

AMCF WC2024 - THE MIDDLE EAST

PPT#1

I am MMI's Regional Team Leader for the Middle East which I count as the highest privilege as we cover all the lands in which Jesus our Messiah walked. Egypt West Bank Israel Lebanon Jordan Syria.

PPT#2-4

I spent 30 years in the Royal Navy as a surface ship engineer officer, much like Mike Terry. I married into the British Army, having met Rosalind through military ministry and so we have been involved for 50 years. And our son is a Major in the British Army today. I guess MMI invited me for this role As we spent 5 years living in east Jerusalem leading a British evangelical ministry there.

PPT#5

I speak to you today as the RTL as our VP of the past 10 years, Jordanian BGen Isam Oumeish, has indicated that he needs to stand down. We are in discussion with another fine Christian leader who in prayerfully considering our invitation to become our next VP(ME).

It will be no surprise that this is a troubled and challenging region, if this is the region where Life on Earth started say 4500 Years ago (if you add up every Bible timeline); where God Incarnate walked on Earth for 30years; and to where Jeshua Hammaseach will return to the Mount of Olives. Zechariah 14 makes it clear this will happen at the Feast of Tabernacles (we do not know which year of course!), which occurs this actual week this year.....so Jesus may Return while we are here! Are you ready? Are your family?

PPT#6

So the Middle East is a very special region. It stretches from Mauritania in the West to Iran in the East, from Turkey in the North to Yemen in the South. Every country is Islamic except Israel, and they are all Arabic except Iran and Turkey; absolutely none of my countries is strongly in favour of Christianity; in fact they all dislike Christianity either slightly or hatefully. Even Orthodox Jewish Israel. None likes its people changing faith to Christianity even though most have signed the UN Charter of Human Rights which gives every person on the planet the right to:

1. Have a faith
2. To practice their faith, and most significantly
3. the right to Change their religion.

Did you hoist that in – a universal right for all people to change their religion.

No country in the Gulf region wants its people to be Christian; and certainly not to serve in their Armed Forces. Yet many ex-pats work their on high salaries, and many Arabic families have Philippino or African maids many of whom are Believers in Jesus – in fact in some Gulf countries there are more Christians than Moslems such is the volume of ex-pat workers.

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I have no military Christian contacts in the following Gulf countries:

Algeria, Bahrein, Iran, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and UAE (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ajman, Sharja, Ras al Khaiman, Fujairah, Umm al-Qwan).

Nor in the following lands where being a Christian is tough though not absolutely illegal:

Mauritania, Morocco, Turkey, Iran.

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Nor do we have any contacts in Algeria and Libya. These are major prayer points for us.

PPT#9

Let me also share with you how we have to treat every country in this region with its own individual way;

- In Turkey, Christians are not allowed to serve in the Armed Forces so we pray for any secret Believers somehow to discover the AMCF, MMI or the TRMCF.
- In Tunisia, serving soldiers are not allowed even to meet foreigners.
- In Jordan, serving soldiers are not allowed to meet in groups>5 lest they be planning a mutiny.

Israel and Lebanon, even before the 2023 massacre by Hamas, have been at war since 2006 so Israelis and Lebanese are forbidden to meet; even West Bank Christians cannot visit Lebanon but we praise God for Kifah Shaneen being with us here.

Now moving on to the Good News by introducing you to some of our heroes of the faith, invariably small in number in each country, in alphabetical order:

PPT#10 - EGYPT

- Egypt MGen Ihab and Nada Ramsay Boutros – a medical Dermatologist

PPT#11-12 - ISRAEL

- Israel Yoel Goldberg heads up Netivah which is doing an extraordinary world-leading programme supporting Messianic Believing soldiers. I won't mention any other names here. About 15 Messianic soldiers are among Israel's fatalities over this past awful year

PPT#13 - JORDAN

- Jordan Ex WOs and now both Baptist Pastors: Ra'ed Rihani and Majer al Nimri; Maj Amal Halaseh and others.

PPT#14- KURDISH IRAQ

- Kurdish Iraq BGen Jamal Sayeed and another Colonel Jamal; both currently serving in the Kurdish Peshmerrga

PPT#15 - LEBANON

- Lebanon Retired Army BGen Sami al Khoury here, and also a serving married couple, Captain Eli and Marieanna Mirjes, though Eli is here without his lovely Marieanna

PPT#16 - SYRIA

- Syria BGen Jobran Maisi – a retired Russian transport plane in-flight engineer.

PPT#17-18 – West Bank

- West Bank Kifah and Ashraf Shaheen, Christian brothers in the Fatah Police in Ramallah.

PPT#19 – all one in Christ Jesus Do not despair about the Middle East. Here are two of our staff in east Jerusalem, one an Israeli, the other a West Bank Palestinian. Can you tell which is which? But for both of them their identity of Christ far exceeds their national ID cards.

PPT#20 VISION

My vision for the next 5 years:

- A new Vice President for the Middle East region
- An MCF in 5 more countries – maybe Egypt, Syria, West Bank, Iraq, Tunisia
- Retired or serving contacts in 5 new countries
- A Middle East conference in say Egypt or Jordan
- Many more Moslems and Jews to come to know Jesus

PPT#21 – PRAY FOR...

I invite you to pray for this region:

- For a Godly peace in this warfighting region.
- For every Moslem and every Jew to have a divine, and angelic encounter with Jesus – being in Christ is the ONLY solution to peace. There is NO political fix.
- for all these heroes of the faith in this most hostile of spiritual environments.
- For the many lands in which we have no contacts for the three reasons I explained
- For us to find he whom The Lord wants to serve as our next VP(ME).
- For access to Christian ministries using satellites to broadcast material in Arabic, Farsi and Pashtun – for them to dare military specific material.
- For any Christians attending churches in the whole region, and especially in the Gulf, to spot any serving soldiers who are secret Believers.

PPT#22 - JERUSALEM

Jesus will be returning to Jerusalem; Zechariah indicates it will be at the Feast of Tabernacles, the one main Feast that Jesus has not yet fulfilled. Will it be this year – we are today in the middle of this 8 day feast – are you ready for Jesus' Return?

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