

1st Wednesday Prayer Hour – October 2015

MMI keeps the first Wednesday of the month as a day for corporate prayer. The hour set aside is 9.00am-10.00am, but for those who are not able to join in prayer then, please use these notes to pray for an hour at some time during the day.

In the last few weeks and months several countries in South-eastern Europe have been flooded with thousands of refugees and migrants from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries in the Middle East. Train stations and parks have been turned into tent camps and check points. Society in these countries is divided. Some see a cunning plan of militant Islamists to invade Europe disguised as refugees, others see ordinary people fleeing the horrors of war, still others see people who just want a better life in a better place.



What should be the proper Christian response? What does the Bible has to say about this?

There are several passages that can provide guidance and instruction.

Lev 19:34:

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Num 15:16:

One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you."

Mat 10:16: Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves

Matt 25:34-46: Feeding the hungry and taking care of the stranger

Luke 10:29-37: The Parable of the Good Samaritan – “Who is my neighbour?”

The latter is the theme of the Croatian MCF Conference, taking place now, Oct 5-8 near Rjeka. It has international participants from several other countries including Bulgaria, Macedonia, Hungary, Italy, UK and South Korea. Grozdan and Mike Terry will share about MMI and AMCF and also teach on Leadership and Stewardship.

“Who is my neighbour?” This is a good question for reflection and for prayer for all of us in our various ways of providing ministry to the military community in all the countries where MMI serves.

What to thank God for

1. We thank God and praise Him for the many years of fruitful and faithful ministry of Mike Paterson who has just recently retired.

2. We thank God for Cdr (Ret) Rev. Mike Terry as the newly appointed AMCF VP for South and Central Europe.
3. We thank God for His blessing on the Summer Adventure Retreat which was took place at the end of August.
4. We thank God for Richard's most recent trip – for protection, divine appointments and anointing in the meetings and ministry provided

For Prayer

1. Our co-worker and partner in the Gospel, Jim Greshel went to be with the Lord on Oct 1 and we pray for his family. We praise God for Jim and his legacy in the ministry of ACCTS.
2. Christine Hawkins has had a bad fall and is still in hospital. Pray for her fast and full recovery.
3. The Portuguese MCF (MEP) conference is taking place in Lisbon this month. Four Africa Portuguese speakers are planning to attend – 2 from Cape Verde, 1 from Mozambique and 1 from Guinea Bissau. RTL Europe, Grozdan Stoevski will also be there and hopes to be in contact with a Spanish delegate as well.
4. The Romanian MCF also hold their annual conference this month.
5. Pray for the preparation for the International Orthodox Military Christian Consultation to be held in November. So far several delegates from various countries have confirmed, but not yet all who are expected to attend. Pray for the visa process for those who need them and for sufficient resources to make the event happen. Pray for Grozdan as he gives leadership and coordinates this activity on behalf of MMI.
6. Pray for plans and preparations for RTL S Asia's trip to Nepal and India in November. Especially pray for important meetings in Lucknow - that the right people are involved, for good fellowship and unity in Christ; for insight, wisdom and understanding by all and an agreement to move forward together.
7. Pray for Mark as he plans to travel to Ukraine in December
8. Pray for the right decision on the Skiing Retreat – who to coordinate and give leadership, sufficient funds, enough participants, good cooperation with the Austrian Chaplaincy.
9. Pray for Jos, Sue and Jo as they run the MMI office and admin in the new structure. Pray for the right arrangement of this .
10. Continue to pray for finance and resource to allow the MMI ministry to continue.

Rev Grozdan Stoevski
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