



# eNews August 2022

## Who is AMCF and why should I care about it?



**Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) is the worldwide association of national military Christian fellowships (MCFs), and individual military Christians in nations that do not have an organised MCF with Galatians 3:28 as its motto -- "All one in Christ Jesus"**

AMCF is an association – not an organization. It has a voluntary agreement of more than 140 indigenous military Christian fellowships (MCFs) of the world to work together to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ among the militaries of the world. It is non-denominational, non-political, and not affiliated with any nation or church and it has no office, budget or staff. It is made up of one President (10yr term) and 14 Vice Presidents (VP- 7yr terms in their region). AMCF's mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to military men and women of every nation of the world and its goal is that every country in the world have an MCF and that it becomes mature and effective. It aims to do this by prayer, reaching out, meeting together, communicating, teaching & encouraging and cooperating. **"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness."** John 12:46



**LTCOL Jamie van Heel is the current AMCF SW Pacific region VP, of which MCF-A is a part.** Many of you may know Jamie from his role as Chair MCF-A from 2009-2018 (and many roles in MCF-A before that). He took



up the role of VP in Oct 2018 at the AMCF SW Pacific Conference in Brisbane. There will be a worldwide AMCF Conference in Brazil on Oct 2024, which Jamie is planning on attending. Please let him know if you are interested in going along, or being more involved in the SW Pacific ministry.

feature on MCFs in other parts of the SW Pacific to help you understand, support and connect to our near neighbors. Please let MCF-A or Jamie know if you are traveling to any of the Islands and would like to meet MCF members there, they are always happy to say hi.

Every few months MCF-A intends to do a



To find out more on AMCF: [AMCF Website \(amcf-int.org\)](http://amcf-int.org)

Contact [james.vanheel@defence.gov.au](mailto:james.vanheel@defence.gov.au) if you have any questions or to express an interest in the Conf in Brazil.

## MCF Dinners in 2022



**Defence Christian's Dinner – Vic (at Puckapunyal) Friday 9 Sept - Everyone most welcome** – see attached flyer for more details and booking links. For more info contact [darren.thomas3@defence.gov.au](mailto:darren.thomas3@defence.gov.au) (You don't need to be in the ADF or Vic to attend)

**MCF BBQ – Canberra Saturday 5 Nov. Everyone welcome.** More details closer to the date.

## Tax statements

If you didn't receive a tax statement at the time of your donation or in the past few weeks, please contact the MCF Office as all statements have been sent. **All donations over \$2 to MCF-A are tax deductible.**

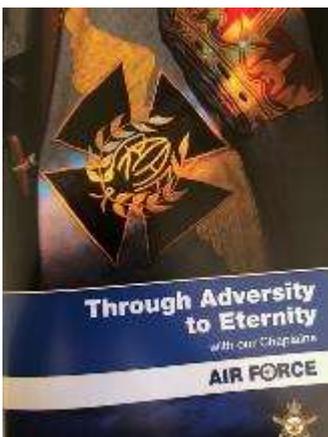
Any questions please contact [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au)

## MCF AGM - Save the Date

**MCF-A 2022 AGM online – 14 Nov @ 7pm AEDT.**

Exec are trying out a new way to do the AGM to be more inclusive for all MCF members across Australia. More info to follow closer to the date.

## RAAF Chaplain Journal



**Through Adversity to Eternity is the latest edition of the Air Force Chaplain's Journal.** It was released late last year and the MCF Office now has limited copies. With stories from RAAF Chaplains on Op Bushfire Assist and other places, to traditions, recruiting and writing books, there's something in here everyone will find interesting. Ask your local RAAF Chaplain for a copy or send an email to [mcf.office@defence.gov.au](mailto:mcf.office@defence.gov.au) with your best mailing address.

You don't need to be in RAAF to request a copy.

## Update from India/Nepal - with thanks

In previous eNews editions you may have read about our Brother Arjun and his family working to start and support MCFs in his part of India, and now into Nepal. Arjun and his wife Purnima are now living in Nepal and wish to pass on heartfelt thanks for your prayers and special thanks for those who gave financial support.

### Here's a quick update on the past few months - snippets from Arjun's emails and prayer requests:

- We have been serving the Lord in India and Nepal among Military, Defence Personnel and Civilians as well. By God's grace Lord's ministry has been flourished among Indian Military and Civilians. In Nepal Lord has given us responsibilities of taking care of some 11 Churches most of them are in interior parts of Eastern Nepal.



-We have also venture into new field among Maggi (Fisher Man) tribe (Nepal), there we have great hope to established one large Church, good numbers of People are gathering together for worship. We are approaching them through their Children through free tuition, because these Children are under privilege Children for education.

Now we have initiated two free tuition Centres for under privilege Children for Education as a means of sharing Gospel because doing open Evangelist is restricted in Nepal since 2018.

- We are blessed to received prayers support from many MCF-A families as you have mention us in MCF-A Monthly and weekly Prayer Calendar we are much blessed to have many prayers support. Do continually pray for the flourishing of our Lord Jesus Christ Kingdom Ministry among Military and Civilians in Nepal. By God's grace on 16 July 2022 six Persons have been saved in Christ so they took water Baptism as well, we praise God for that.



- It's very sad to see that we the Christian are being persecuted in our countries, even in just last week a Christian boy age of 20 years, went to be with the Lord. He was new believer and first generation Christian so his body was not permitted to buried in the village by his own community because he was alone in Christian faith in that entire community. Here even Christian death bodies are being persecuted and now it's getting worse. Even in Nepal there are some same cases happening every now and then so it would be great pleasures and support for us if we get many more Prayers support through MCF-Australia. But despite of all these things God has rapidly enlarging His flock in these countries, I strongly believed that it's the answers of Prayers of many nations. But by God's grace one way persecution is framing more strong Christians in their faith and how to stand firm with. But it's very difficult to face when real situation comes. Church growth in persecuted areas are really fruitful now.

***If you'd like to know more about Arjun's ministry or give him financial support, please contact [MCF Office](#)***

**Please also remember in prayer MCF in Ukraine and other places of conflict and hardship.**

## 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](mailto: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.

## Contacting the MCF Office

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