field. It has been a most demanding year. Of particular current significance are new contacts in

cance are new contacts in Syria and Egypt. A new Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) Vice President for the Middle East has been appointed and the coincidental development of our activities in the Middle East with the growing geo-political crisis in the region has not escaped our notice, or our prayers.

Similarly we have been active in East Africa where an AMCF Regional Conference was held in May. A Prayer Week in November 2010 and travels in the region at the end of the fi-

nancial year followed up the Conference and we look forward to further developments with delegates from the region attending MMI UK based events in the new year.

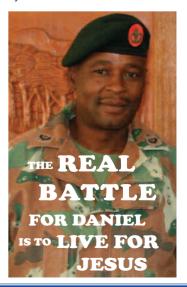
MMI Chief Executive/ Team Leader, Colonel Jos McCabe and RTL (East & Southern Africa), Homfray Vines, took part in the 3rd World Congress of the Lausanne Movement, held in Cape Town. This led to our new contacts in Egypt among others in Africa.

MMI Secretary, Mike Paterson, left the office to attend the Annual Conferences of the Nepal and Bangladesh MCFs gaining valuable experience and meeting the people MMI exists to support. He met soldiers whose choice to pursue their Christian faith had meant hardship and even death threats.

New key contacts in Serbia are being developed in the coming year and visits at

Bishop and Chief Chaplain level are being arranged.

MMI needs to continue to grow in order to support an increasing number of MCFs become mature and effective. That is the MMI vision and it remains undimmed for the year ahead.



### Financial Review 2010-11\*

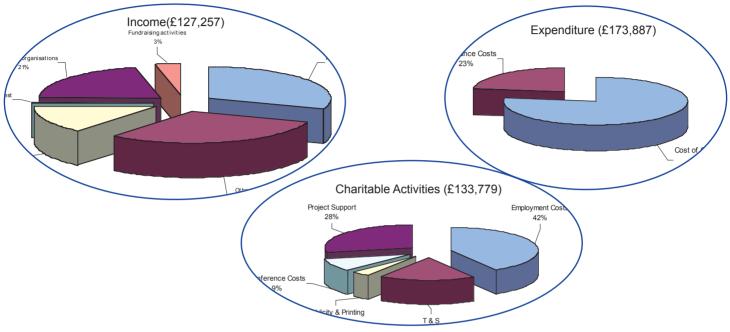
IMI has not been unscathed by the financial climate and the heavy negative messages from the "experts". However, we were grateful to be able to bring forward funds from the previous financial vear (FY2010) that allowed us to conduct a full programme of

projects, conferences and missionary travel. While our bank balance remains healthy when restricted and designated funds are taken into account we carry foward a modest deficit (£8,820) into the new year (FY2012) which is covered by our reserve. The implications for FY2012 are being closely monitored by the CE/TL and Trustees.

Towards the end of the year a few new supporter standing orders were established in response to the appeal and distribution of a new brochure. It is planned to make greater

use of the brochure to encourage an increasing number of financial supporters.

Our percentage of Governance costs within our overall expenditure is unchanged at 23%. The charts below provide a greater analysis of MMI's income and expenditure.



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

#### Aim and Constitution of Military Ministries International

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

(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 2010-11 MMI's major areas of operation were Europe, Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

#### Management

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

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 2010-11:

Mr David Thomson (Chairman), Maj (Retd) David Baldwin MBE, Capt Mike Barritt RN, Maj Gen (Retd) Tim Cross CBE, Mrs Yvonne Cobbold, Revd Paul Cowley, Maj Gen (Retd) Arnvid Løvbukten (Norway), Lt Col (Retd) Innocent Shams (Pakistan), Eight out of a maximum of 10 appointments were filled at the time of reporting and 2 potential trustees are attending meetings.

#### **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** 

Lt (Retd) Grozdan Stoevski (Bulgaria)

South Asia Team Leader Mr Chris West

Middle East Team Leader Col (Retd) Richard Sandy

Africa Staff Lt Col (Retd) Samuel Cóias (Portugal)

Col (Retd) Igor Sawicki (Poland), Oberstlt a.D. Rainer Thorun (Germany), Revd Paul Whitehead; **European Staff** 

Maj (Retd) Mark Hibbert-Hingston, Revd Cdr Mike Terry RN (Retd)

**Prayer Coordinator** Mrs Sue Millard

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