**1st Wednesday Reflection & Prayer Hour July 20***MMI keeps the first Wednesday of the month as a day for corporate prayer. Please use these notes to pray for an hour at some time during the day. Do please share with us any scriptures pictures or insights that you receive as you spend time reflecting and praying.*

**Reflection:**

***Psalm 37:23.....The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and He delighteth in his way***.

God gives direction through His word as to the way we should walk (live). His word is a roadmap for travel destinations; in it we see the way to respond and deal with situations. The word is the compass which helps to know the direction of God's travel.

* The Bible reminds us that there is none good but one, that is God (Mk 10:18)
* Psalm 37:23, tells us two things:

1. A good man's steps are ordered (established/directed)

 2. God delights in this person's walk.

* David saw God's direction in his own life without being dictated to; David made his own choices which sometimes deviated from Gods path and derailed him.

**First,** let us view the text in the context of our personal lives and also as a collective body. God is in our  midst directing our travel, therefore we should be encouraged:

* In both a personal and organizational sense, God is the one who has called and established us to live a certain way (The Kingdom way of living)
* Through studying, praying and waiting God's vision for the ministry becomes clearer and we are able to run on those wheels.
* Paul told Timothy in 2 Tim 2:15 to continue in God's word, to show himself a seasoned worker/ministry (MMI), who handles the things of God correctly (with better  understanding and application) as expected for the ministry and its responsibilities.

**Secondly,** God delights in the way of a good man

* Mt 16:24/Mk8:34 shows us the way to delight God.
* So, as we consider our organizational, regional or personal priorities, we are invited to Deny ourselves, take up our worries (uncertainties) and make our way to Jesus - continuously. Christ called us knowing that we will be carrying burdens but also gives assurance they will be dealt with, provided we share with Him.
* Permit me to stress that selflessness is imperative in making those future plans for our ministries and on behalf of MMI.

I am confident that we will trust The Lord, acknowledge Him in all our ways, so that He shall direct our organizational and individual paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Prayer:

Almighty God, You are so Good and Great,

For we are humbled by your love.

Your love, which has brought us to this point of our lives.

May we continually know your ways as The Holy Spirit leads us.

May we see your beloved Jesus Christ only and alone in our walk with you.

Teach us the way to serve and be humbled servants in this privileged ministry.

Father be attentive to our solemn prayers which we make through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you Our God be glory, honour and praise forever.

Amen

*By Eddy Amponsah (field worker West Africa)   Jul 20*

**Prayers:**

**We give thanks in June for:**

MMI’s International Prayer ‘Day’ (via zoom) involving 38 countries and 97 participants.

The developing virtual, regional, prayer groups in each region, allowing military Christians in places where it is difficult, particularly in the Middle East region, to have fellowship and prayer with others in similar situations in the region.

**Pray in July for:**

**5th July:** **EMCM pt 2**. (part 1 was on June 28!)  Give thanks that EMCM is taking place all be it  in a reduced, virtual format, over 2 Sunday afternoons. Pray for all those taking part to hear what the Lord is saying to them and leading them on to.

**9th July: Trustees meeting**. Sadly, this will be a virtual meeting via zoom. Homfray will be stepping down as Chair of trustees and Rev Mark Chester, who is currently our vice chair will assume responsibility as Chair. Do pray for Homfray as he steps down, thanking God for all he has done and for a sense of release from the concerns of being  MMI chair of trustees. Pray for Mark as he takes on the role, for Holy Spirit wisdom and guidance, for energy, faith and inspiration. Pray over the meeting, for God’s direction and purposes to be understood in each decision to be made.

**7th July:** E from Azerb….n has requested prayer for 2 family members starting conscripted military service on 7th July, particularly that God will protect them and use them to spread the Christian faith in the Army.

**Pray for J,** a serving officer in the Middle East who has many pressures and calls on his limited resources, trying to support new and seeking believers, battling difficult finances and a demanding job. Pray for him to be filled and refreshed in the Holy Spirit, for wisdom and guidance and for an out pouring of blessings on him and his fellowship. Pray for practical solutions to the practical problems and for the Peace of the Lord.

**Pray for R** in a Middle East country, as he encourages people to meet with Jesus and disciples those who have. Pray for some difficult relationships to be resolved and for his acceptance by other leaders.

**Italy MCF:** Recently the Italian MoD has declined the request of the Italian MCF for formal registeration. Pray that the obstacles will be removed, that the Italian MCF leadership will be guided to the right people and right action to make an appeal and that permission will be granted in God’s time and way.

**Summer Adventure Retreat (SAR):** A reduced but actual, physical SAR looks possible in Bulgaria, with neighbouring countries probably being able to participate. Pray for Grozdan as he plans the retreat in faith.

**MMI:** Understandably, and like most charities, our irregular giving is significantly down. Please pray for continuing financial resource to enable MMI minister as the Lord leads, and so we can ‘Go’ as soon as we are able to.

*With thanks for your continuing prayer support*