



The Military Christian Fellowship 2020

In 2019 the MCF in cooperation with Ellel Netherlands and Ellel Canada began planning to hold a conference on trauma resulting from military operations. The conference was planned to be held in the Netherlands in the spring of 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of their liberation. When Covid struck, and organizations began cancelling events, the conference too fell victim to the wave of concern sweeping across all countries and was cancelled. This did not sit well with the MCF executive. We knew there was a need for the conference material, so we prayed and wrestled over what we could do.

Today, zoom has become the main stay for webinars and meetings of all types; however, in late February of 2020, when the conference had been cancelled, it was generally used very little. The MCF had already been conducting online Nextlevel discipleship groups using zoom, so we had some experience with the technology. In early March it was decided to move the conference online. Videos were created, marketing initiated and training on the use of zoom for large groups was undertaken. In early May, the MCF in cooperation with Ellel Canada delivered an online webinar on the subject of trauma in military operations. The webinar featured participants from Canada, the US, the UK, the Netherlands and Germany. We achieve a far greater participation level than we had imagined.

The success of the webinar and our previous experience with online discipleship spurred us to launch online Alpha courses hosted out of Ottawa and Cold Lake, Alberta. Today, the MCF is providing multiple online Alpha courses, online discipleship groups, online prayer groups and online international fellowship and training program development. The pandemic has had created global disruption and many have and are suffering. Yet, it has also created new opportunities of the communication of the gospel. By God's grace the MCF will continue to pursue these opportunities as we pursue the mission of brining the gospel to the military community at home and abroad.

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