



**ASSOCIATION OF MILITARY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIPS  
AFRICA SOUTH**

# NEWSLETTER



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« We are all ONE in Christ Jesus »

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## A WORD FROM THE VP AMCF AS

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ Our Lord

My warmest and most special greetings to you in the precious and glorious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom belong all glory, honor and praise.

This first Newsletter as VP AMCF South Africa coincides with the beginning of a new year 2023. And it is with great joy that I take this first opportunity to wish you a very happy 2023 :

## WISHES 2023

« And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. »  
(Philippians 4.19 ESV)

For 2023, I would like us to appropriate this promise of God that Paul makes to the Philippians only after insisting that he had found the Lord's grace sufficient in good times and in hard times, in times of plenty and in times of want. The key to this promise is not only God's provision, but also our trust in him to meet our needs in Christ Jesus. When our hearts long to be filled with him, to please him, to be blessed by his presence, to have the assurance of life after death, we can surely count on him to provide everything we truly need for 2023.

I really thank God for all the blessings he has allowed us to realize his plan for South Africa in 2022. And I hope that for this coming year of 2023, he will continue to keep his promises for you personally and all the AMCF programs in South Africa.

May this Newsletter strengthen our communication and this one to share with you the blessings and grace received last year 2022 and give an overview of the 2023 program.

Yours in the amazing grace and love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MG(A) RAMASITERA Niriniaina  
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## EVENT 2022

### 2.1. Change in the AMCF Presidential Bench

#### WORLD PRESIDENT AMCF

On October 02, 2022, ACCTS hosted in White Sulphur Springs, PA, the handover ceremony between General (ret) Srilal Weerasooriya (Sri Lanka), who has served the Association of Military Christian Fellowship for 10 years, to General (ret) Essel Soriano (Phillipines).

Several AMCF VPs and other distinguished guests and international gospel partners attended the ceremony. They took the opportunity to share the vision and perspectives of each AMCF region.

#### VP AMCF AFRICA SOUTH

An official installation ceremony for the new AMCF VP of the Southern Africa zone was held virtually on the Zoom Platform on 01 September 2022, with the presence of key AMCF partners including ACCTS, MMI and MSO. General (Ret) Srilal Weerasooriya, AMCF World President led the handover ceremony between Capt (Ret) Peter Louwrens (Republic of South Africa) and the new AMCF VP Major General (A) Ramasitera Niriniaina (Madagascar).

#### VP AMCF « PAYS FRANCOPHONE EN AFRIQUE »

On November 19, 2022, our brother, Colonel (ret) Daniel Njoya (Cameroon) passed the baton of AMCF VP of Francophone countries in Africa to Brigadier General Charles Sezan (Benin). The handover ceremony, held via Zoom, was led by MMI Executive Director Gal (Ret'd) Roddy Potter and attended by several AMCF Africa VPs and other AMCF partners in the Africa military vineyard.

#### VP AMCF WEST AFRICA

A handover ceremony between Gp Captain (Ret) Sunday Nelson Igwe (Nigeria) and Brigadier General Mike Akpatsu (Ghana) during the National Day of Prayer for Ghana, 24 November 2022. It was led by General (Ret) Essel Soriano, AMCF Global President and attended by General Roddy Potter, MMI Executive Director, MSO representative and several AMCF VPs from Africa and partners.

### 2.2. MMTI 2022

The theme of “Madagascar Mountain Top Interaction (MMTI) 2022”, taking place in Antsirabe – Madagascar from October 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, was the training of Joshua Generation, recognizing and raising those whom God is preparing to take forward the ministry of AMCF. That Interaction had produced regional relationships important to the growth of AMCF in the south Africa and the objectives were achieved by the grace and goodness of God who proved the good health of the partnership between ACCTS, MMI and some MCFs (SAMCF, VMK, CoV) contributing to its organization, its preparation and its realization. It is important to underline that Table Mountain Top Interaction (TMTI) and Madagascar Mountain Top Interaction (MMTI) have become solid pillars in the preparing and training of AS-regions Joshua-Generation. Both interactions are designed to rotate annually in respect of venue and hosting country between South Africa and Madagascar.

MMTI 2022 opening ceremony



The closing ceremony was honored by the presence of Admiral RANAIVOSEHENO Antoine de Padoue, Secretary General of the Ministry of National Defense and his wife.



Sharing and prayer session during the morning worship



Participants attending Sunday's service at the Antsirabe Military chapel



Delegates were all mature Christians with a wide variety of military Christian experience, a deep desire to promote military Christian ministry in their nations and potential for further leadership roles within their own nations or the broader AMCF family. There was a cross-section of backgrounds among the delegates:

- 16 from Madagascar (including 06 from the army, 06 from the gendarmerie and 04 from the national police)
- 02 from Comoros,
- 02 from South Africa,
- 02 from Germany.

Among them, 06 are female delegates

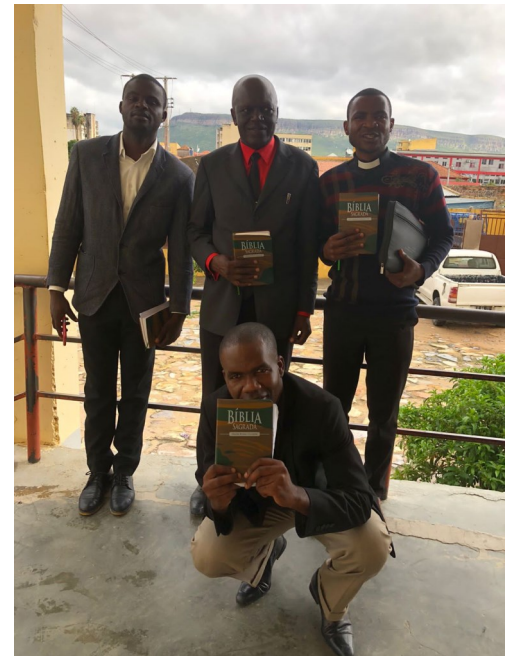
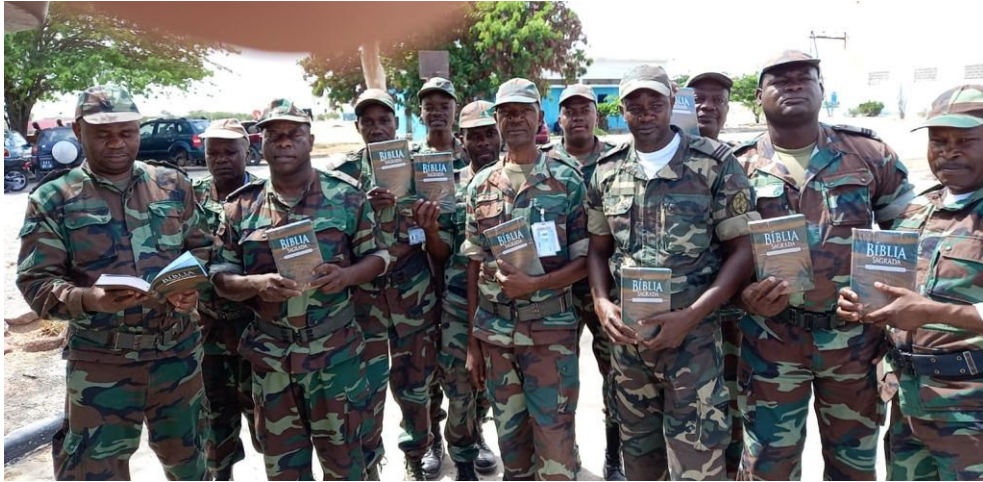
MMTI 2022 Participants



### 2.3. CAMOUFLAGED BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

MCF Mozambique received a donation of 15,000 camouflaged holy bibles in 2016 and continues to distribute them.

MCF Angola is currently very active in the distribution of camouflaged bibles for the men and women in uniform. It is challenging to distribute 50,000 camo bibles until 2026 in 18 provinces of Angola.



### 2.4. THE CHALLENGE NEWSPAPER

Do consider receiving and distributing the Military Challenge newspaper in your Armed Forces. It is both a powerful evangelism tool and encouragement to the Saints.

SAMCF always need Testimonies for the Military Challenge and request you encourage your members including yourself, to submit personal Christian testimonies.

## OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME 2023

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The main activities planned to be held in South Africa region this year 2023 :

18-20 Aog	VMK (Malagasy MCF) National Conference in Tulear (Madagascar)
16 oct – 11 Nov	International Chaplain Training (IAEC) in Madagascar
16-23 Nov	Table Mountain Top Interaction 2023 Rocklands Outdour Camp, Simon's Town, RSA

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## LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

In the AMCF South Africa region, the principle of "LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP" is to assign one country to another called "LIGHTHOUSE SHINING" to interact, encourage and be a blessing to the assigned MCF countries, for their care. There is no seniority, we are all ONE in Jesus Christ.

### 4.1. MADAGASCAR (MAURICE AND COMORES)

Madagascar invited Mauritius and Comoros to participate in MMTI 2022, as a LIGHTHOUSE country, to share, equip and form a network in the Indian Ocean. Even though the Mauritian delegates' application was approved by the MMTI Steering Staff, they could not come due to service obligations. In addition, Comoros was represented by 3 delegates

For 2023, the VP AMCF AS and PDT VMK (Malagasy MCF) plans to strengthen this relationship by a visit of these 2 MCFs with the MMI.

### 4.2. MOZAMBIQUE (ANGOLA, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE)

LCL Felicina Mondlane made a fraternity visit of the MCF of Sao Tome and Principe with LCL (Ret) Samuel Coias (MMI). For this year 2023, the visit to Angola is planned to strengthen the working relationship between the MCFs and the Military Chaplaincy.

### 4.3. SOUTH AFRICA (LESOTHO, NAMIBIA, ESWATINI)

Peter Louwrens and Max Mupondi (MMI RTL AS and ES) visited several MCFs in South Africa and MCFs in Lesotho, as a Beacon Country, from June 27 to July 10, 2022. Objective: To establish a working relationship between MCFs and Chaplains in the 9 Provinces of the RSA.

For the second part of this visit, which will take place in 2023, they will visit the Northern Provinces of the RSA, MCFs in Eswatini and Zimbabwe.

## PRAYER REQUEST

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- Pray for AMCF President General Essel Soriano will fulfill the world military missions that God has given to the AMCF, through the close cooperation with 14 AMCF VPs and 3 PSOs (ACCTS, MMI and MSO) ;
- Pray for the 3 PSOs will effectively support and closely cooperate for world military missionary ministries;
- Pray for every MCF president and national leader will receive wisdom and power from God to establish and revitalize their own MCFs and to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to soldiers in their barracks ;
- Pray for the growth of each MCF in the South Africa region, that God would use them to share the gospel to the military and transform their lives for the glory of God.
- Pray for Military Evangelism Observation (MEO) Naval Central Church at Seoul – Korea planned 19-26 June 2023. The programme is primarily to assist in the establishment and growth of MCFs by inviting potential MCF leaders to observe Korean military evangelism and by teaching them the subjects related to the major activities of MCFs
- Pray that TMTI 2023 will be a regional interaction that will bring together the future youth leaders of AMCF and that it will be carried out under the guidance of God to achieve its objectives.
- Pray that the principle of "LIGHTHOUSE" will be a way of blessing for all MCFs in the South African area.
- Pray for the success of the distribution of camouflaged Bibles for the men and women in uniform in the southern part of Africa, especially in Angola and Mozambique.
- Pray for the holding and success of the training of chaplains and members of the VMK and others planned for October 2023 in Madagascar.
- Pray for the organization of the AMCF World Conference to be held in Brazil in 2024, and the fundraising for sending delegates from each country in the Southern African zone.
- Pray for the establishment of a good relationship between the command, the chaplains and the MCFs for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.