

# Arise & Shine, For Your Light has come!

ISAIAH 60:1

ARISE  
SHINE



# ARISE and SHINE



## THE LORD'S LAMENT

**“...You have forsaken the love you had at first ....”**

(Rev 2:4)

**JESUS the light of the world.** It is His ultimate desire that we reflect His light among the nations **so that His name is glorified.**

(1-Peter 11:12)

# OUR MISSION

**TO TAKE THE GOOD NEWS TO EVERY MAN AND  
WOMAN IN EVERY MILITARY OF SOUTH ASIA**

ARISE  
SHINE

# COMMAND NOT AN OPTION



**WE, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

(Mathew 5:14)

**Are To**

**ARISE & SHINE**

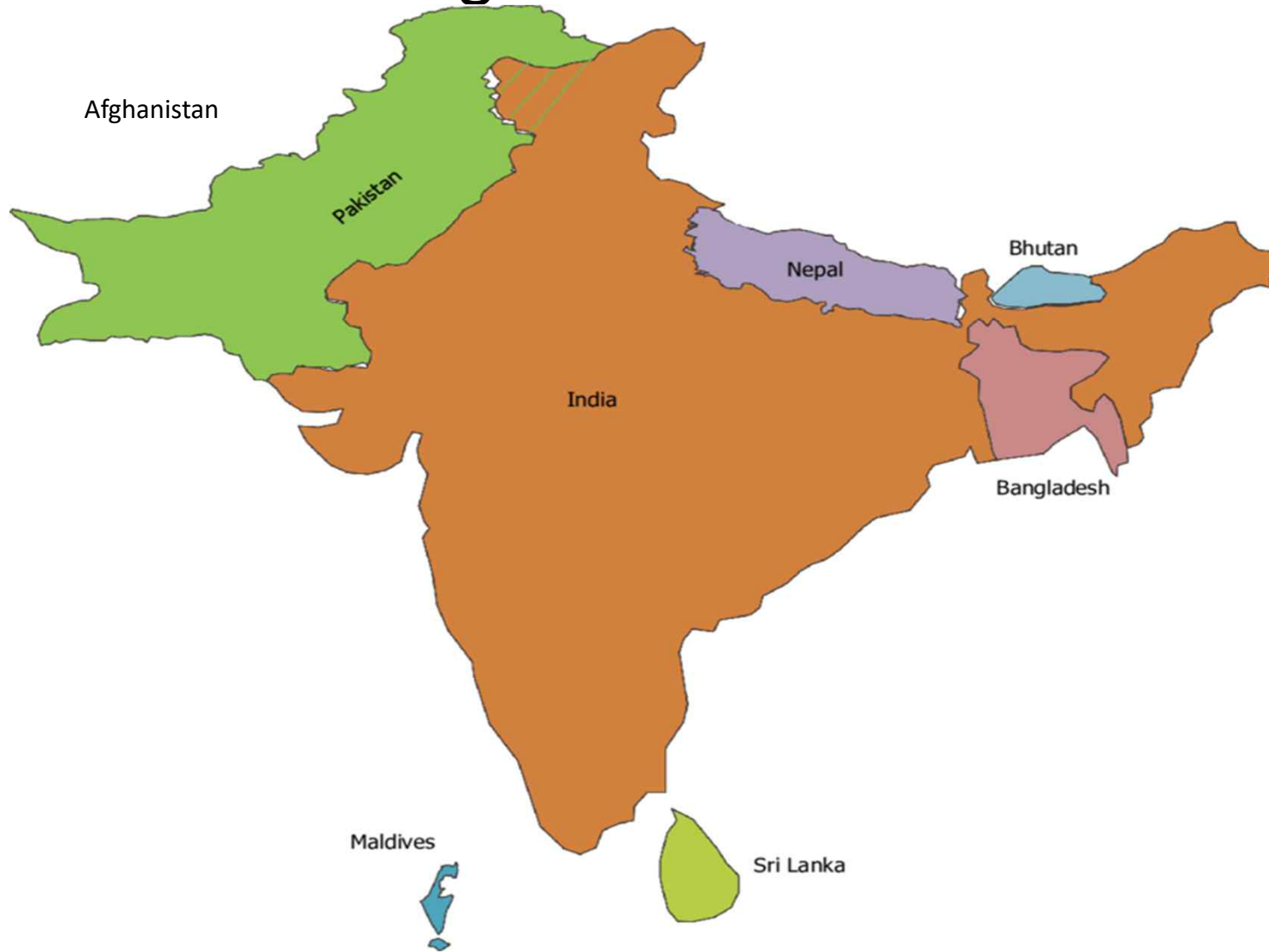


## RESOURCES FOR OBEDIENCE

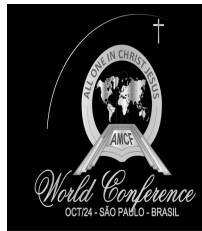
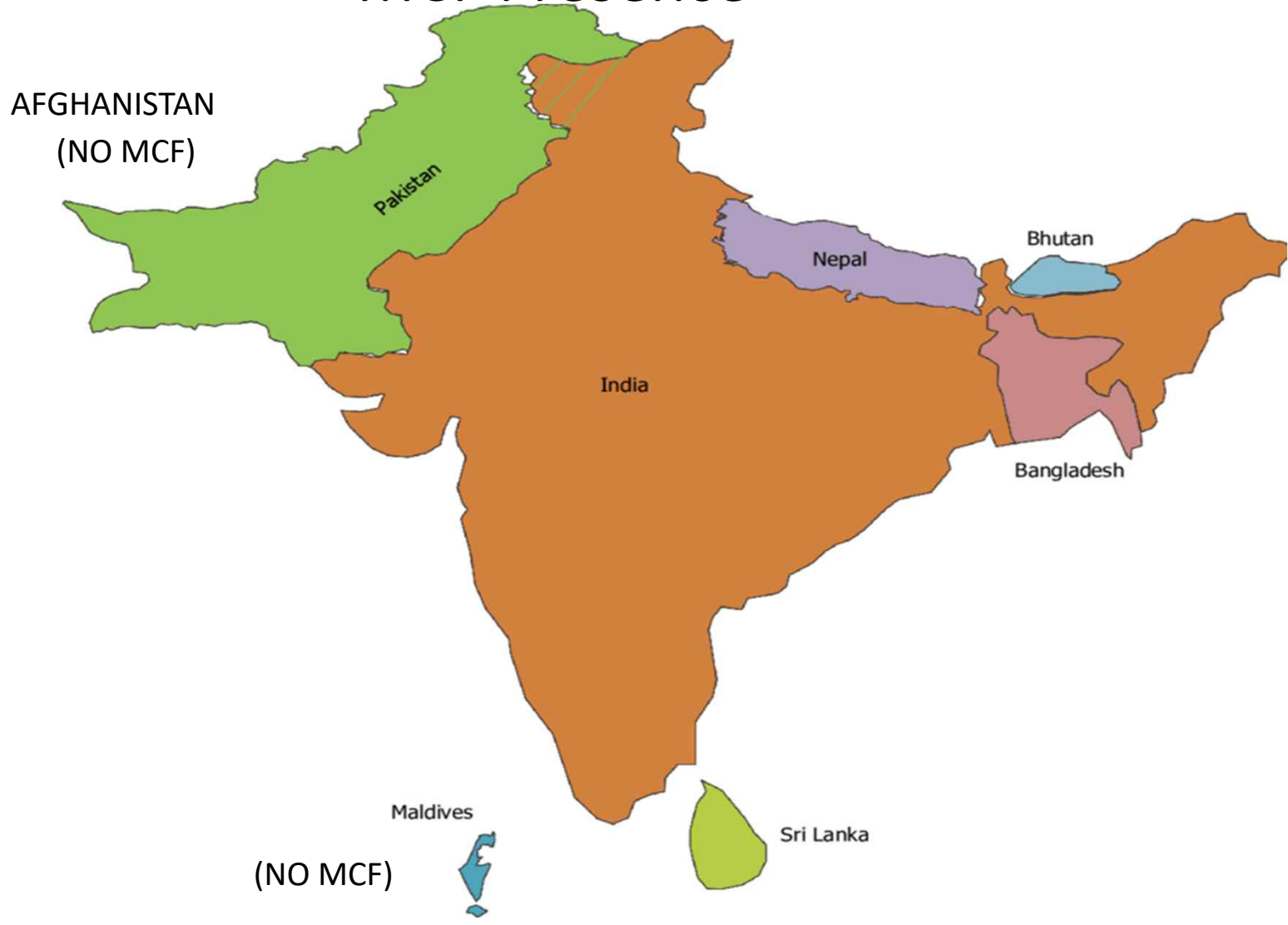
- Power of God -God is with us
- Power of the Holy Spirit
- Power of the Word  
Living & Active Word of God
- Power of Prayer



# Understanding South Asia



# MCF Presence

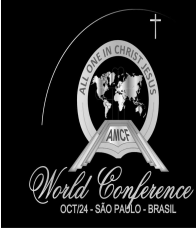






## RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE & CHALLENGES

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>DOMINANT RELIGION</u>	<u>PERSECUTION POSITION</u>	<u>MCF</u>
• AFGHANISTAN	100% Muslims (Almost)	10 <sup>th</sup>	No MCF
• BANGLADESH	92 %	25 <sup>th</sup>	Weak
• PAKISTAN	97%	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weak
• MALDIVES	99%	18 <sup>th</sup>	No MCF
• INDIA	80% Hindus.	11 <sup>th</sup>	Active
• NEPAL	81% Hindu		Active
• BHUTAN.	75% Buddhist		Weak
• SRI LANKA.	70%. Buddhist		Weak



## CHALLENGES to ARISE & SHINE

Challenges in our region include:

- ❖ Hostile/Unfavorable Environment;  
Persecution & Religious Tolerance
- ❖ Poor Economic Conditions
- ❖ Spiritual Barren Lands
- ❖ Internal politics & Disunity
- ❖ Spiritual Strongholds

# GOD WORKS AMID CHALLENGES



# EXAMPLES OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE



# Helen Mary becomes first Christian woman brigadier in Pakistan army

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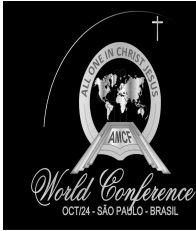


## WAY FORWARD

- Do not be surprised. Believers' suffering is in the will of God. (1-Peter 4:19)
- Jesus warned us." ....If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:20)
- He has promised His presence & support. (Mat 28:19)
- Not to fear and He will never leave us or forsake us.
- As soldier in His Army, be strong and firm in faith to

ARISE & SHINE

# HOW TO ARISE



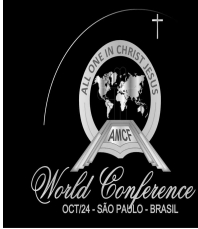
## 1. Seek God's Presence

Develop a deeper relationship with God.

Prayer, Worship & Meditation on His Word.



# HOW TO ARISE



**2. Conscious Decision :** Commit to overcoming spiritual lethargy or complacency.





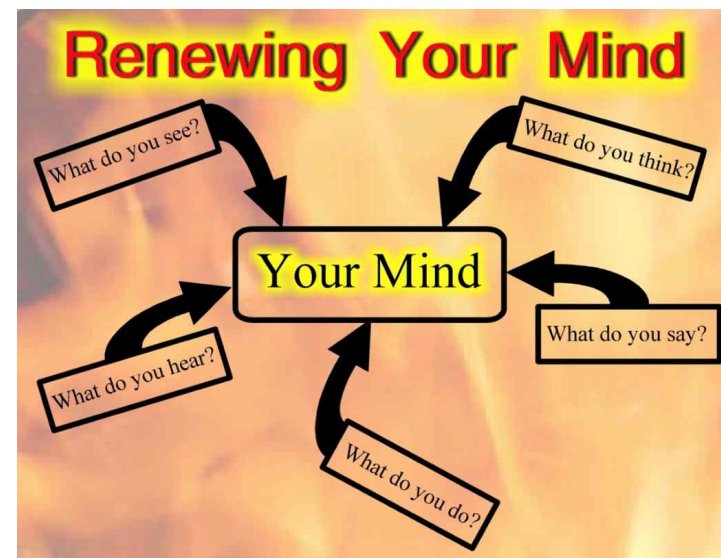
# How to Arise

## 3. Renew your mind

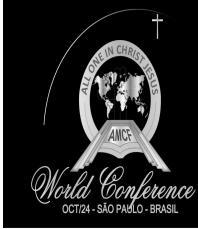
Align your thoughts with God's truth & promises of God (Roman 12:2)

casting off spirit of fear

negative thoughts



# How to Arise



## 4. Step into purpose

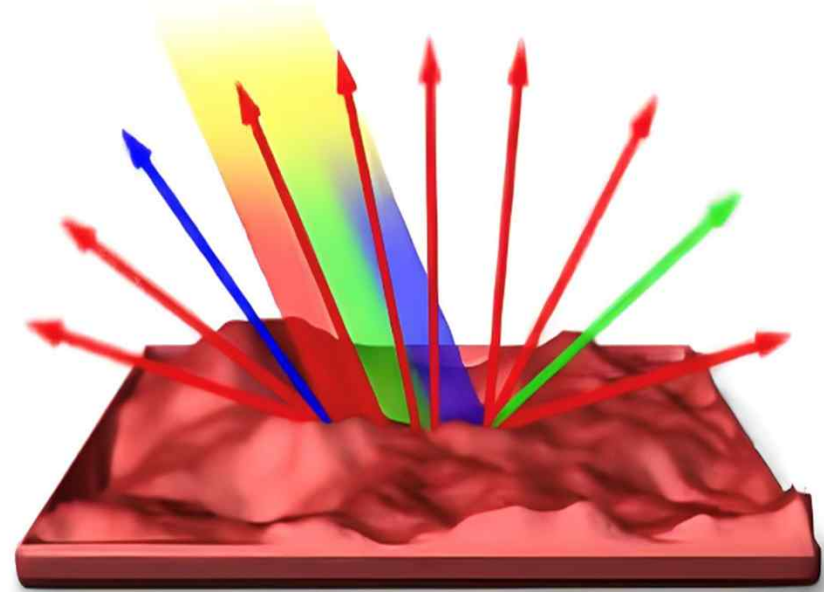
- Discern & move forward.
- Use your gifts & talents to serve God and others spreading the Good News of Hope and Salvation



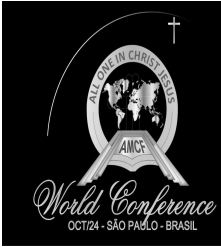
# How To Shine

## 1. Reflect God's Light

- Quality of reflection will depend on the REFLECTOR
- Our reflection of God's love depend on our own lives. Be a true reflector of His love.

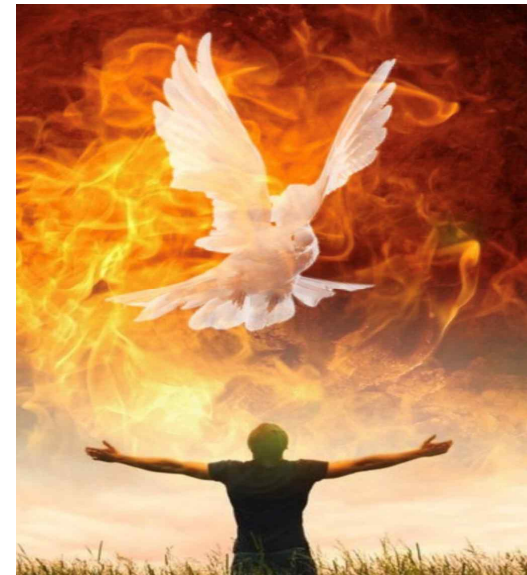


# How To Shine



## 2. Live a Transformed Life

- Be transformed by the power of Holy Spirit
- Demonstrate Fruit of the Spirit  
( Gal 5:22,23)



# How to Shine

## 3. Impact your environment

- Shine brightly & boldly within your sphere of influence irrespective of prevalent culture
- Involves acts of kindness, love and sharing of the Good News.





# Practical Steps Align with MCF Activities

- Use AMCF Reference Hand Book as a guide
- Develop & follow the vision & action plan for MCF
- Engage in Small Group Working
- Aim & acquire financial autonomy
- Utilize PSOs for partnership & assistance



# CONCLUSION

**ARISE: Wake Up & Open your Eyes**

**SHINE: Take Action, Do not stand still**

- \* Be sensitive to the call - **ARISE & SHINE**
- \* Energize yourself with the power - **Holy Spirit**
- \* Equip yourself with the Sword of the Spirit - **Word Of God**
- \* Ask, Believe & Receive - **Prayer**

**Our Battle field is our MCF & our Region**

# THE TIME TO ACT

**NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT  
WE MUST REFLECT & SHINE HIS LIGHT  
WHILE STILL THERE IS DAYLIGHT**

**NIGHT IS COMING  
(Today's SHOFAR CALL is an invitation as  
well as warning)**

