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Rep's Gifts of Seed for the Sower and Bread for the eater

"Thank you for bringing God's Word to our Service men and women. We pray God's richest blessings on you as you minister to all those in the ADF".

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it". Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV

This, verse and thank you message, is what I received from the Bible Society after placing an order for more Bibles, devotionals, and the book *My Story, My God*. It is clear that sharing the Word through the Gospels and stories brings out the flourishing power of the living water. We, as the tools God is using to bring the Good News, start to plan and deliver the events for those who might join us. It might sometimes feel like it is not bringing the results we were hoping for, but the Holy Spirit works in ways we cannot fathom.



Planning that activity can be complicated, not that a BBQ or dinner is difficult to plan, rather it is complicated on who is the audience, how many to plan for, or big to go. The event doesn't have to be a large activity or have the most stuff crammed into it, sometimes a simple snag or coffee brings the most opportunity for the Holy Spirit to work.



Matthew 13:34 NIV Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. A good event is one that brings people to the Gospels, either in word or service. Seeing someone doing something for others tells the story of Jesus' sacrifice, in a way that is like a parable. A message within the action or word, not told directly or demonstrated intentionally, rather hidden within. Remember to promote the event for what it is, and not trick people in coming. Be honest and sincere about our faith, and how MCF is positioned to serve.

Bottom-line, have fun and enjoy delivering whatever you are being drawn into delivering, food, fellowship, teachings, or prayer. For God has brought you to this point, now it is your time to show others His Glory through your love for Christ.

Darren Thomas - MCF-A Vice-Chair & Puckapunyal Area Rep

If you'd like to host an event in your area (like the egg & bacon roll + coffee \$5 breakfast Darren just held), you can contact mcf.office@defence.gov.au if you have any questions or would like support.

MCF Small Group news

Anzac Park West (ACT) – If you work or visit APW you are most welcome to attend their gathering. Please contact [John Grant \(5\)](#) for time and venue.

Deakin Offices (ACT) – If you work at or visit Deakin Offices (Thesiger Cres) on a Wednesday, you are invited to join in Bible Study from 1200hr. Please contact [MAJ Bernard Jones](#) for details.

Gallipoli Barracks (Enoggera, QLD) – If you work or visit Gallipoli Barracks you are most welcome to attend the weekly meeting. Please contact [WO2 Martin Fisher \(1\)](#) for time and venue.

Russell Offices (ACT) – If you work or visit Russell Offices the MCF Group will start meeting from Wednesday 20 July in the Eucalyptus Room 1300-1330. (Time/room may change in time.) Contact [Roby Joshua Ray](#)

Tax statements

If you didn't receive a tax statement at the time of your donation, the MCF Office will issue your 2021/22 statement before the end of July. **All donations over \$2 to MCF-A are tax deductible.**

Any questions please contact mcf.office@defence.gov.au

Save the Date

The National Prayer Breakfast (COVID restrictions allowing) will be held in person in Canberra (most likely in the Great Hall at Parliament House) and also online this year on **28 November** starting around 7am Canberra time. More details as it gets closer.

OLIVE TREE MEDIA – Faith Runs Deep



Olive Tree Media have just released their Australian series, Faith Runs Deep. **They have dedicated one whole episode of the twelve to the Armed Services.** It is episode 8, titled 'For love of country'. It features Michael Gladwin (author of Army Chaplain book), Julianne McMaster (Solid Rock), Tim Booker (Faith under Fire), Dave Jensen and more - people you may know. A huge thank you to Olive Tree Media and Karl Faase for giving us **free access to this episode.** We

ask you don't share the code. If you enjoy the episode you may like to pay the small fee to watch the other episodes. (MCF Small Groups can contact the Office if they would like to use these for Bible Studies.)

Link to episode 8 - <https://vimeo.com/711891518> Password: **FRDEP08**

Web page if interested in watching more episodes: <https://www.olivetreemedia.com.au/on-demand/>

Children's Mental Health

I felt led to the verse in Hebrews 16:19a: "This (Christian) hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls" and to prepare a six-week curriculum called H.O.P.E. for parents, grandparents, children's workers, Christian schools, and clergy" - Dr Pastor David Goodwin D.Min M.Min. Dip.Couns., Cert IV in AWT

See the attached flyer for the **free course** and feel free to share this info within your networks.

Thank you to MCF-A partner [Did You Know Education](#) for this great resource.

Other items

Have you posted or moved house?

Please update your details [HERE](#)

Membership

[Membership](#) is free and **open to every Christian**. If you've not had an association with the ADF or you don't identify as Christian you can be an associate member.

Donations

MCF is supported through freewill donations by members and supporters. Please look at Supporting MCF in prayer, with your time and through [financial support](#). (Direct debit preferred – details at right side of webpage)

Note that donations (over \$2) to MCF-A are tax deductible.

Prayer requests

To put forward prayer points for inclusion in the calendar please email the MCF Prayer Coordinator Dr Brendan Pell: brendan.pell@dst.defence.gov.au

You can also send through **urgent prayer points** that are sent on to the MCF Prayer Warriors or enquire about becoming an MCF Prayer Warrior by contacting Brendan.

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