

KENYA

The uniformed women and military wives in Kenya have a vibrant program

Military women veterans visit the former Chief of Defence Forces General (Rtd) DRC Tonje who was instrumental in gender equity which allowed women to enter the Kenya Army, Air Force and Navy. Kenya has established the Kenya Coast Military Women Diaspora (both serving and retired) and hold an annual general meeting. They encourage and support each other. Retired ladies participate in the Defence Forces Comrades retreat, Nairobi. Military Women conduct outreach ministry in African Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) Doble

UGANDA

Military Wives Christian have fellowship with their spouses and guests in AMCF Uganda in 2014. Members of the Military Wives Christian Fellowship (MCF) Uganda met with friends from USA during a visit in 2022 Military Wives Christian Fellowship (MWCF) conduct meetings the first Sunday of every month in Resurrection Church in Bugolobi. These women conducted camp for children of soldiers. They also do projects for various military and community members. The leaders of Military Wives Christian Conference Uganda are active in East Africa AMCF.

NIGERIA

The women conduct Bible studies at bases with uniformed women in the Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps. These women developed the Empowerment Project- Waste to wealth initiative. This is to enable people to improve their financial state. They are active in the Empowerment Project for women in uniform- waste to wealth initiative. This is a much needed focus for women to have opportunities to improve their status. One of the key elements of all Christian Military women ministry is prayer. These women pray passionately for their husbands and children. They show their love in their community as some of the women are reaching out to the widows around the community police station. They call this "The widows project". They are sharing God's love to those in need even though they are not part of the uniformed community.

MONGOLIA

The photographs from Mongolia reflect uniformed women and military wives in Centurions ministry and the Significant Women Project. These women care and encourage each other while they grow in their faith. Their ability to stand together during the ups and downs in life is a great example of God's love. The Centurions held a baby shower for one of the military spouses. These women enjoy having fellowship together. They share laughter and tears. They reach out to the military academy to connect and share the gospel. They have Bible studies and pray for each other. The staff have one on one mentoring at the military minutes and these visits are encouraging as these women grow spiritually. The Significant Woman Project participate in this life coaching study to learn how to connect with God and discover their personal mission in Jesus. Peer coaching is a critical element in learning accountability

Ukraine Narrative Video

There are many Christian military women ministries in Ukraine. I am sharing about one where I have had the privilege to be part of on multiple occasions. The first Women's Ministry Club met in Hostemel in April 2001. There was fear of the repercussions for the military women and military husbands career. One woman caught the vision for military women's outreach from listening to military wives at military Christian conferences starting in the late 1990s that were held in Ukraine and Russia. God put in her heart to bring His light to the women in her military community, experiencing deprivation, loneliness in austere conditions, separated from the civilian community.

The first clubs began with Bible study in the home and expanded to community outreach to wives and children. This woman still uses the Resurrection eggs (ministry resource) she received and used in 2002. The number of clubs grew and in 2007 the first biennial women's conference was held. The clubs increased as women desired to come together. The club in Kherson had women's camp each summer, camping outside near a lake for a week. They had singing, Bible study, master classes, nature time and often had children with them. There have been conferences every two years with women attending from throughout Ukraine.

The women in these clubs are actively serving in the military women, military wives and also women with hearts to serve the military. Many of these women have attended training for chaplaincy, Bible teaching and Post Traumatic Stress to be able to share with the Bible groups. The need to share in these areas became more prevalent after the Russian invasion in 2004. The club meetings are unique to the community with the same focus on God and the Bible. Each club selects a name that speaks to the women's hearts. All clubs have community and military outreach

In February 2022, these women's lives were forever changed. Desperation, fear and despair entered their lives. This same woman began calling the various women to check on them. She initiated Monday evening ZOOM calls which still continue. Despite lack of sleep due to constant missiles, losing homes, loved ones, some even fleeing the country, loss of power, flooding, their countenance has turned from despair to joy and hope. They held the 2023 conference far from the fighting and now there are even more clubs. Sadly, some clubs are dissolved because their communities are devastated.

However, more clubs have been established, even in areas near intense fighting. These women now minister to the widows and orphans in their communities, coordinating with different organizations to have celebrations at Christmas and Easter. Some even go to the front to give soldiers supplies and traditional Ukrainian foods.

But there is not just one Christian military women's ministry in Ukraine. There are many. These pictures highlight four organizations over the past ten years and those connections continue to grow. While much of the ministry is in person, ZOOM has become the vehicle of choice with the international community. As access to electricity is diminished, the personal outreach has become even more critical to reaching women. Just as in the first ministry, many these women were active reaching others before the war but now have modified to care for orphans, widows, patients in hospitals and even going to the front as volunteers. Some even work with multiple military Christian ministries.

God has multiplied the harvest, building on the foundation established before the war so these women work together to reach others for Christ.

