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In this edition, we celebrate a Defence Christians' book launch and thank God for answering one of our prayer requests

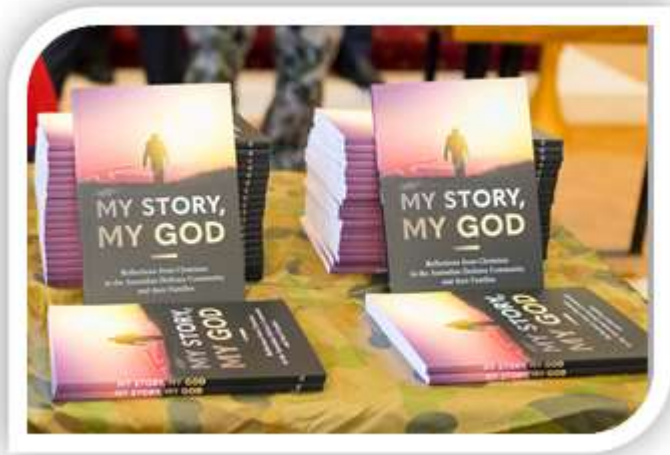
TESTIMONY



Above: Some of the authors of the testimony book, *My Story, My God* joined the launch on Monday August 2nd to thank God for this journey of putting Defence Christian testimonials together in print – a collaboration between Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries (FCMM) and Bible Society Australia. From left to right: Haydn Lea, Maree Sirois, Julianne McMaster, Lauren Hutchison, Matt Rogerson, Julie Jaensch, Dan Sutherland, Glenn Thomas, Craig Bickell and Phil McMaster.

On Monday 2 August, LTCOL Phil McMaster and our staff worker, Mrs Julie Jaensch, realized the fruit of their works with the launch of a Defence Christians' testimony book. "My Story, My God" is a book of many stories – short testimonials from military, public service personnel and families. It demonstrates how Christianity has impacted their lives both in the past and the present. The book wraps up these stories with a section on how to become a Christian and how to grow as a Christian.

This book has been compiled on behalf of the Forum of Christian Military Ministries and Christians who have served the Australian Defence Force in some way in the past or are still serving. Whether you're curious about what these people have to say or you already have a relationship with Jesus, we pray you will find the stories in this book an encouragement and come to know of God's unconditional love for you, no matter what!



Special thanks goes to the generosity and patience of the Bible Society Australia in helping get this book published and distributed as well as to those who so willingly shared part of their faith story.

“*My Story, My God*” is free from your local ADF Chaplain for all who currently work within the Australian Defence Organisation. If your area doesn’t have a Chaplain please contact Julie at mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Thanking God for a cheerful giver: Paul in his letter to the Corinthians makes this point – *whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows bountifully (with blessings) will also reap bountifully (with blessings). Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.*

Recently the MCF Council chose to step out in faith and continue our present level of ministry even though there was a substantial shortfall in projected income. This was a decision made in faith as we were reluctant to reduce the support given to Christians within the ADF. All praise to God who raised up a cheerful giver who has covered this shortfall bounteously even though they were unaware of what the shortfall amount was.

The MCF Exec would like to thank all those cheerful givers who have given and continue to give to further the work of the Lord in the ADF through the MCF. All praise to God who raised up a cheerful giver who has covered this shortfall even though they weren’t aware of it.

FY 20/21 Tax Receipts Thank you for those who have given their time and monetary donations to support MCF’s work – all tax receipts have been mailed out. If you haven’t received yours, please contact us (see below)

New Small Group MCF at RMC Duntroon have started up their group again. Thursdays 1200-1300 in the RACS Office (next to the hairdresser at the Grassy Knoll). All ADF members are most welcome including those from interstate on courses

Melbourne Defence Christians' Dinner - See flyer attached