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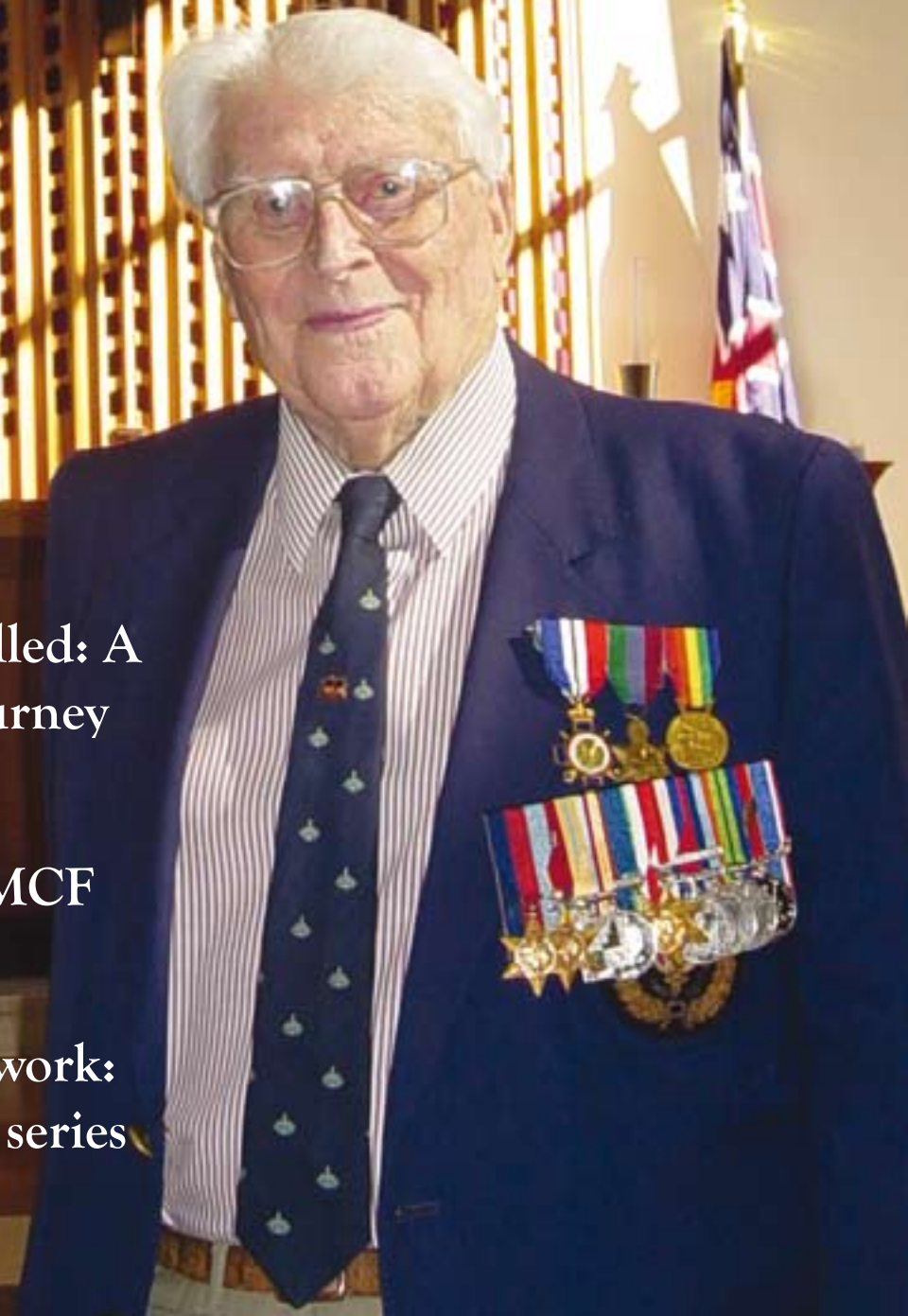
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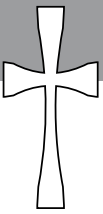
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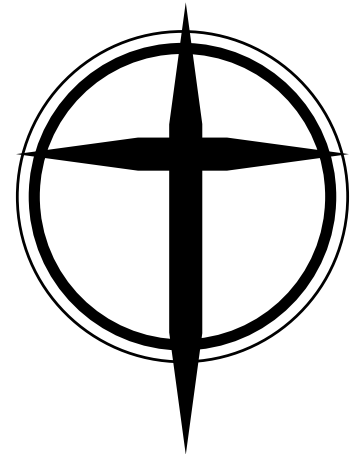
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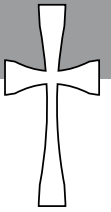
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Chairman's Report

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Council is pleased to present to you this jam-packed eleventh edition of Cross Fire; the second for 2005. Inside you will find the third and fourth parts of the Military Christian Values series, two stories from Chaplains on operational service, and enjoy one man's Christian journey from WWII Commando to serving at the Lodge and Government House. You will feel the way God moved at the 2004 International MCF Conference in Seoul, Korea. And you will get some tactics, tips and techniques from Mary and Zechariah! We also announce MCF's October "Relationship Building" Retreat and provide an application form. All, and much more, crammed into every literary nook and cranny our graphic designers could find. In fact we couldn't put it all in so have reserved the promised Senior Christian Leadership study and the launch of the MCF Centurion

program until the Christmas edition.

When I was deployed to East Timor, our battalion headquarters was savaged by some fearsome storms. Tents would fly apart, radio antennas would come down; rain would not only go sideways, but upwards! On one explosive night, as we all fought to keep our accommodation from travelling at speed into West Timor, one exasperated soldier yelled, "Christ!", just after a large fork of lightning blazed across the sky accompanied by a mind-wrenching thunderclap. From the distance, I heard the Padre's voice reply, "Yes, amazing God isn't He!" We have a God that is all knowing and all-powerful. Do we, the fighting men and women of this country, call upon His name to help us in our Lord's military service? For warriors like Joshua and Gideon, this was part of their battle preparation! I trust that the

articles in this mid-year edition will encourage us all to be fearless and faithful as we serve our nation and our God.

March hard for the Lord,
Mick Mumford
Chairman



What is coming up for MCF?

- Canberra Christians Dinner
2 Sep 05
- MCF Retreat Fitzroy Falls, NSW
"Building Relationships"
28-30 Oct 05
- Forum of Christian Military Ministries at Duntroon
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- MCF Annual General Meeting
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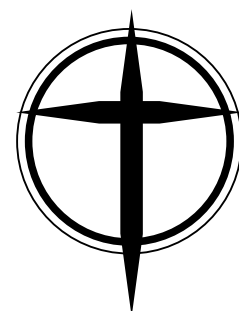
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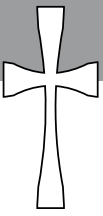
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Also well done to our Staff Worker, Jon Belmonte, for the ACT Emergency Medal earned during his work at the ACT Bushfires in 2003.





Military Christian Values



Courage

By Chaplain Len Eacott, RFD

“Courage is the strength to do what is right, whatever the physical or moral challenges. Courage is more than putting life and limb on the line for country, mission, and mates. It is also about making hard decisions with honesty and integrity. It is acting in the best interests of the nation and the Army, in the achievement of the assigned mission, whatever the personal consequences. It is having the moral strength to balance the will to win with compassion, and duty with mateship.”¹

Courage, by means of this secular or worldly definition, characterises the fighting spirit of the warrior, and identifies one with an ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or being deflected from a chosen course of action.² It implies working in a team and striving to attain high ideals. In the Australian

Defence Force (ADF) it typifies an idealised virtue and is defined as “...courage under extreme hardship and danger, a fierce spirit of independence, and the willing sharing of difficulties and opportunity among mates.”³

There are many examples from history of courageous behaviour predominantly associated with leadership, sacrifice and war fighting. With such a heritage, surely every citation for valour or bravery ought to include the virtue of “courage” in the text. It is no surprise then that courage is included as one of the core values of the modern ADF.

Across the nations and generations courage has been a widely celebrated virtue. The Bible has its own honour roll of heroes who were courageous in battle and martyrdom. But courage in the scriptures does not stand as an independent virtue; here it has a religious context, inspired by and exhibited in the service of God. Obvious among many in the Old Testament, is the example of David’s courageous confrontation and defeat of Goliath.⁴ David epitomises the fighting spirit of the Biblical warrior doing battle for God’s people.

In the New Testament the fighting spirit and courage of the warrior is left behind and the emphasis changes radically. Although the military metaphor remains, the focus is Jesus’ own example of courage in his ministry and passion which is the definitive inspiration for his followers. Although the Greek word for

courage appears but once in the New Testament,⁵ the spirit of courage is exercised throughout by the disciples and believers by the employment of steadfast endurance, boldness of speech, and undaunted faith in the face of social and physical opposition. Peter and John bravely face their accusers. Stephen goes to his death with words of forgiveness on his lips. Paul carries the gospel confidently to the Diaspora and stands bravely before his judges.⁶ The message is that that which is central in the Christian tradition is to be defended with vigour, with loyalty, with courage, and with strength.

And so, by way of conclusion, Christian courage is not derived from human interaction and national ideals and even with implicit links with the warrior tradition of the Old Testament, it is of God. Therefore, be firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

“Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”⁷

Prior to becoming a Chaplain, Len Eacott was a National Serviceman, infantry officer, soil conservationist, and Anglican priest. He had served as Chaplain from unit to Land Command level including Senior Chaplain of the Deployable Joint Force HQ in East Timor during INTERFET. In 2002 he was collated as Archdeacon to the Army and subsequently that year appointed the Principal Chaplain - Army.

¹ Army Land Warfare Doctrine (LWD 0-2), “Leadership” 2002, para 2.14.

² Encarta On-line Dictionary.

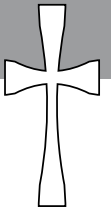
³ LWD 0-2, para 2-9

⁴ 1 Sam 17

⁵ 1 Cor 16:13

⁶ The Interpreter’s Bible Vol. X. Abingdon, 1980, p 259.

⁷ 1 Cor 16: 13-14 (NRSV)



Teamwork

By PCHAP Eric Burton, RAN

I was on a Navy course some years ago and the group leader broke us up into two's and asked the pair to face each other and grip hands. The object of the exercise he told us was to pull the other person's hands towards themselves so that their hands touched the opposite number's chest and then count the number of times they could do that. We had a minute to complete the exercise. At the command 'go' about 95% of the group engaged in **competition** with their partner trying hard to pull their hands toward them. However one pair engaged in **cooperation** in a kind of push pull action. When the time of reckoning came that pair were the clear winners with about 50 touches compared to those in competition with each other who only managed 3 or 4.

This simple exercise showed me how natural for us to see life as competition - the survival of the fittest - rather than as a co-operative effort. Teamwork in Defence is essential to the success of any operation - and I guess if it came naturally we would not have to have it drummed into us.

The thrust of biblical teaching is towards community rather than individuality, working together, rather than going alone - this takes place at many levels. Let's have a look at a couple examples from the bible and then mention briefly how that can work out in our lives.

The Trinity. There is a kind of co-operation within God. We worship one God not three however the Father, Son and Holy Spirit each have complementary roles for our sake. The Lord's prayer found in Matthew 6:9-15 is a great example of this.

- The petition 'Give us today our daily bread' is taking care of our **present**. It is the Father from

whom all good gifts come and who is the provider (James 1:17)

- The petition 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive others' is taking care of our **past**; and this is the work of Jesus on the cross in taking the burden of our past misdeeds and omissions means that we can be free from the pain of regret and judgement (John 3:16)
- The petition 'Lead us not into temptation' takes care of our **future**. It is the Holy Spirit who provides this service for us and is active in leading and guiding us. In fact in one part of the bible He is called the counsellor (John 14:25)

So you can see that our past, present and future needs are taken care of by the teamwork within God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and this can be a real model for us to follow - for it is hard for us to accomplish much on our own.

Body Life. Find a nice quiet spot sometime soon and read Romans 12. You will see from the passage that we have been given different gifts and abilities and God's plan is that we work together to accomplish God's will. Like a human body each part has its place to play and must be present to be effective.

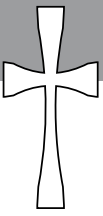
There is something in us that makes us pull back from full engagement with others apart from family and close friends. Sometimes we do this out of a desire to protect ourselves from being hurt. God's will however is for us to engage fully and sometimes bear the pain of involvement with people who are different. So let your gift shine at work and other places, give yourself fully, and you will know that you are pleasing God as well as contributing to society.

How does this work itself out in every day life:

- Teamwork with God - I don't know if you have ever thought of a relationship with God as being part of a team. Some years ago I read about the pastor of a large Korean church called Yonggi Cho; he viewed God as a senior partner and would discuss all matters with him. Its probably best not to be seen muttering to yourselves in the OR's club or messdeck; however a constant dialogue with the living God in expectation of guidance is not as crazy as it might seem to some and can be the foundation element in your life. Jesus would often withdraw at critical times of his life (for example just before the choosing of his disciples) to dialogue with his 'senior partner' (Luke 6:12-16)
- Teamwork with your partner - For those who are married remember, if you are having difficulties - *Attack the problem not each other*. Remember you are a team, a partnership, and treating each other with great respect as made in the image of God is a good starting point. (Ephesians 5)
- Teamwork at Work - We have already talked briefly about the fundamental need to be part of a team in Defence. It is easy to part of team when you are like-minded or part of squadron, ship, or regiment. When I get on a Qantas plane I see the sign 'one world' logo which represents other airlines that Qantas is in partnership with. We too are part of 'one world' created by God. Remember, God saw **all** that he had made and saw it was good (Genesis 1:31). With this attitude we can resist the temptation to think that our family, group, church, service, or country is the only one that matters.

Chaplain Eric Burton is DGCHAP-N and serves on the MCF Council as Chaplain's Rep.





A Road Well Travelled: An Interview with WWII veteran, Ron Morris

Ron Morris is a true Christian gentleman, having butled for Royalty, Vice-Regal appointments and senior politicians almost his whole life. But, before becoming a butler Ron spent six years fighting with the Commandos in WWII, finally landing on D-Day at Gold Beach in Normandy in June 1944. The Chairman of MCF caught up with Ron and asked him for his story. Ron, whose medal row tells more than his own modesty allows, spoke about faith, family, a "fracas", and his long life.

Chairman - When did you become a Christian and how?

Ron - I have been a Christian as long as I can remember. My family were Christians and prayers and church were part of my upbringing. I can't even imagine having not been a Christian. I was in the choir, as was my brother,

and we would go to church four times each Sunday. It was part of our lives. I can vividly remember my brother in September (1939), when war was announced, singing in the choir with tears rolling down his cheeks.

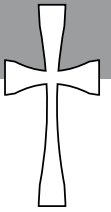
Chairman - Why did you join the Commandos?

Ron - My brother, who was older than me, was a bomber pilot in the RAF and was shot down off Malta four days before his 20th birthday. I was 17 and tried to become an air gunner in the RAF to take his place but I was too young. Anyway, a burley Royal Marine gave me a chance and I enlisted in the Commandos. I was a "H.O.", Hostilities Only, not a soldier. I was not a military man, although I had been in the Home Guard and as a fifteen year old kept my Bren Gun, ammunition,

and six grenades at home! Can you imagine them doing that these days? Twelve weeks later I was on a ship bound for the war. From there we fought in (*I have listed a condensed version only, his list of campaigns and battles is too long to print - Chairman*) the Middle East and Europe including parachuting into Salerno.

Chairman - You landed at Normandy on D-Day at Gold Beach. Which unit did you land with and what was your mission?

Ron - I was with the 47th Royal Marine Commandos. We caused a fracas, as much nuisance as possible. (*Chairman's note - this is one of the understatements of the year; the official history tells that 47 RM Cdo, only 420 men strong, had the crucial job of capturing the port-town of Port-en-Bessin on the inter-allied boundary with*



Omaha Beach (Saving Private Ryan fame) and link up with the US forces there. The Commandos suffered 28 killed or drowned, 21 wounded and 27 missing just mustering on the beach and it took two days of fighting to capture their objective. General Horrocks, commander of the British 30th Corps in Normandy, wrote of the Commando's capture of Port-en-Bessin: 'It is doubtful whether, in their long, distinguished history, the Marines have ever achieved anything finer.' Ron doesn't talk much about the details though...).

Chairman - Were there any Christians in the Commandos and what do you remember of them?

Ron - Oh yes, we were about fifty-fifty practising Christians to non-practising (*Lord, give us those ratios back!* - Chairman). It wasn't seen as any particular issue. We would meet for church and most would pray and some would read the bible. The Christians were more peaceful. We were dedicated to our missions, but less aggressive.

Chairman - How did being a Christian at D-Day help?

Ron - It was a tremendous comfort knowing that there was someone watching over you. I would pray each day, or night and I still do.

Chairman - What happened after you landed at GOLD Beach?

Ron - Casualties were very high so we had to return to England to reform. There we were visited by the King and told that we were to go to invade Singapore. Basically the Royal Marines had been held responsible for losing Singapore in the first place. They were expecting 85% casualties in our unit so only the single men and those married men without children were allowed to go, the remainder were transferred out. Luckily for us, they dropped the H Bomb and Japan surrendered so we didn't have to go in the end.



Chairman - What did you do after the war?

Ron - I married my wife Hazel, we just celebrated our 60th Anniversary together. I was considering going for officer training but my father, who was a Royal Butler, was retiring so I took his place. I butled for the Queen Mother, the Queen, Princess Margaret ... (*and a whole bunch more royalty from around Europe* - Chairman). We had two children. I was also butler for the Chairman of P&O and that was how I got out to Australia. Over here I butled for three Prime Ministers and one Governor General before I retired.

Chairman - How has being a Christian enriched your life?

Ron - I have had the fortune of a long life. We have been blessed with many wonderful friendships through the church and I have valued my ability to nurture and influence my family in the Christian faith. For instance my son died of cancer when he was 52 and I found out afterwards that in his final years he had bought a Harley Davidson and would take the children from the hospital on rides. It is that sort of influence that makes you glad you are Christian (*it makes us glad you are a Christian too, Ron* - Chairman).

Ron lives in Canberra and still serves as a greeter at the Royal Military College Chapel. Any errors of fact or omission are due to the Chairman's poor attempt at paraphrasing a fascinating interview that he spent more time listening to than he did taking notes.

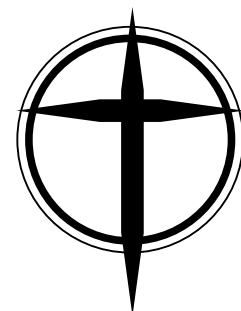


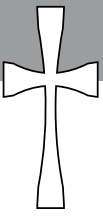
Farewell message to MCF from the Chief of the Defence Force

On the 4th of July General Peter Cosgrove, AC, MC retired after 40 years of service. He sent this message to the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia:

"On the eve of my retirement I would like to congratulate the Council of the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia for their continued encouragement and support of Christians in the ADF. The MCF is a wonderful way for ADF Christians to come together to celebrate their spirituality and give witness to their faith in fulfilling their duties as ADF members."

The Council and members wish him, and his wife Lynne, many blessings in their retirement.





Operational Christian Service

Southern Iraq

By Chaplain Martin de Pyle, AMTG-1

“There’s no other place I’d rather be Padre.” This is a statement that I often hear as I talk with the soldiers of the Al Muthanna Task Group (AMTG) that are presently deployed in Iraq. As I hear this, I cannot help but agree with their sentiments.

For the last eleven years I have been a parish minister in the Presbyterian Church. However, at the end of last year, I was encouraged by the Principal Chaplain to leave my Parish and transfer from the Army Reserves to the Australian Regular Army. Part of the incentive for this change was the offer to be posted to the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. I have always wanted to work with a high-tempo Regiment that had a definite operational focus.

After my family and I left Victoria, and moved to Darwin, I never expected that in the first month of my new duties I would be getting ready to deploy with them.

Here, at Al Muthanna, as Chaplain for the Battle Group, I move among the troops, and speak with its many members. They are professional, motivated, and very enthusiastic about what they are doing. They are pleased to be in an operational environment, and



to be doing that which they have been trained to do.

Likewise, I’m also pleased to be here, and happy to be able to give general pastoral care, as well as help the soldiers with their spiritual issues and questions.

Iraq is a country that is rich in Biblical history. This has meant that I can regularly answer questions that link back to places and events documented in the Old Testament. To the west of our location is a monument that is known as the Ziggurat of Ur. It marks what is believed to be the birth-place of Abraham. In what is regarded as the “cradle of

civilization” this is a region that is significant for both Christians and Muslims.

As Abraham features so prominently in the local history, I have started preaching in the Sunday morning worship services on his life of faith.

The pace of life in the camp is fast and the focus remains on the successful completion of the mission. And I’m sure that after six months we will all look back and remark on how quickly the time has passed. My prayer is that we will also look back, and see how God was also able to work His Sovereign purposes in people’s lives.

Operation Fruitful Tree Update

As we mark the mid-year point of 2005 God’s will and blessings are already evident in the way in which MCF continues to grow in vision, membership, and finances. Your many responses to our membership survey are being complimented by a similar survey of the ADF Chaplaincy, as we are given permission through the Principal Chaplain’s. Also, as you read this a small military Christian planning group is meeting to propose new ways, structures, and procedures for MCF to meet your

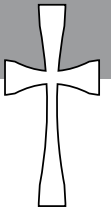
needs and the will of our Lord.

How can you be part of this vision? Firstly, pray for God’s plan for MCF to be known and anointed. Secondly, if you don’t already have an MCF group to meet with reach out and find just one other Christian in your workplace and see if they will meet with you once a week, perhaps over lunch or mornos. Use the articles and studies in this Cross Fire as a basis of discussion if you like. Before you know it other Christians

will be buying you both coffee! Next, reach out to, and pray for, a padre. Ask them if they would like to meet with you as well. Find out what they need; what they are missing. And finally if you are going overseas, or are overseas, tell the MCF office. You might not know that the person you are sharing a camp or ship with is a Christian, but we might...

Mick Mumford
Chairman





Confidence vs Fear

By Chaplain Haydn Swinbourne

One of the sporting highlights during my deployment to Iraq was the 2003 Rugby World Cup. Johnny Wilkinson's field goal at the end of that double extra time was greeted with a groan from the Australian contingent. At the same time a huge cheer went up from the one British Warrant Officer in the Australian HQ. England's rugby confidence rested in Johnny's boot... and he brought it home for them. Australia's worst fear had come true!

There were many enjoyable times as well as times when danger was very real. I am sure I am not alone in acknowledging my own sense of fear from time to time. One experience of fear stands out for me and by the grace of God it happened early in my deployment. On a Sunday evening I had worked

out how I could be so busy with 'stuff' that I would not be able to go to the more dangerous places where our troops were and thus 'stay safe'. I had decided to pastor the flock from a distance, the details would come later.

My plan was becoming more plausible to me minute by minute and on Monday morning I sat quietly to do my daily devotion and read the 'morning office', not unusual for an Anglican minister. I felt confident that I would not have to worry about danger in Iraq again. The morning office concludes quoting these words for 2 Timothy, "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. May we rekindle the gift of God within us. Amen." A couple of hours later I was in an ASLAV heading 'downtown'.

God kicked a goal much better than Johnny's and he reminded me

of where my confidence ought to be. Keep praying for our Christian brothers and sisters on deployment and for our Chaplains as they all put their confidence in Christ.

CHAP Haydn Swinbourne is currently Chaplain to 4 RAR (Cdo), he was deployed to Iraq from September 2003 to March 2004.



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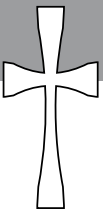
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BATTLE READY!

By Mick Mumford, MCF Chairman

How Ready Are We For What God Has Planned For Us? Read: Luke 1:5 - 38

When I was a newly appointed Lieutenant one of my first major exercises involved a Brigade deployment to Puckapunyal where, for a parachute battalion, we had the rare opportunity to work with armoured vehicles and tanks. During one simulated attack I was following behind the lead tank in the assault, on foot, using the infantry-tank telephone (a telephone handset on a lead attached to the rear of the tank) to give instructions to the tank as it supported my Platoon's assault. Now, a Rifle Platoon Commander has to do a lot of things simultaneously during an assault. I had my rifle nestled in the crook of my arm, a map in one hand, a procedure card for adjusting artillery fire in the other, a pair of binoculars under one armpit, and of course the handset from the tank. Finding it hard to hold it all, I wound the handset lead around my arm and wedged the handset itself under my chin; "hands free". Well, no sooner had I done this when an enemy tank came into view ahead of us. Of course, all ideas of supporting the infantry disappeared from the mind of the tank commander who immediately went into a drill to fight the new threat. So, the tank I was attached to suddenly charged forward through the barbed wire my men were breaching. For what seemed like hours and miles, but what was probably only several seconds, I was dragged on my face behind the tank, through the new gap in the wire. Passing my men, on my face, at speed, I heard one of my

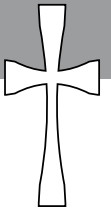


soldiers cheekily calling after me, "Follow me men!"

How many times does this sort of thing happen in our Christian journey? How many times have we been so consumed with what is going on around us that we have been totally unprepared for the sudden changes God places in our path? How can we be better prepared? Let us compare the responses of two of God's people from the Bible, Mary and Zechariah, and chose which one we would rather be.

Luke 1:5 - 7 tells us a lot about Zechariah. A priest with an impressive lineage directly descended from Aaron, the original high priest. He was described as upright and blameless (how come we don't hear anyone calling us that!). He lived in the center of all that was Jewishness. He had every "religious" distinction known to the time. But not all was well for Zechariah. He and his wife were childless; a mark of shame, perceived in those times as a lack of God's blessing. This would have sat particularly hard on such a priestly man,

especially since he and his wife were now beyond child-bearing age. Reading Luke 1:8 - 20 we find Zechariah burning incense in the temple (a high honour and probably the only time he would have been so selected) and we learn that he was surprised to find an angel in the sanctuary. One would expect perhaps that a priest would not be that surprised to find God's messenger in His house? The angel announces a miracle; one that Zechariah had been directly asking for, a child! Even better news of his son's ministry followed and a great blessing was bestowed. Zechariah, forgetting seemingly years of training and faith, immediately challenged the announcement and is punished by a rather annoyed angel. Lesson number one - never challenge a God-sent heavenly being in the Holiest of Holies when he is answering your own prayer!! Zechariah, desperately wanting a child, has his prayers miraculously answered but let his own circumstances blind him from the change ahead. Zechariah was being dragged behind the tank.



Luke 1:26 - 27 describes a totally different type of person. Mary, a young woman, was probably only middle teens based on the usual marriageable age of the time. She was unlikely to have been educated in anything other than homemaking skills. While boys were taught to read and study the Law, girls had an experiential education in the home. She was from Nazareth, in Galilee, about as far away from anything worthwhile as could be imagined at the time. Indeed, why any self-respecting angel would be found in Nazareth would have puzzled most Jewish scholars. The biblical account tells us of the exchange between Mary and the angel when the angel announces a great blessing – a child! Well, Mary could have perhaps questioned the term “blessing.” This angel was telling her she was going to be unmarried and pregnant! They stoned adulterous women in those days under Jewish law! Life as a pregnant fiancée was unlikely to be pleasant. We can only imagine how Joseph felt when his bride-to-be returns three months pregnant after a visit to see her cousin. I mean, seriously, how would you react, guys, and how would you feel, girls? And what was Mary’s reaction to this “good news”? She meekly replies, “I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be to me as you

have said.” And then to top it all off she had to walk 130kms to Bethlehem while eight months pregnant. Rather than being dragged behind the tank, she had plenty left in the tank!


So, the main differences between Mary and Zechariah:

- One was privileged by birth and practice; the other under-privileged by family, gender, and circumstance
- One was asking for a baby to come before he died; the other trusting that her baby wouldn’t get her killed
- One was punished for lack of faith; the other blessed for unwavering faith

What lessons can we learn from Mary and Zechariah? Firstly, be ready for God’s changing plan; life is a river, not a pond. Secondly, if you ask for the impossible, don’t expect the merely probable. And finally, God’s blessings are sometimes only obvious with the benefit of time, lots of time, which is why God gives us all a measure of faith.

Food for thought and study groups: Do you tend to be a Mary or a Zechariah? Have you ever been surprised that God answered your prayer? In what ways does God let you know he is changing

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the plan? How do you usually react? Will you react differently next time? Military life is full of change; are military Christians any better or worse at accepting change? Why?

Mick has been a Christian since his teens. He was elected in November 2004 as National Chairman of MCF. He is currently serving at the Royal Military College of Australia, trying to be more like Mary and less like Zechariah.



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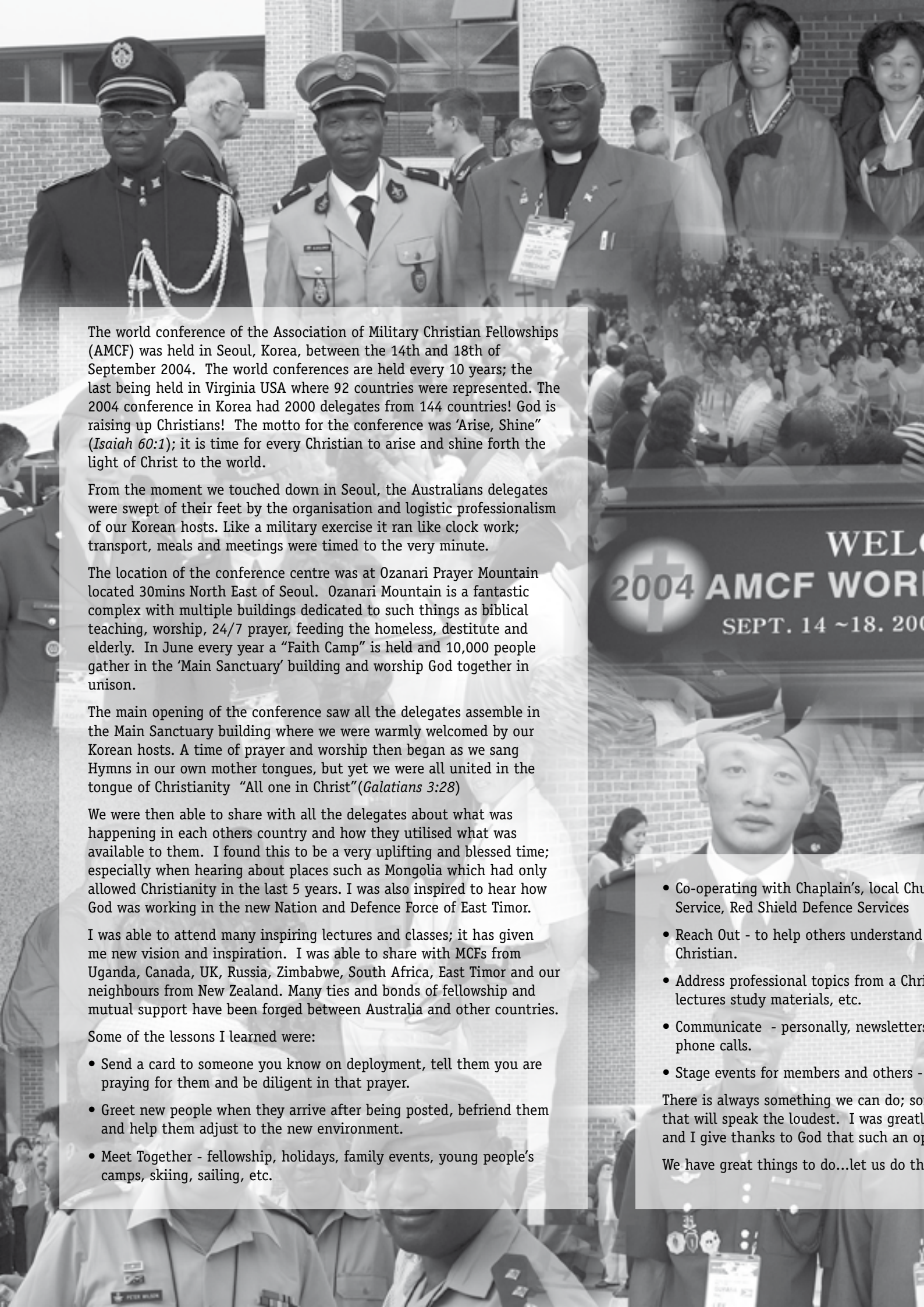
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The world conference of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) was held in Seoul, Korea, between the 14th and 18th of September 2004. The world conferences are held every 10 years; the last being held in Virginia USA where 92 countries were represented. The 2004 conference in Korea had 2000 delegates from 144 countries! God is raising up Christians! The motto for the conference was 'Arise, Shine" (*Isaiah 60:1*); it is time for every Christian to arise and shine forth the light of Christ to the world.

From the moment we touched down in Seoul, the Australian delegates were swept of their feet by the organisation and logistic professionalism of our Korean hosts. Like a military exercise it ran like clock work; transport, meals and meetings were timed to the very minute.

The location of the conference centre was at Ozanari Prayer Mountain located 30mins North East of Seoul. Ozanari Mountain is a fantastic complex with multiple buildings dedicated to such things as biblical teaching, worship, 24/7 prayer, feeding the homeless, destitute and elderly. In June every year a "Faith Camp" is held and 10,000 people gather in the 'Main Sanctuary' building and worship God together in unison.

The main opening of the conference saw all the delegates assemble in the Main Sanctuary building where we were warmly welcomed by our Korean hosts. A time of prayer and worship then began as we sang Hymns in our own mother tongues, but yet we were all united in the tongue of Christianity "All one in Christ" (*Galatians 3:28*)

We were then able to share with all the delegates about what was happening in each others country and how they utilised what was available to them. I found this to be a very uplifting and blessed time; especially when hearing about places such as Mongolia which had only allowed Christianity in the last 5 years. I was also inspired to hear how God was working in the new Nation and Defence Force of East Timor.

I was able to attend many inspiring lectures and classes; it has given me new vision and inspiration. I was able to share with MCFs from Uganda, Canada, UK, Russia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, East Timor and our neighbours from New Zealand. Many ties and bonds of fellowship and mutual support have been forged between Australia and other countries.

Some of the lessons I learned were:

- Send a card to someone you know on deployment, tell them you are praying for them and be diligent in that prayer.
- Greet new people when they arrive after being posted, befriend them and help them adjust to the new environment.
- Meet Together - fellowship, holidays, family events, young people's camps, skiing, sailing, etc.

- Co-operating with Chaplain's, local Church Service, Red Shield Defence Services
- Reach Out - to help others understand Christianity.
- Address professional topics from a Christian perspective, lectures, study materials, etc.
- Communicate - personally, newsletters, phone calls.
- Stage events for members and others -

There is always something we can do; so that will speak the loudest. I was greatly inspired and I give thanks to God that such an opportunity was given.

We have great things to do...let us do them!

MCF World Conference, Seoul Korea



By Jón Bēlmonē,
National Staff Worker

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A Thank You Letter to MCF

By Rebeca Lugalde from Spain, who attended the World Conference due to support from MCF-A

We have a feeling of gratitude first of all to our Lord, and also to you who made our attendance possible with your financial help, ready hearts and prayers. It is difficult to summarize all the experiences, feelings and emotions we lived. To participate in an event of this nature is historic and unique, and we feel honoured to have represented our nation.

There was palpable unity in Christ which people from such diversity of customs, languages and cultures shared, being of one mind, that Christ may be exalted and glorified in the nations and that people pass from death to life.

The Lord also allowed this trip to bring healing to my daughter's heart in a special way. My husband disappeared in the sea during manoeuvres, and his body was not found. Because of difficult relations with military commanders in the aftermath, my daughter was afraid of being surrounded by so many military persons dressed in uniform. But what gives us identity is not a uniform nor rank, but the blood of Christ which covers us. We could feel the love of our brethren and see how their desire is that the Lord uses the position that he has given them in order to bring his word to others and to shine for his glory.

We want to transmit to our brothers and sisters in Spain what we learnt. We know that the task has not been easy for the brothers who have been in the leadership of the MCF of Spain for so many years. We want to encourage them not to give up, but to fight on. It is the valiant ones who seize the kingdom of heaven. Our work in the Lord is not in vain.

Translated by Russell Bielenberg.

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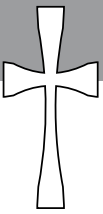
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Fitzroy Falls: MCF Retreat 2005

The Chairman and Council cordially invite you all to the annual MCF Retreat at the beautiful Fitzroy Fall Conference Centre from the 28th to 30th of October 2005! Come for a great time of fun, family, food, and fellowship but be warned: expect your relationship skills with spouse, friends, family and God to improve!

Chaplain Chris Aulich, RAN, will be presenting "Building Relationships with God and Family within the ADF" and activities for the weekend include:

- Presentations, small group discussions and family/partner-time on the scenic and serene grounds of the Centre. Our lives are already too busy so a relaxed schedule is essential to recharge everyone's batteries.
- A full children's program, "Heroes of the Bible", arranged courtesy of MCF so that mums and dads can concentrate on the teaching and so that children

receive the word of God in a fun way.

- Family rooms and suites with all meals provided from supper on Friday night to lunch on Sunday.
- An ecumenical church service at the Conference Centre Log Chapel.
- Chairman's PT: fun for children (and those intrepid adults) to start each day the military way!
- "Reverse, open-book, biblical trivial pursuit"; it's your group against the Chairman!
- Full use of the facilities including a heated, indoor pool!

Due to limitations in the size of the Centre only the first 16 families and eight singles can be accommodated and we must insist that all fees are paid no later than 15 September (a full refund if you cannot attend for military reasons or if the event is cancelled). A reserve waitlist will be used to fill any late vacancies. Check in is expected between 6pm and 8pm Friday and the Retreat will

conclude after lunch on Sunday. Membership of MCF is not a prerequisite.

Singles and unmarried couples are very welcome; segregated male/female accommodation will be provided.

Costs for the weekend, all inclusive, are:

- 3 - 5 years - \$55
- 6 - 12 years - \$70
- 13 - 16 years - \$80
- 17 years and up - \$90
- Maximum family cost - \$320
- Children under 3 are free

Daily rates are available on request to the MCF office.

Reserve your place by completing the following form and post to MCF at:

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MCF Retreat Application

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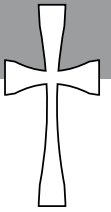
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Once your booking is received MCF will send you Conference Centre information including directions and a detailed program for the weekend to confirm your booking. A full refund can be received if prevented from attending due to military reasons; just send a letter from your CO stating your plans were changed for service reasons.



Canberra Defence Christians Dinner

Friday 2 Sep 05

Meet with Defence Christians for an evening of fellowship and encouragement at the Yamba Sports Club, Irving Street, Phillip, ACT. Sponsored by the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia.

Guest Speaker: Lieutenant General David Hurley, AO, DSC

Timings: 1900 for 1930 hours

Dress: Smart Casual

Cost: \$30/head

Contact details: Major James Van Heel
6265 6033 (w)

Send an e-mail to james.vanheel@defence.gov.au to reserve your seats. Complete the form below and return to MAJ Van Heel if you are not able to reply electronically.

Please pay by direct debit to DEFCREDIT quoting your surname and "DC Dinner".

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Alternatively, send a cheque for \$30 per head by 26 Aug 05 to MAJ Van Heel, Russell Offices, R1-3-A029, CANBERRA, ACT, 2600.



LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID HURLEY, AO, DSC

Lieutenant General David Hurley was born in Wollongong, NSW in 1953. An Infantry officer who graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon in December 1975, he commanded 1 RAR during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. One of the Army's most distinguished soldiers, his many appointments include Commander of the 1st Brigade in Darwin and Land Commander Australia. He was promoted to Lieutenant General to assume the new appointment of Chief of Capability Development Group in December 2003.

He is married to Linda and has three children. His main Christian activities have been with the civilian church community, although during his command appointments he has been a strong support to Defence chaplaincy. He became an Elder in the Presbyterian church in the early 80s, serving whenever postings have allowed, and was also involved in establishing Covenant College in Gordon in the early 90s. LTGEN Hurley has served on numerous Church management committees and boards over the years, such as St Andrews Presbyterian during his previous posting to Canberra. At present he, Linda and family worship at Hughes Baptist Church.



Names of those attending:.....

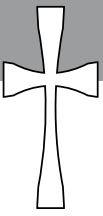
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Chaplain's Corner



by MCF Chaplains' Representative,
PCHAP Eric Burton, RAN

Puppet on a String?

You have a million e-mails to answer, kids to drop off at childcare, hubby is away on deployment, you are behind on paying the bills, the boss is screaming for a paper due 3 days ago, you have not rung your mum for 3 weeks, the lawns need doing. You are behind in your exercise plan. So many ought to do's in life - so little time.

One of the most powerful stories from the bible, which has something to say about the frenetic pace and demands of modern day, concerns one of Jesus' closest family friends. There were two sisters and a brother. Martha and Mary were the sister's names and Lazarus was

the brother (That's right the same Lazarus who was raised from the dead). It seems that Jesus used to drop in quite regularly at their house to visit. On one occasion he stopped in. It seems that Martha was a natural worrier, perhaps a workaholic and somewhat of a perfectionist. When Jesus dropped in she kept working to get everything just right. Her sister Mary however was content to sit and talk with Jesus. Martha was quite resentful that Mary was not pulling her weight. Don't fret, indicated Jesus who sensed the conflict, Mary has chosen the right way.

Sometimes our lives can seem like we are a puppet. The puppeteer, representing the demands of others, pulls the strings and we respond - trying to please everyone, trying to keep up, and trying never to disappoint. Perhaps a better analogy is that there are several puppeteers all trying to pull the strings. The result of this lifestyle is usually guilt and sheer exhaustion. Please note that in the visit of Jesus, recorded in Johns Gospel, Mary lets Martha down. She refused to let Mary pull her strings. Mary makes a deliberate choice to set her priorities even if it means that

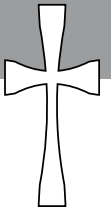
other people may not be happy. As you can see, those priorities involve taking time out to be apart from the craziness of life and communicate with her friend and Master.

For our lives both at work in the military and at home we need to take charge of our time as best we can and not simply respond uncritically to others demands. Here are a few ideas.

- Take time out to reflect quietly about your life and where it is going. Give opportunity for the Spirit of God to talk with your spirit. Just yesterday I took two hours to sit by the Lake Burley Griffin in my car to think and pray. I am sure I had a better rest of the day.
- Don't load yourself up with the demands of others. No matter what rank, let your boss know if you are under work pressure. We are a 'can do' Defence Force and there are times of long hours and duress - however whenever possible give yourselves a break.
- Be realistic about your limitations and the inherent 'messiness' of life. Don't try and do it all or fix it all. Relax - be happy.
- Realise that the 'default' position of your life should be peace and joy as a child of God. This is your birthright (Galatians 5). If you are feeling driven and harried most of the time look for ways to deal with this; be prepared to make major life changes if necessary.
- Think about other's needs and help others, more than yourself - freedom from worrying about yourself is something to be highly prized.

Wishing you the Peace of God,
which passes all understanding.





What is MCF?

Introduction

The Australian Defence Force requires members who are physically, mentally and spiritually mature. In times of changing values, when moral and ethical norms are being continually challenged, the Military Christian Fellowship of Australia (MCF-A) can help Service personnel to strengthen their spiritual maturity and provide opportunities for fellowship and united witness.

The MCF is an interdenominational fellowship of all ranks from the three Services and civilians associated with Defence who desire:

- To live Christian lives to the glory of God.
- To extend the cause of Jesus Christ in an through the Australian Defence Force (ADF).
- To support and encourage one another in these ventures.

What is the history of MCF ?

In 1851 Captain Trotter, of the British Army, wrote from India to his Christian friends in England seeking prayer support for himself and his fellow officers so that they might perform their military duties more effectively and be faithful in demonstrating their Christian faith. From this grew the Officers' Christian Union. Through friendships with those of other nations similar fellowships developed; and their number continues to grow to this day. An Australian Officers' Christian Fellowship was formed in Sydney in 1959, and in 1973 the Australian Services Christian Fellowship was formed to cater for all ranks. In 1984 the two organizations amalgamated to form the present MCF-A. MCF-A is a member of the world wide Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF).

How does MCF function?

The basic component of MCF is the local unit or area fellowship group formed to help members of the Services to live fulfilled and effective Christian lives in the military environment. The groups are self-controlled and may be all ranks in composition as the needs and wishes of the members dictate. The MCF Council exists to provide assistance and resources as needed as well as a link with

the worldwide fellowship. Salaried workers are employed to provide ministry and administrative support to members. The Staff Worker visits Service establishments and groups nationally. MCF is financed by members' donations to cover the costs of the activities of staff and literature.

Conferences are held, providing opportunities for members from around the country to meet, to exchange ideas, enjoy fellowship and obtain teaching relevant to Christians in the military. Regional seminars and other activities may also be arranged from time to time.

What are the objectives of MCF?

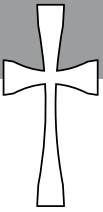
The objectives of MCF are:

- To build up individual members to spiritual maturity in their walk with God, family and associates.
- To stimulate and encourage members to meet together regularly for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
- To stimulate and encourage members to give witness to their faith in work, deed and active support for the church of their own denomination.
- To be an instrument through which others in the ADF are led to commit their lives to Christ.
- To support actively the ministry of ADF Chaplains.

In addition to stimulating and encouraging individual members, the Fellowship also helps to organize local, regional and national activities which further the MCF objectives. Prayer is recognized as a vital means through which a widespread organization, subject to the contingencies of Service life, can nurture its corporate life. Members are encouraged to pray regularly for each other, the staff and the Council.

Who controls MCF ?

MCF is governed by an elected representative Council consisting of up to twelve persons. Members include a Chaplain and representatives from the three Services.



How does MCF relate to service Chaplains?

MCF seeks to assist Chaplains in their work and to encourage and co-operate with them in every way. It complements their ministry by seeking to contact ADF members who would not normally be involved in chapel or church activities. A close relationship with Chaplains is sought at all levels.

Who can join MCF ?

Ordinary Membership is open to all serving and retired members of the ADF; accredited Philanthropic Representatives; Government employees associated with the ADF; members and former members of the armed forces of other nations now residing in Australia; and their spouses.

Associate Membership is open to all other persons who express an interest in MCF. They are included in the mailing list and receive MCF literature. (Associate Members are unable to vote or to be elected to the Council).

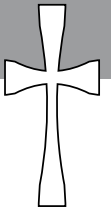
Joining: If you want to encourage other Christians in the ADF and work in fellowship with others to make Christ known within the ADF join the Military Christian Fellowship. You can become a member of MCF-A by filling out the attached form and agreeing to the statements of belief. Send the form to the MCF-A Office. You can get more information from the MCF-A Office (admin@mcf-australia.com) and from the MCF Australia web site at: www.mcf-australia.com.



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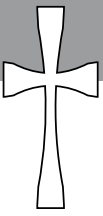
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For the Wives of MCF ...

By Janet Mumford

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born And a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted....A time to weep, And a time to laugh; ...A time to keep, And a time to throw away; A time of war, And a time of peace." Ecc 3:1-2, 4a, 6b, 8.

I can't think of a more appropriate verse to describe the life of a military wife! We have all had to "plant" in a new location, have had to uproot and move, had the joy of cleaning out those cupboards we'd rather forget about, made those important decisions as to which of the hundreds of pieces of children's artwork to keep and which to part with. For many of us we have endured long periods of separation due to the deployments which are now commonplace in our military. The life of a military wife is not an easy one and not for the fainthearted.

While I have always looked ahead to that time when our family would live a life separate from the

military, one where there would be some stability and predictability in our life, God has been challenging me in recent years to see that the time now is one of spiritual growth and stability in Him. Until our last posting I had very little to no contact with other military Christians, preferring to worship at churches in the local community and make friends through that avenue. While that has had great rewards, once again the Lord has been challenging me to look in my own backyard. I was neglecting the very mission field that the Lord had placed me in...the military. If we, who understand the complexity of life connected to the military, aren't fellowshipping with and encouraging other believers and reaching out to others in that same environment, who is?

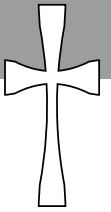
Do we have the revelation that this life that we are living is God ordained and is His plan for us, that God is using it to grow us into His likeness? Are we willing to embrace the unique mission field that the Lord has placed us in?

Do we have the courage of Sarah, Ruth, Rebekah, Esther and many others in the bible to leave behind all that we know and love and go to a place that the Lord is sending us? Can we be excited that the six month deployment our husbands are going on is an opportunity for us to grow closer to the Lord learning to rely on Him for all our needs? Do we really trust? Do we really believe that Jeremiah 29: 11 "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope" applies to our life in the military? Do we really desire to be women who follow hard after God? I know I do, but there was always this thorn in the flesh...my husband's job!!

Are we willing to meet with and encourage other military Christian wives in their walk with the Lord, remembering that: "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall one will lift up his companion....Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not easily broken." Ecc 5:9 - 10, 12. The life of a military wife is so much easier when there are others to share the load. Can I encourage you to seek out another wife, give her a hug and some words of encouragement and ask her how you can help her in her spiritual walk?

Janet is married to Mick and has five daughters. The Lord finds time for her to lead a ladies' bible study at the Royal Military College amid the turmoil of school commitments and Army functions. Janet has been a Christian since she was 8 years old but began following the Lord in earnest after marrying Mick in her early 20's.





Lord, this is MCF over ...

Give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed with new members and increased financial support.

Pray for the safe return of the Bielenbergs from overseas military ministry with ACCTS. Pray also for the other military ministries including Navigators, Everymans, Salvation Army, and Fighting Words.

Pray that the Operation Fruitful Tree Planning team will be granted discernment to understand God's will and wisdom to understand the needs of members.

Pray for the National Council; their health and protection of their families.

Pray for the safety of our soldiers, sailors and airmen deployed in harm's way. Pray also for comfort and good health for their families and friends. Pray for success of the mission, victory in battle, and compassion for the injured and distressed.

Forgive those who persecute Christians in the ADF; pray for their salvation.

Pray for the Chaplaincy, including Bishops Max and Tom, and Principal Chaplains Eric, Len and Peter; especially for health, enthusiasm, wisdom, and opportunity to further their ministries.

Pray for our new CDF, VCDF, and service chiefs, especially for wisdom, compassion, and decisiveness.



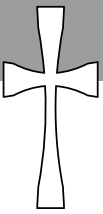
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**Heavenly Father,
We thank you
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cleanses from all sin.
Bless the service men and women
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who know the joy of being
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may be filled with your love
and pass it on to others
until his coming again.
Amen**

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In the next edition of Cross Fire:

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- MCF Centurions... faithful warriors for the ADF
- Operation Fruitful Tree is finalised!

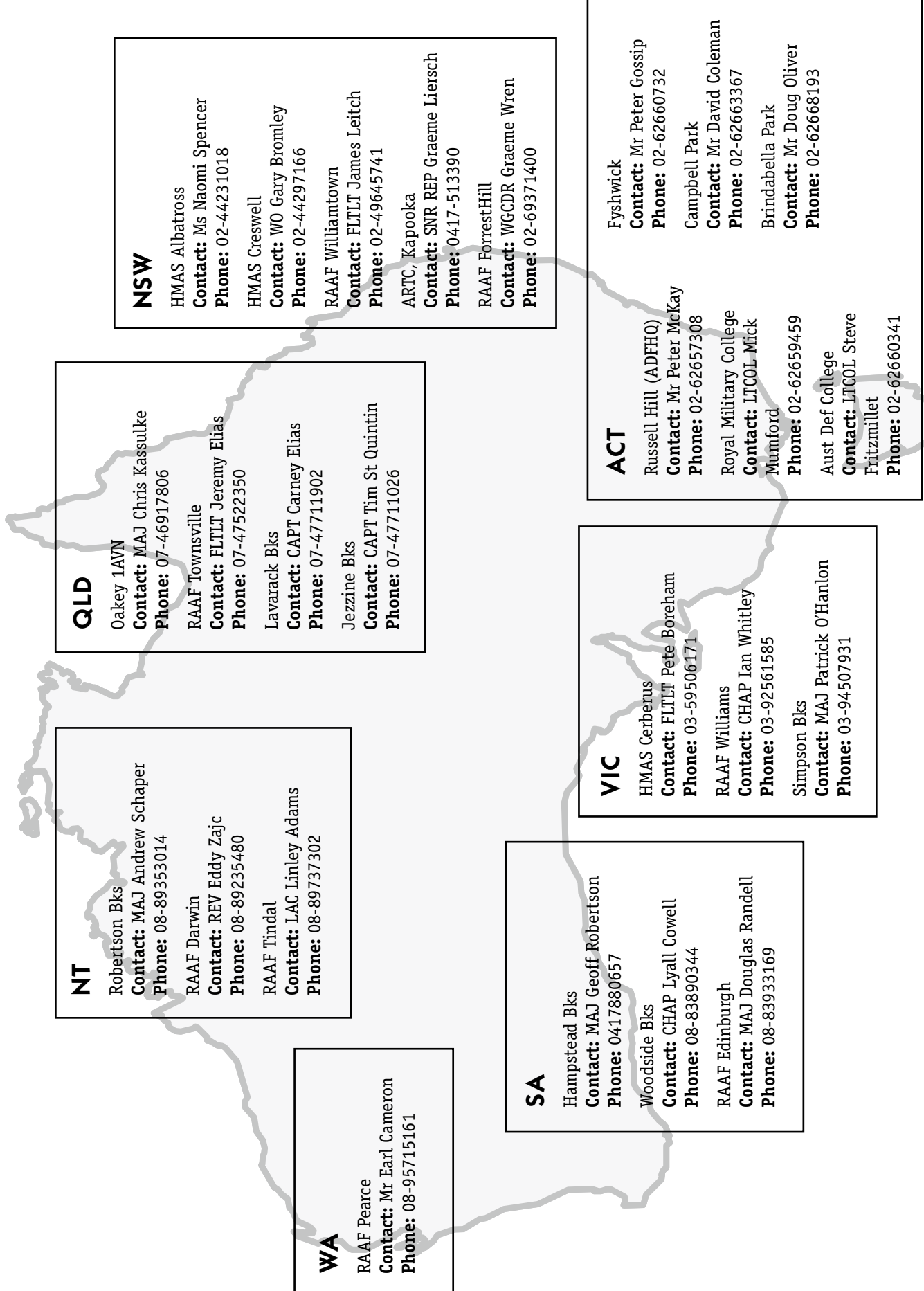
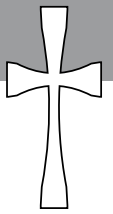


Not been to church in a while, but got this far and want to know more about being a Christian?

It may surprise you to know that it is not about being religious. "Religious" just means doing something regularly. You can religiously go to happy hours in the Mess for instance. Some people even think being a Christian is a "racial" thing like being of European or Asian heritage. Rather Christianity is about a personal relationship with the maker of our Universe through His son Jesus. It is about admitting we are not good enough to live in this world let alone the next and seeking God's mercy so that we can. The bible tells us that we need only knock on the door of the Lord and He will open it. How do you do this? Go and see a Chaplain. Walk up to him or her and say, "Hey Padre, I was reading the MCF magazine yesterday and was hoping you could tell me a bit about this Christian thing." Or go and see someone you know who practises their Christian faith, perhaps the person you borrowed this magazine from. If all else fails call the MCF Staff Worker! But whatever you do don't wait until it is too late. In the movie "Gladiator" Russell Crowe says, "What we do in life echoes in eternity." Christians would say "Who you know in life (Jesus) determines your eternity."



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