

PRESENTATION OF THE CAMEROON MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Dear beloved brethren in the Lord,

I greet you all in the name of Jesus.

I am Ambe Ignatius Nsoh, Staff Sergeant in the National Gendarmerie, current Intercession Officer of the CMCF Executive Bureau. The current aforementioned Bureau is made up of a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary-General, a Deputy-Secretary-General, a Treasurer, a Coordinator of the Follow-up of Spouses and Children of Servicemen involved in operations and an Intercession Officer. Before elaborating on the current activities of the CMFC, we would like to present a brief history on how it was implanted.

The Francophone African Sub-region was born in 2004 with Colonel GNOUMOU of Burkina Faso as first Vice-president. He coordinated the activities of the Francophone African Sub-region which at that time comprised 18 countries until 2012, before handing over to Colonel Daniel Alain NJOYA of Cameroon.

The Cameroon Military Christian Fellowship was put in place following the participation of three pioneer members as guest of the Southern Africa Regional Conference in 2008 in Nairobi – Kenya. The effective return from that conference laid the foundations of Cameroon's Military Christian Fellowship which was headed by Air Force Colonel Daniel Alain NJOYA from 2009 to January 2014 when he was replaced by Colonel Doctor Élisée BIZOME BIGOMBE. Sensitization visits were earlier carried out in Cameroon by the Vice-president for Francophone Africa in 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Details on the inaugural founding meeting:

- Date: **23 April 2010**

- Name of the Association: **Cameroon Military Christian Fellowship (CMCF).**
- President: **Colonel (Aviation) Daniel Alain NJOYA.**
- Chair of the ceremony: **Colonel Gaston GNOUMOU, Vice-president for Francophone Africa.**

Main activities carried out since the return from Kenya in 2008 –

Information:

- Weekly Bible study every Monday from 4: 00 to 6: 00 p.m.
- Two annual evangelical brotherly fellowship meetings during which we invite our colleagues and comrades in arms and in armies together with their families to share our faith and testimonies over a community meal.
- At the end of the year, fund-raising in view of acquiring quantities of daily meditation booklets on the Word of God to be donated and distributed as New Year presents to military colleagues and the High Command.
- Use of every opportunity available to preach the Gospel to the civil and military personnel of Defense Forces (funerals, births, promotions, and various celebrations, etc.).
- Evangelism campaigns, spiritual support and assistance to troops on their way to operational areas to secure the borders and peace-keeping missions.

The CMCF is yet at its plumule stage despite the beefing up of the Executive Bureau. Many reasons surround this phenomenon and some will constitute our prayer points. The CMCF has been working with the Campus Crusade for Christ. Meetings are scheduled every Tuesdays from 4pm to 6pm and extraordinary meetings on Saturdays. The CMCF has not yet gotten a head office and is hosted by Campus Crusade for Christ. Many evangelism trips where done (only in military barracks) in some training centers but the outcome has not always been

fruitful due to lack of adequate follow up. On the 22 March 2016, the constituent General Assembly of the Members of the Cameroon Military Christian Fellowship was organized. During that meeting, the Constitution (divided into 9 parts with 34 Articles) and By-laws (divided into 3 parts with 15 Articles) of the Cameroon Military Christian Fellowship were examined and adopted in plenary session by the members of this Assembly, and an Executive Bureau was put in place. The organization of the said General Assembly was the outcome of a mission undertaken by the CMCF in the northern part of Cameroon where there was serious crisis caused by Boko Haram. Bibles and Qurans were distributed and many soldiers were healed psychologically. From this period, the CMCF started experiencing many difficulties some of which are listed below:

- **Head Office.** As said earlier, the CMCF does not have a place of its own to pray and plan during its meetings. Most often when the hall of Campus Crusade for Christ is occupied, meetings are not conducive;
- **Constitution and By Laws.** The CMCF can only organize its activities in military barracks. The procedure is underway and the main problem is inability to assemble the requested number of CMCF members for signatories;
- **Logistics.** During missions, there have always been lack of procurement, supply, maintenance and transportation of equipment and personnel;
- **Documentation on training.** Most of the trainings are done within the framework of Campus Crusade for Christ due to their documentation, and this does not enhance military evangelism;
- **Appointment of Brethren into strategic positions.** Many Brethren are at times transferred abusively because of their faith in Christ, some are put on guard and on errands only during meeting hours etc. Having a truly born again General of the Armed Forces will greatly help the CMCF benefit from many prerogatives;

- **Finances.** Most of the military personnel always ask themselves what benefit they will obtain if they engaged in any other activity other than their profession. This is due to lack of finances and many prefer to look for activities that will help improve their funds, and many brethren are influenced by the same phenomenon.
- **Religion.** Moslem and non-Christian officials find it difficult to authorize evangelism campaigns.

As a result of the difficulties listed above, together with other internal and social difficulties, many members stopped attending meetings due to discouragements, transfers, many responsibilities (some were ordained pastors and are busy handling their local church) etc. The Executive Bureau resolved this year to reignite the flame of the brethren with the following activities previewed:

- Pursuance with the implementation of chapters (prayer cells);
- Encourage genuine old members who left, encourage them and pray for assiduity of members;
- Improve communication as concerns informing military personnel about the CMCF;
- Duly implement the Coordination in the Follow-up of Spouses and Children of Servicemen involved in operations and those who are no more;
- Pray more for the nation and maintaining a personal prayer life coupled with holiness.

In a nutshell, the Cameroon Military Christian Fellowship has a great future. We believe our Lord Jesus will meet all our needs and establish us as objects and agents of revival in Cameroon and beyond. This will happen through your prayers, support and official visit to our authorities which, according to us will be an open door and a gateway for the CMCF to be considered duly.

Thank you for your keen attention and may the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in this conference in Jesus name.

Prayer Points

- Lord we thank you for the CMCF and all MCF worldwide
- Father forgive the CMCF for we have sinned by not respecting our vow to serve in this commission.
- Heavenly Father, restore all members who left because of offense, discouragement and any other reason.
- Lord Jesus, reign in the hearts of the military authorities and let born again officials be appointed in strategic posts of responsibility.
- We pray for open doors as concerns partnership with other MCFs and let God bless the CMCF financially, materially and spiritually.
- We implore the grace of God on every member for good health and divine preservation from accidents, incidents and premature deaths.
- Lord fill the CMCF leaders with wisdom, knowledge and insight to better strategize as concerns trainings, evangelism and follow ups.
- Lord Jesus, deliver Cameroon from the ongoing crises and let every spirit behind be exposed.
- Let us pray for nations experiencing war and let God raise brethren in their military.
- We pray for the Korean and Cameroonian authorities for the grace of life, good health and prosperity.
- We pray for the Korean Military Chaplaincy for availing itself to train build and impact other growing MCF worldwide.
- Let us finally pray for MEO/MSO 2022 for more grace and grease in all the endeavors of the entire staff as the Lord blesses all the delegates with health and safe trip back to their various countries. **GOD BLESS KOREA.**