

AMCF World Conference 2024 Pray and Plan

27 November 2020

Brazilian Participants: Brig. Ribeiro, Maj. Joel Rocha, Col. Ret MP Terra, Cap. Ret André Cardoso, Gina Rajah (also of ACCTS).

AMCF Participants: Gen. Srilal Weerasooriya, Col. Juan Cabral, Andrea Delgado

MMI Participants: MG Roddy Porter, Maj Mark Hibbert-Hingston

MSO Participants: LTG Lee, Kap-Jin; COL Lee, Jang-song; LTC Park, Back-man; COL Chung, Bong-Dae; MG Park, Nam-pil.

ACCTS Participants: Col Phil Exner, Bernhard Kaltenbach, CAPT Pete Prindle, Elizabeth Humphrey

MG Roddy Porter chaired the meeting. General Weerasooriya opened the meeting by saying God uses men and women to do his work. We are instruments in his hands to do his purpose, so we need to listen for his voice and seek his face as we pray and plan today. Roddy Porter opened in prayer.

Devotional: Secretary General Chung spoke about 1 Corinthians 15:10. "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me." Due to COVID, there are problems worldwide, but God's people have to seek God's will, see God's grace, and be grateful for God's grace. After the war in Korea, the church was a place of escape and safety. This kind of Jesus' love led many people to Christ. God and the UN gave aid in the form of food – without that, so many people would have died. God and the UN opened our eyes to academics and education. All of these things were great blessings from God. We must repay God's grace. We in MSO believe that AMCF's vision is part of this. In Israel, the second generation of people who didn't know God's grace constantly complained and grumbled. Our AMCF members should not complain and grumble when they are suffering. God's people look back on God's grace -- let's look back on our blessings.

WC2024 Estimated Participant Numbers: Gen. Weerasooriya has been in touch with the VPs on this issue and several have given a rough idea of how many participants might attend from their region. The priority for participants are the AMCF VPs and their spouses, MCF leaders and their spouses, and potential MCF leaders. Estimates are for about 200 from the nine regions that have been counted up: 10 Asia-Pacific, 30 W. Africa, 11 S. Asia, 40 Europe, 23 Francophone Africa, 20-40 E. Asia, 2 - ? N. America, 12 Central America, 14 S. Africa. This number does not include PSO representatives. NE Asian, European, and Central American participants will be mostly self-supporting. The P&P committee should discuss how much we can offer those who cannot self-support.

Recap: Gen. Weerasooriya recapped P&P discussions since Oct 2019. The first decision was whether we should have this conference at all. The VP of South America agreed to take on the responsibility of holding the conference, and that was confirmed when the Brazil MCF agreed to host the conference. The VPs agreed to take an active part in selecting participants, rather than having the PSOs choose participants. It was agreed that as far as possible, all participants should be self-funded, and then we will see how we can support those who need it. Participants should be leaders and potential leaders only. It was suggested we should limit it to 250-300 participants, considering the expenditure that was required. These guidelines were sent to the VPs, as was the importance of participants saving now to attend. Tentative costs for participants, in US dollars, are approximately \$45 per person per day including food and accommodation. The Brazilians hope to get financial assistance from the military. BG Ribiero stated that it is too early to establish the costs since it is several years in the future. By 2022 they expect to have more conclusive financial data. This matter will have to be reviewed in future as the situation becomes more clear – it will be a standing agenda item. Phil Exner prayed about this issue.

Gen. Weerasooriya noted that, for the conference to happen, we need a solution for COVID-19 – that is foremost. Vaccines are coming out from various countries and, God willing, these vaccines will soon be ready for distribution. Pray for the vaccine's effectiveness so that we see the end of the pandemic in the next two years.

Emilson: Gina Rajah presented an update on Col Emilson. His brain surgery went very well and he is recovering well. The instrument that was put in his brain seems to be placed where it needs to be. Roddy Porter prayed for Col Emilson.

Prayer Items: The Brazilian group presented updates and prayer requests. Prayer requests included: for the pandemic situation, which is uncontrolled in Brazil; for more military leaders in UMCEB – they need more leaders for their large country; for defense of the Christian faith in Brazil; to have representatives from the persecuted church at the conference; for reawakening of MCFs in states where they are weak for God to supply all our needs; for God to promote full revival of the world by 2024; for social peace in Brazil and recognition that is only from God; health and grace for AMCF leaders worldwide and in Brazil; for God to reveal his team of leaders, the theme, events and venue; for resources for conference.

Theme Possibilities: Suggestions from VPs and General Weerasooriya include: 1) "Tend my Sheep" from John 21:16. 2) Care for and Disciple My Children. 3) "Arise, Shine for Your Time Has Come" from Isaiah 61. Gen Weerasooriya suggested that LTG Lee, Kap-Jin, BG Ribiero, and MG Porter pray about the theme. LTG Lee, Kap-Jin also wants to discuss it with the MSO staff. Time was spent in prayer on this matter.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be **Friday 26th March 2021**. Phil Exner closed the meeting in prayer. General Weerasooriya wished everyone a blessed Christmas season.