

CHAPLAINCY SPOTLIGHT

West Point Chaplain Appointed New AG Military Representative

Chaplain (COL) Scott McChrystal (M.Div. 1984) took over as the new AG military representative on September 1 after Chaplain Charles Marvin retired. Joining the military in 1970, McChrystal has served on many fronts, including Vietnam and the first Gulf war. A chaplain for the last 21 years, McChrystal has been the staff chaplain at the United States Military Academy in West Point for the past seven.

“Over the coming months,” said McChrystal, “I will attempt to

increase communication and cooperation between chaplains and our Fellowship. With the ongoing War on Terrorism and the heightened use of National Guard and Reserves, virtually every community in America is providing men and women to the war effort. We need to maximize our outreach to reach more soldiers and their families with the gospel. With the combined efforts of chaplains, districts, churches and AG schools, I believe we can make great inroads.”



“My wife, Judy, and I praise God for this opportunity to serve.”

—Scott McChrystal

Called to Minister to Muslims Behind Bars



“The chaplaincy scholarship has proven an abundant blessing for myself and my family.”
—Eric Kyler

While serving in the U.S. Navy, Eric Kyler (M.Div. student) realized a called to the chaplaincy. Considering his situation at the time, he assumed his calling was to military chaplaincy. However, God began to place within him a burden for Muslims and introduced him to several institutional chaplains who would show him the connection between his call to the chaplaincy and his call to Muslims.

“The prison systems are filled with people who have embraced Islam in hope of finding freedom, identity and self-worth,” said Eric, who is currently working as a chaplain at a state correctional center in Fordland,

Mo. “I work with Muslim groups weekly, and now know why the Lord burdened my heart for Muslims. You don’t have to go overseas to find them. They are right here in our prisons. It is my privilege to help them find their true identity in Christ.”

Eric will graduate this December with a concentration in Muslim Ministries. He is at AGTS, in part, because of a scholarship he received through the AG Chaplaincy Department. Eventually, Eric would like to earn a doctorate in Islamic Studies.