

Global/Biblical Perspectives In Common

A Personal Perspective

Summary of VPs' Perspective

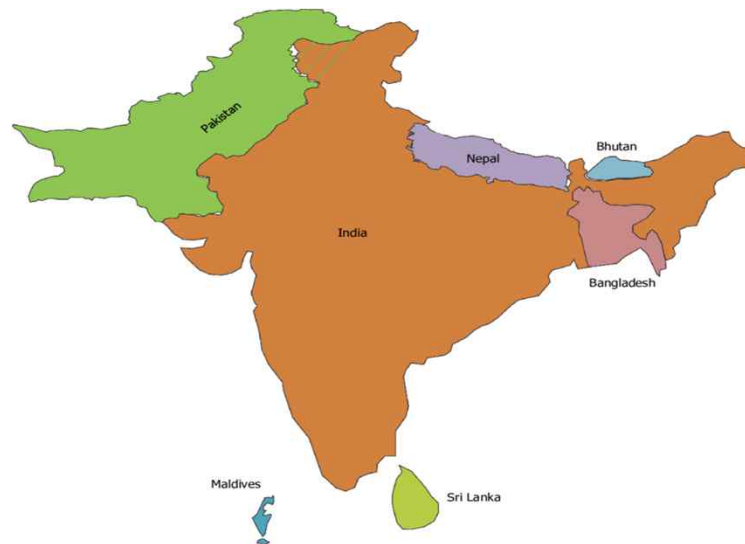
Africa South

- **Relatively favorable environment**
- **Consistent Regional-level interaction; TMTI, MMTI**
- **Lighthouse Project, Chaplain's Training, Prayer Meetings**
- **Barriers: Language, Different Status of MCFs**
- **Autonomy problem**



Asia South

- **Hardship from persecution and discrimination.**
- **Except few MCFs, limited MCF activity.**
- **Unfavorable for Regional-level interaction.**
- **God is at work for raising His military Christians.**



The World We're Living In

The World in Shrinking

- **In Terms of Distance, Time and Cost**
- **Ex.) Transatlantic: Mayflower (3mos), Lindbergh's flight (24hrs), Concord (3hrs), ICBM (30min), Flight costs 1/3 of what it did in 1950.**
- **Global Internet: Instantaneous, Negligible cost.**
- **Diminishing National Boundaries**



-J. Nye Jr.-

The World of Interdependence

- **Mutual dependence: physical, social, economic, military, ecological, pandemic, Cyber-link, etc.**
- **Mutually affect one way or another.**



The World of Information Revolution

- **Power of ‘AI’-generated Information**
- **Volume and Speed: Out of Control**
- **False Information: Misinformation, Disinformation**
- **Increased Role of Non-state Transnational Actors: Acting across the International Borders.**



The World of Crisis

- **Climate Change, Global Health, Water Contamination, Armed Conflicts, International Terrorism, Economic Uncertainty, Poverty, Human Right, Cultural and Social Conflicts, and so on.**
- **Nuclear war heads: Almost Threat to God's Creation Order**



The World of Threats against Christianity

- **Threats from Within:**

- ✓ **Loss of Biblical Truth, Spiritual Decline, Corruption, Secularism, False Teaching, Church Division, and so on**

- **Threats from Without:**

- ✓ **Hostile Environment, Persecution, Discrimination, Religious Pressure, Violence, Pornography & Homosexuality, Materialism, Pluralism, and so on.**



In 2023,

- **more than 365m Christians suffer high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith.**
- **4,998 Christians murdered, 14,766 Churches and Christian properties attacked, 4,125 Christians detained.**

-Open Door Watch List 2024

But The World, God is in Control.

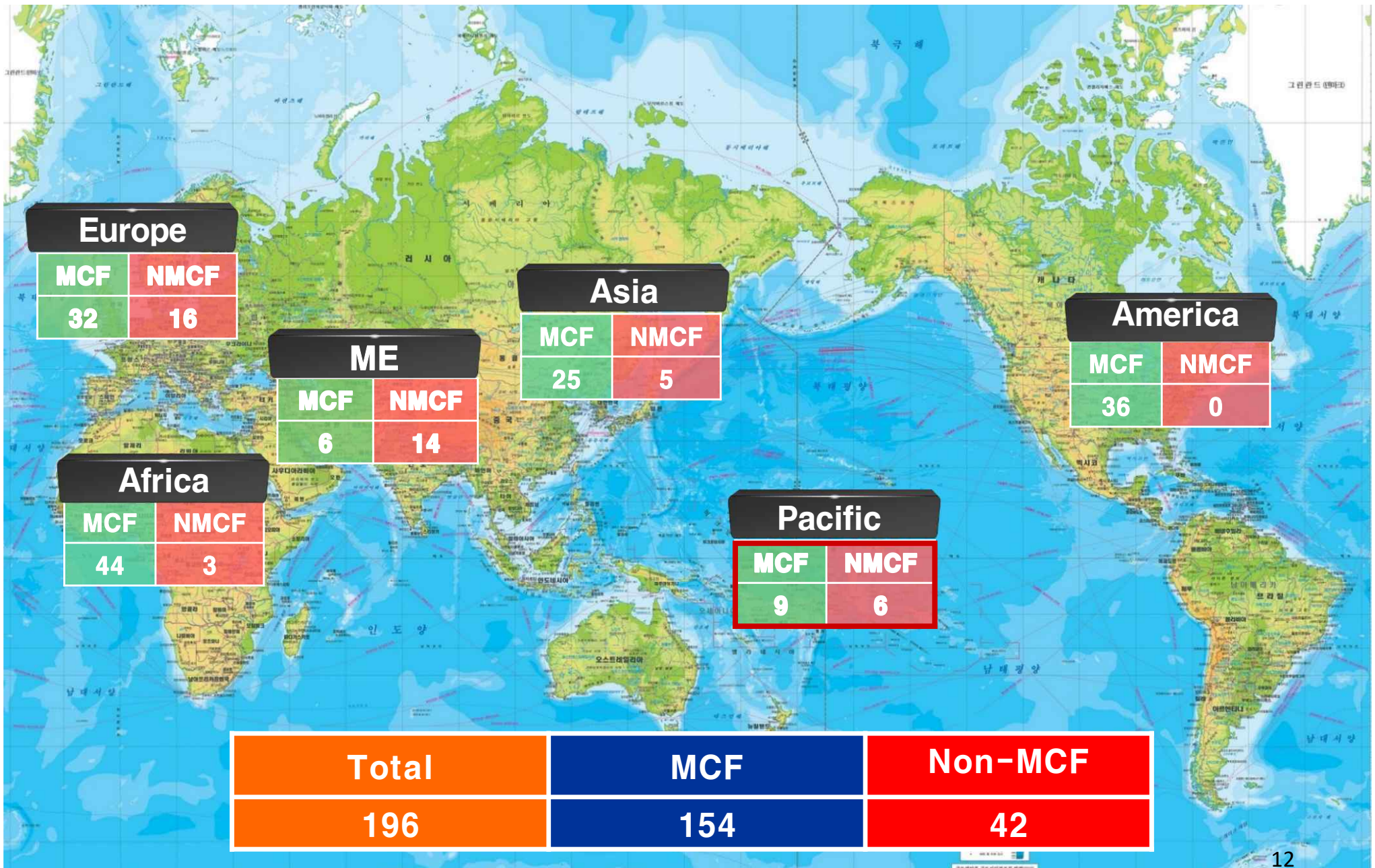
- **“For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.” (Psalm 33: 9)**
- **With His Love, His Power, His Promise, and His Providence**



AMCF Situation in Common

- **Adversary power against military Christians always exists.**
- **God uses AMCF for His global military ministry.**
- **MCF plays a Key Role to bring the Gospel to military men and women of a nation.**
- **3 PSOs support MCFs activities within their capacity.**

MCFs Established



The Status of MCFs:

- **Varied from One Extreme to Another.**

Size: From 2 to 200,000 in numbers.

Environment: From **Rejection & Persecution** to
Reception & Protection

Growth: From **Survival** to Revival

Position: From **Hiding** to Showing

Influence: From **Insignificant** to Very Significant

Institution: From **Illegal** to Legal Protection

Categories of MCFs We May Meet:

Environment vs. Maturity of MCF

#1. Favorable	Matured
#2. Favorable	Not-Matured
#3. Unfavorable	Matured
#4. Unfavorable	Not-Matured

- **“Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up” (Rom 15:2)**
- **We must support one another to build up our neighbor MCFs mature and effective.**

- **No matter what status and category of a MCF would be, each receives the Same Mission.**

❖ **“Arise and Shine to Bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to Military Men and Women of Every Nation in the World ”**

- **Every MCF has **Common Task** to fulfill the stated **Mission:****

“How to Arise”, and “How to Shine”

- **Different Action Plan to Practice:**

“There are different kinds of gifts” (1 Cor. 12: 5).

Under different environment.

How to Arise

- **Matter of Internal.**
- **It starts from within —from you, and your MCF.**
- **Spiritual Wake up, Watch and Pray, Be alert.**
 - “Awake, awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem!” (Is. 51:17a)
 - “Be always on the watch, and pray.” (Lk. 21:36a)
 - “Be self-controlled and alert!” (1 Pet. 5:8a)
- **Lift yourself physically, emotionally, and spiritually to begin the work that God has set before you.**
- **Bring God to the world.**

- **Some Key Words for Arising:**

Connecting

Armoring

Confronting

Connecting

Need Power to Arise

1. Connect with the Power Source of Jesus Christ.

- Power from above.
- “I am the vine you are the branches.” (Jn. 15: 5)
- Must be connected with the true vine, Jesus Christ, as our power source.
- Let our spiritual code be always plugged into His power source.



2. Connect with Military Christians.

- **Power from within**
- **‘Join the dots’ of individual military Christians to form a line of MCF community.**
- **Consider those Gospel partners who worked for Paul:**
 - ✓ **Rom. 16: Paul’s greetings to 34 persons, unnamed mother, brothers, churches and household.**

3. Connect with Local Civilian Churches.

- **Power from without: Domestic**
- **Most of Military Christians: Grown by, and Serving for civilian churches.**
- **Ex.) Korean civilian Churches: Indispensable supporting power for the revival of KMCF.**

4. Connect with International Christian Agencies

- **Power from without: International**
- **AMCF Resources: VP, PSOs, OSOs, Neighbor MCFs**

Armoring

- **Our Ministry is Spiritual Battle.**
- **In order to fight a spiritual battle, we must put on the Full Armor of God**
- **“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s scheme.” (Eph. 6:11)**

PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD



BELT
OF
TRUTH



BREAST PLATE
OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS



SHOES
OF
PEACE



SHIELD
OF
FAITH



HELMET
OF
SALVATION



SWORD
OF
SPIRIT

EPHESIANS 6:10-17

- **Don't try to put on other's unfit armor like from Saul's to David.**
- **Not be tempted or feared by Goliath's giant gears.**



- **Must be trained how to use our Gog-given armor.**
- **Like David's sling and stones, get used to them as handy, lighter, faster, and decisive.**



Confronting

- **Moving onto the front line of Spiritual Battlefield.**
- **“For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” (Act 4: 20)**
- **One Person with Courage (action of faith) can move the people and your MCF.**
- **Stand firm before your adversary.**



Pursue Healthy Confrontation

- **Begin with the love of Christ.**
- **Pray, and affirm your love as you close.**
- **“I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him”
(2 Cor. 2: 8)**
- **Compromise on opinion, not on principle.
Be flexible with everything except truth.**

How to Shine

- **Matter of external.**
- **It towards to other people**
- **After arising, we are to shine.**
- **Reflect the light of God's glory both inside and outside of our community.**
- **Bring the world to God.**

- **Some Key Words for Shining:**

Positioning

Reflecting

Drawing

Positioning

- **“You are the light of the world” (Matt. 5: 14)**
- **Position yourself on the best spot for shining.**
- **Occupy the best position to bring the Gospel.**



- **Your position for your Gospel activity may be:**
 - **Revealed, on-surface activity**
 - **Hidden, under-surface activity**



Reflecting

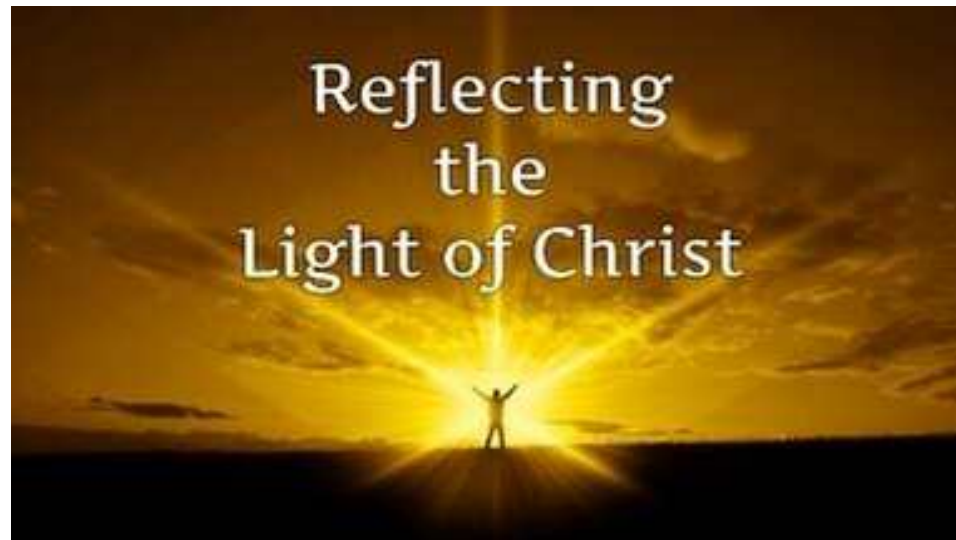
- **We're not the source of shining.**
- **Jesus is the exclusive source of Spiritual Light.**



- **“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8: 12)**
- **“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” (John 12:46)**

Our Shining is just Reflecting His Light:

- **the Light of His Truth, the Light of His Words,**
- **The Light of His Love, the Light of His Grace, and**
- **The Light of Eternal life.**



Drawing

- “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 5:16)
- Bring military men and women to the Light of the Lord.



- **Let the Gospel shine in your life through your attitude, values and actions**
- **Let it be seen that you are real Christians.**
- **Let it be a guiding and attracting influence on other people.**



Young Marines Who Received Jesus



Conclusion

Theme Connected Mission Statement

- **“Arise and Shine to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to military men and women of Every Nation in the World.”**
- **Imperative to Develop Mission-Oriented Task; “How to Arise,” and “How to Shine.”**

How to Arise:

- **Connecting** with the Power Source of Jesus Christ.
- **Armoring** with the Full Armor of God
- **Confronting** to the Spiritual Battle.

How to Shine:

- **Positioning** the best place to shine.
- **Reflecting** the Light of Jesus Christ.
- **Drawing** the people to God.

How to Put Them into Practice:

- Wonderful Guideline in **AMCF Reference Handbook:**

HOW AMCF WORKS

By **Praying,**

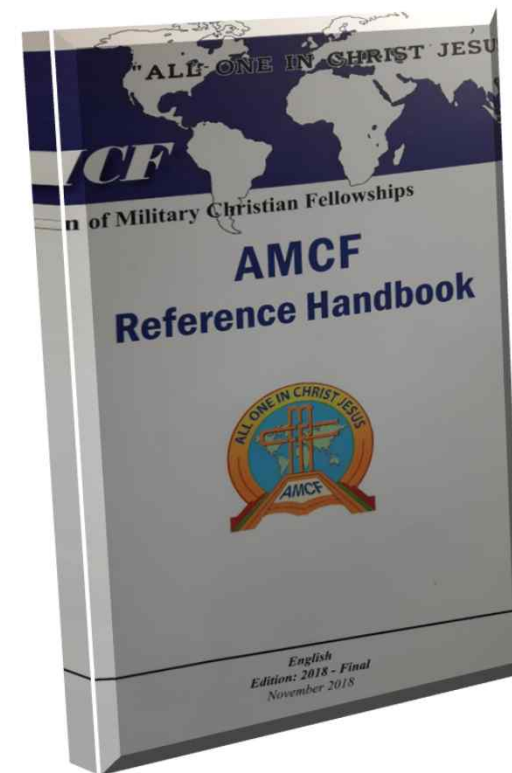
By **Reaching-out,**

By **Meeting together,**

By **Teaching and Encouraging,**

By **Communicating, and**

By **Cooperating**



A Question for Way Ahead;

- **What would be our Common Starting Point to evaluate for the next 5-year AMCF ministry?**

- **It's a call to act, not to stand still.**
- **God commands you, “Act Now!”**

Thank You!

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