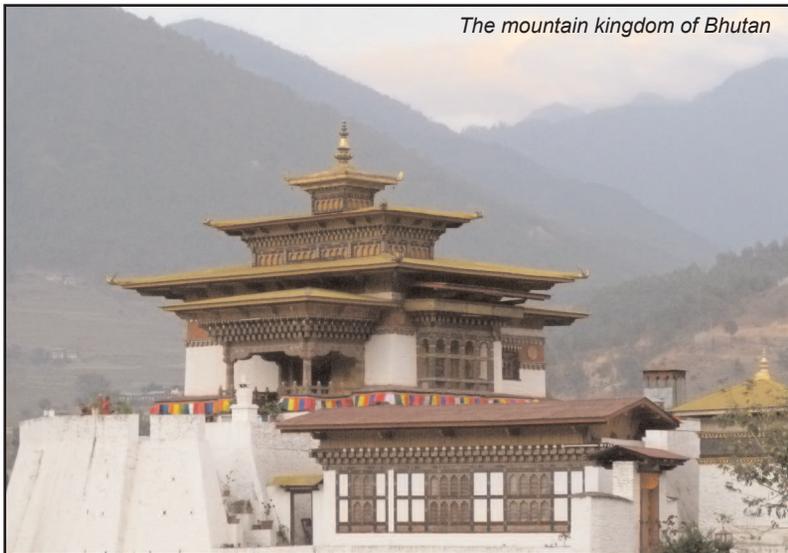


### Prayers answered – Visit accomplished – Praise God!



*The mountain kingdom of Bhutan*

**Regional Team Leader,  
Chris West**

**has an amazing missionary trip.**

**Kolkata** - visited for the first time - a blank canvas.

**Bhutan** - a mysterious, exciting country with restricted expensive entry and a visit planned through someone I had never met.

**Nepal** - a familiar country with brothers and sisters I knew well and so a time to deepen relationships.

➤ See page 2 for RTL, Chris West's full story

### ... and in Lithuania Cadets are exercised



*Spiritual exercise and ...*



*... physical exercise*

**“I am strengthened and reassured, not only in my faith ...”**

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#### MMI 2012 Programme

July		23-27	September		October
21-4/8	New Wine (UK)	Marriage Seminar (Moldova) (Thorun) Mission trip to Russia (Stoevski & HH) Mission trip to East Africa (Vines)	7-9	Polish MCF 15th anniversary meeting	29-31 Hungary Euroseminar
12-17	Sailing Retreat (Netherlands)			Mission trip to Khar-toum (tbc) (RJS)	<b>November</b>
21-23	Mission trip to Angola & São Tomé et Príncipe (Coias)			26-30 “Warrior Training” (South Africa) Mission trip to Assam	
				Discipleship Course launch in Pakistan	

# South Asia

## Prayers answered – Visit accomplished – Praise God! Chris West in South Asia

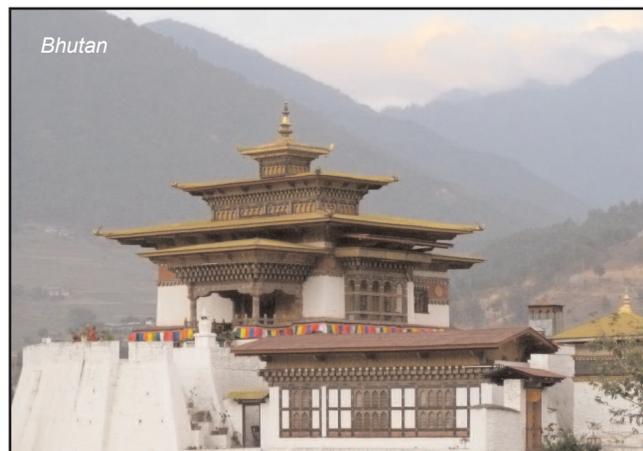
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Bishop Ashoke and Col (Retd) Andrews discuss 'Biblical Service' with Chris West

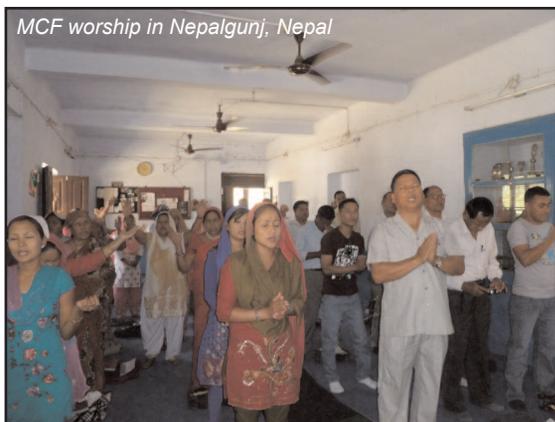
At noon on the day of arrival Bishop Ashoke Biswas and Col (Retd) Andrews met me in 'Bishop's House' Kolkata. We discussed Chaplaincy and the Regiments in the Assam and Nagaland regions. They confirmed the possibility of using the MMI Biblical Service course as a tool to relate to the Christians in the regiments to encourage them in their service for Christ. The Bishop introduced me to General Mukherjee – a retired commander and Rev Martin, who had been a religious teacher of the Assam Regiments. There were some rare privileges during the visit generously assisted by the Bishop's provision of a car and driver – communion at 6.30am the day after I

arrived, sharing in the morning study and prayer time with the Cathedral brethren, visiting William Carey's College in Serampore and addressing the new intake. General Mukherjee shared with me that he had survived 4 helicopter crashes during his army service and had vivid memories of the partition of India in 1947. He and his wife have an intimate knowledge of the cultural situation between the civil and military communities in the Assam/Nagaland area. Meeting the secretary of the Bible Society and discussing camouflage covered Bibles was the last appointment on this visit having arrived with only one item on the agenda.



After an exciting approach through the mountains in heavy turbulence into Paro airport, Bhutan, I was met by the leader of this new group. He and the person who had coordinated the visit drove me 5 hours through the spectacular scenery to the place where we would meet. Over two days I was able to share with them the vision of AMCF and how MMI fits into this. They eagerly took part in the seminars on

Conversational Prayer, Inductive Bible Study and Evangelism. They elected at the end of this visit to make a generous donation towards the World Conference, which came as a great encouragement to Jos McCabe en-route to the WC Pray and Plan. It was very exciting seeing God's hand on this new group and I look forward to working with them in the future.



MCF worship in Nepalgunj, Nepal

The day after I arrived in Nepal, Rev Indra and I flew to Nepalgunj to meet with the Mid-West Nepal MCF group. A large group had gathered at what was the first Church in Nepal. Nepal is still suffering from the attempts to institute a new constitution and on this day cars were not being allowed on the roads as a security precaution, so quite a risk was taken getting us to the meeting. More than thirty gathered and I was able to give a presentation on AMCF and

MMI, updating as to progress in the Region including a report and photos from Bhutan. I had an opportunity to talk on the phone through an interpreter with Binod and encourage him not to give up his longing to be a Chaplain. A valuable opportunity arose to discuss difficult issues that are experienced by countries with a very low average income – even so NMCF had elected to donate to the World Conference.

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## Believers in the Middle East are not alone

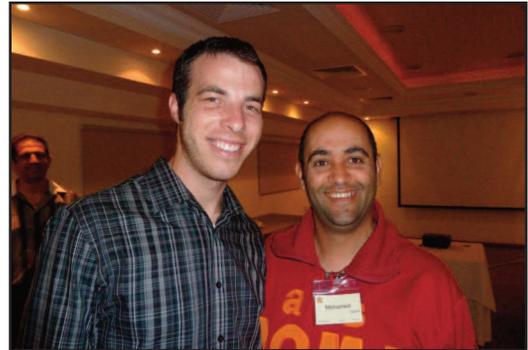
*Regional Team Leader, Colonel Richard Sandy, tells the story of the AMCF Middle East Retreat*

“**G**athering together here in Cyprus and getting to know fellow brothers and sisters in Christ from different countries of the Middle East has shown me we are not alone in our situation and gives us great encouragement”, so commented one of the delegates at the conclusion of the 4 day Retreat.

Despite the difficulties of getting passports and visas for some of those wishing to come to the Retreat in the event delegates from five different countries of the Middle East region made it to Cyprus. Sadly, visas did not arrive in time for the two delegates from Khartoum to travel and the delegates from Lebanon withdrew at the last minute for family illness reasons.

It was so encouraging to see a number of younger delegates

attending - addressing one of the key objectives in holding the Retreat. Their enthusiasm was infectious and gives great hope for the future development of the ministry in the region. The presence of two young Messianic believers from Israel was a significant factor in the undoubted success of the Retreat. To see the delegates from Arab countries warmly embracing their brothers in Christ from Israel was really moving. The wife of the Egyptian delegate said “I was so touched by meeting our two Israeli believers - and would love them as my own sons!”. Each delegate reported on the situation in their own country and although the ministry was only at its beginning in some of the countries, each delegate was encouraged and inspired with ideas for taking forward the ministry to Christians in the



military in their own country. The Retreat programme included Bible studies on Daniel and Cornelius, on Hebrews chapter 11 and on the topic “Can a follower of Jesus Christ make a difference?”, following which all delegates agreed - “Yes, they can!”. The programme was designed to allow time for fellowship between the formal parts of the programme and during mealtimes and this was much appreciated and the

time well used. There was a real sense of being “All One in Christ Jesus” throughout the Retreat, with genuine friendships made and invitations to visit being issued by each to all! The enthusiasm and impetus given as a result of the Retreat will now need to be followed up with regular communication, visits and prayer.



*Photos - Names have been omitted from these photos for security reasons*

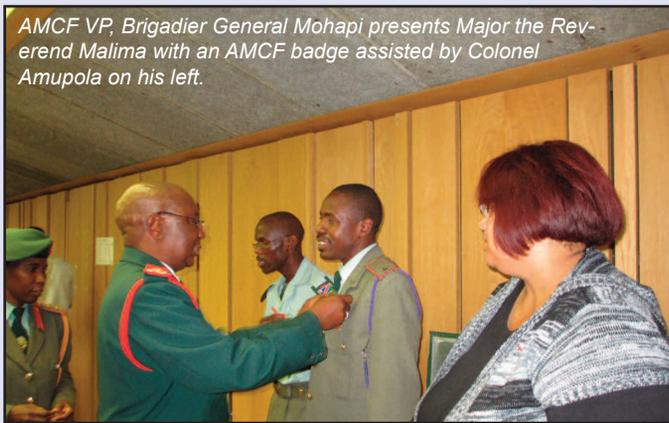
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## Namibia the 141<sup>st</sup> MCF

On their visit to Windhoek, Namibia in May 2012, AMCF Regional VP for Southern Africa, Brigadier General Mohapi (Lesotho) and MMI's Regional Team Leader, Homfray Vines received a warm welcome from Brigadier General Karel Ndjoba, Namibia's Chief of Staff (COS HR). The COS said that the Defence Force Commander would support the formation of an MCF in Namibia and thus the 141st MCF, the Namibian MCF, was successfully launched at a meeting in the Defence HQ. A foundation committee was commissioned at the same

time to establish it. The MCF is being formed under the Chaplains. Colonel Fiina Amupola, Commander of the Logistics Regiment and Major the Rev Malima, Deputy Chief Chaplain did much to make this MMI mission trip a great success. Colonel Fiina led the launch meeting and will encourage the development of the MCF. Please pray that all people will be able to work together so that the MCF is set up to be understandable, accessible and above all valuable as an instrument for discipling all men and women of the Namibian Armed Forces.

AMCF VP, Brigadier General Mohapi presents Major the Reverend Malima with an AMCF badge assisted by Colonel Amupola on his left.



## “Warrior Training”

Wortelgat, Western Cape, South Africa  
November 2012

The SA MCF needs to build its capacity to hold the World Conference in 2014, so MMI is working with Conference Director Captain Klaas Steyn and the Programme Director Major Rhett Parkinson to train up to 180 members of their MCF and the MCFs of the Region to host the participants at the Conference. In November this year we shall have the first event for up to 70 people followed by another in November 2013. This event is being organised by the leaders of the fellowships in

Western Cape. They attended a Pray and Plan with us and were prayed for by General Lee, Pil Sup as they are to carry out this important task. The SA MCF members agreed to pay for themselves to attend this event – 1,000 Rand (\$125) each. They believed that they could put aside 150 Rand a month from their small salaries. Funding the 2014 World Conference is going to require many people to set aside small amounts over the next 2 years.

## Travel ahead

Homfray Vines plans for travel in East Africa

Homfray Vines is planning to visit Uganda to attend the African Biblical Leadership Institute Conference and then meet with the MCF leadership there. Then it is on to Kenya where he hopes to meet the new Principal Protestant Chaplain and head of the

MCF, the Rev, Col Lelei Alfayo and the new chaplaincy staff officer the Rev, Col Samuel Thumbi. Then on to Juba in South Sudan to meet the leaders of the newly formed MCF. The home route may be via Ethiopia to meet with the Defence Christian Fellowship.

## General Mohapi commissioned as AMCF Vice President for Southern Africa

General Lee, Pil Sup, AMCF World President, undertook 2 commissioning services for Southern Africa's new regional Vice President, Brigadier General Victor Mohapi. First at the AMCF World Conference Pray and Plan in front of the whole team and then in his home country of Lesotho. General Lee, Pil Sup received a warm welcome in Lesotho from General Kamoli the Chief of the Defence Staff. He said they would support General Mohapi as the AMCF VP. The commissioning service

was widely reported in the Lesotho media and many senior politicians and government members rang General Mohapi to congratulate him. In Lesotho, MMI's Homfray Vines met with many members of the MCF including Captain Patrick Phafane, who is keen to take the Biblical Service Discipleship Course back to Darfur, when he returns on 20 May. We also met Mr Wrenford Ramotso, who carried the South African Flag with Capt Peter Louwrens at the AMCF World Conference in 1994.



Representatives from ACCTS USA, MSO Korea, MMI and the AMCF Presidential bench join AMCF President, General Lee, Pil Sup (centre) commissioning Brigadier General Victor Mohapi.

## AMCF World Conference 2014 A date and a venue

A report from the May 2012 WC2014 Pray and Plan meeting



Josh McCabe and Homfray Vines attended a Pray and Plan for the 2014 World Conference at Wortelgat Christian Centre in the Western Cape Province of South Africa in early May. They met with representatives of our partner organisations, ACCTS and MSO, AMCF World President, General Lee, Pil Sup, the new Vice President for Southern Africa, Brigadier General Victor Mohapi from Lesotho and other members of the planning team from Nigeria and South Africa.

The vision of the Conference is: "To see all nations spiritually transformed through the

work of MCFs in their militaries". It was decided that the Conference would aim to bring together 1,000 military Christians from every country in the World to a shipborne venue.

The vision would be achieved under God, by building a programme around studies in the book of Joshua to help create more effective disciples in existing MCFs and to encourage the formation of new MCFs in countries without one. Participants would sail for a 4-6 days "Voyage with Joshua" in November 2014.

The Pray and Plan team strongly felt that the Lord was doing a new thing and wanted

a different kind of conference with real commitment from all participants who would be required to prepare spiritually for the Conference and to take part in follow up work.



WC2014 P&P team May 2012



### Prayer for AMCF

### World Conference 2014

*Be strong and very courageous Joshua 1:7*

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | SAMCF, Conference Director, Captain Klaas & Linda Steyn and South African Chaplaincy. |
| <b>Monday</b>    | The Conference programme & Programme Director, Rhett Parkinson.                       |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Resources including prayer and finance.   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | The Conference Theme (Joshua 1:7) and Vision.   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Warrior Training capacity building event November 2012.                               |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Participant selection and services.   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Pray & Plan to remain in God's will.  |

**Please help the P&P team by adding your daily prayers for the World Conference using this weekly cycle.**

✂✂✂ Cut it out now ✂✂✂

### Supporters' Weekend

March 2013

Sunbury Court

*Travelling together*

*'All one in Christ Jesus'*

*Galatians 3:28*

The 2013 MMI Supporters' Weekend will be held at Sunbury Court on 2-3 March 2013.

It will be followed by a World Conference Pray & Plan and many of the P&P team will also join in our Weekend.

Expected guests include:

- + AMCF World President (designate), General Srilal Weerasooriya (Sri Lanka),
- + WC2014 Chairman, Captain Klaas Steyn (South Africa),

+ Conference Programme, Director, Major Rhett Parkinson (UK),

+ AMCF VPs,  
+ ACCTS (USA) and MSO (Korea) senior staff,

In addition our own MMI staff will bring the latest news from our global military mission field.

**Do put the date in your diary now.**

# Europe

## ... and in Lithuania Cadets are exercised.

David Baldwin, veteran of many camps, tells the story of the 10<sup>th</sup> Lithuanian Cadet Bible Camp

We all looked forward with great anticipation to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Officer Cadet Christian Conference in Lithuania (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May), superbly organised by the Lithuanian Military Chaplaincy and Academy. Keenly anticipated for many reasons: the sylvan forest and lakeside setting, the energy and openness of young people, meeting old friends and making new, exchanging cultural views, excellent food, a varied programme of talks, discussions, visits and activities – and of course the praise and worship with our ever-present Lord Jesus, as we all sought to get closer to Him!

The prevailing theme was exploring how we, as professional military people, can justifiably live out our Christian faith without compromise. As

ever, knotty topics, which can seemingly contradict these two life requirements, were thoroughly turned over – not always with a definitive answer – other than to trust!

About 45 cadets attended, mainly from Lithuania, but also from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia and a US cadet over on exchange. As ever, friendships were forged, that will no doubt prevail when these prospective officers meet in future NATO forums.

This was the God-given opportunity, well away from their intense military environment, for them to look closely at themselves in a faith context – from those who devoutly believed, to those who doubted or did not believe. For one, who had never previously been ex-



The winning team?

posed to Christian teaching, it was an eye opener, and I feel the seeds were at least sown. For others it was an opportunity to explore more deeply and without inhibition, the boundless areas of God's love.

In the words of one cadet, and I know the sentiments of many:

“We really felt that we could ask about all issues with honesty and I know that I am strengthened and reassured, not only in my faith, but also how to attempt to live it as an officer in our Armed Forces”.



A cocktail of uniforms!



Camp means outdoor cooking

## European Naval Christian Link Up (ENCLU)

MMI Supporter and ENCLU administrator, Commander (Retd) Christopher Mather RN reports on this year's ENCLU weekend in Germany

Twenty six of us gathered at Church House for our 2012. They came from Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, France and UK (including MMI European team member, Mike Terry and AMCF VP Brian Parker). Captain Niels Woudstra planned and led the programme. “Michael Jacquet told us that UMcF's annual meeting will be held at RIMP this year. He mentioned

the good relations with their chaplains and asked for prayer for the replacement for Chief Chaplain Frank Bourgeois who died unexpectedly in February. Willem Hoogenraad told us of his work with *Marines for Christ*. He & Ingrid live in Tholen near the new Marine Base in the south of the Netherlands.



ENCLU 2012

## “... That is why this seminar is very relevant for us today!” The Stoevskis teach Biblical Stewardship in Ukraine

“There were about 20 MCF leaders gathered in a conference room at the Kiev Baptist Church,” reports Regional Team Leader for Europe, Grozdan Stoevski. “We, Slavica and I did team teaching on the following subjects:

1. Why talk about stewardship and what does the Bible say about it?
2. God’s responsibilities and our responsibilities in stewardship.
3. Financial planning 1 – goals setting, tools, budgeting and debt.
4. Giving – a fresh perspective – “Giving is an inseparable part of worship”.
5. Financial Planning 2 – saving and investing in the future.
6. Fund-raising – spelled Friends-raising and Fun-raising,

‘FR is a spiritual ministry’, Henry Nowen.”

“The teaching of the seminar fell like water on dry soil,” said Grozdan. “It was very well received and appreciated by all leaders. Many of them admitted that this subject is rarely if ever taught in their churches.” Lt Col (Retd) Valery, Afghan veteran and now Senior Presbyter of 8 churches in Alexandria, Ukraine commented, “We have been under Soviet slavery for 70 years and now our people have a slave mentality, which they bring to the church too. They think they cannot do anything, they don’t want to do anything and they don’t do anything (about Biblical Stewardship and entrepreneurship). That is why this seminar is very relevant for us today!”

“The Biblical Stewardship Seminar in Kiev has provided some great encouragement and was a good learning experience for Slavica and me”, said Grozdan,

“and we will pray for God to direct our steps and deliver it to other MCFs in Central and Eastern Europe as well. “



Grozdan teaching

## Adaži - Latvia’s biggest military base

European team member, Rainer Thorun and MMI supporter Bob Elliott’s missionary journey in Latvia

Adaži is the biggest military base in Latvia. Bob and I spoke to two groups there; the first of about 60 and the second about 80. Throughout the 3 days we were hosted by Latvian chaplain, Ruslan Markievičs. Bob had built up a close relationship with him as a result of many reciprocal visits by the two of them.

Our talks began with showing the MMI video which is always a great way of arousing interest in our ministry. Each meeting included a lively discussion.

The Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion was a believer in Jesus who had gained a personal relationship with the Lord during a deployment in Afghanistan. He was very interested in our ministry and this missionary trip.

At the Liepaja Naval Base we had a small but interesting meeting in the wardroom of the minesweeper *Imanta*.

At the Latvian NCO school our audience was 60 students taking a lunch break on a bright sunny day but they clearly enjoyed the interruption.

Another lively discussion with about 25 soldiers of the Headquarters Battalion in Riga sadly had to be curtailed as we ran out of time.



Pictures:

Above: Onboard minesweeper *Imanta*

Below: Bob Elliott shares with students at the Latvian NCO school





SIMM 2012 participants

## SIMM Week 2012

By MMI Chief Executive & Team Leader, Jos McCabe

**S**IMM Week 2012 took place from 21-25 May and, with five participants from Pakistan, Nigeria and Lesotho, was the largest we had hosted to date. All of the participants were serving chaplains or had a role in ministering to the military. Participants lived in the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre at Ampthorp House for the course before staying with host families for the final weekend.

During the week they were able to meet and talk with students on the Army's Initial Chaplains course and attend morning de-

votions with them. They had lectures on the UK military Chaplaincy from the AFCC Chief Instructor and were able to see Chaplains at work at HMS Sultan and at the Army Training Regiment, Pirbright. They also met representatives from the UK military Christian organisations, including SASRA, AFCU and Sandes. They also heard about AMCF from AMCF Vice President, Commander Brian Parker. Relationships were built and our prayer is that the Lord will allow the seeds that have been sown to grow.

## 'There are some things which cannot be shared for prayer by email ...' MMI Prayer Day 2012

**I**t was good to meet on Saturday and hear first hand of the exciting things God is doing across the world in the Armed Forces and to learn of areas which need concentrated prayer.' said one supporter about our prayer day at the Winchester Vineyard church. It was exciting to hear new news, with one regional team leader coming straight from a trip to East and Southern Africa, landing at Heathrow

only hours earlier, and another had returned from an exciting trip to the South Asia region earlier in the week. Our Prayer Co-ordinator, Sue Millard explained, 'There are some things which cannot be shared for prayer by email because they are just too sensitive or not developed enough for general release, but can be shared and prayed through together at the Prayer Day'. We praised and prayed for the

*New and Encouraging*, we prayed for MCFs *Facing challenges* and needing breakthroughs and then for the well established MCFs with whom we are *Walking Together* in a more supportive role.

"The time of silence and stillness after the *Facing challenges* briefing was very powerful. It encouraged us to stop and listen to the Lord", said Sue.

Throughout the day we sought to understand the Lord's will for MMI in different situations and to give God the glory in all things.



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