

ACCTS

OUR MISSION:

To assist in the development of Christian leaders in the armed forces of the world and in the establishment and growth of military Christian fellowships.

“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Galatians 5:6b



Annual Report 2008

OUR CORE VALUES

- Biblically-based
- Spirit-led
- Prayer-centered
- People-focused

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The Heart of Military Ministry



Cal Dunlap



Emanuel Williams

Dear ACCTS Co-Workers,

“I have gained more knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ and His love to the whole human beings. I wish we can meet in near future to share my new understanding of Bible and Him,” wrote a retired officer whom Cal Dunlap met in a country where religious freedom is restricted.

“People focused” is one of ACCTS’ core values, and that is why personal contacts such as the one Cal made with that retired officer are at the heart of ACCTS’ military ministry. Our world will not be changed by one more conference or one more event – it will be changed by individual people who are on fire for Christ and ready to make an impact for Him in their armed forces.

When international military Christians grasp the vision for military ministry, often as a result of ACCTS conferences and training programs, they change the world – and we are privileged to equip them in their personal spiritual growth and toward building indigenous military Christian fellowships.

Another of our core values is “prayer centered,” which is reflected in the 2008 Wall of Prayer initiative and the related 2009 North American AMCF Regional Conference. Through these, this year we have built strong, strategic partnerships with AMCF, CMF, OCF, Alpha for the Military, National Day of Prayer, Presidential Prayer Team (Adopt our Troops), Blackaby Ministries International, and America Supports You (a D.O.D. program).

The North American AMCF Regional Conference will take place 17-21 August, 2009, in beautiful Estes Park, Colorado. With the theme, “To Equip and to Pray,” the conference will be a time to learn more about military ministry as well as a time to come to “a quiet place and get some rest,” as Jesus stated in Mark 6:31. We want to personally invite you to go to our website (www.accts.org) after February 17th to register to attend, and tell your friends and family about this exciting conference that will have eternal consequences.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support in 2008. With your continued help, we look forward to seeing what God will do in the hearts and lives of military men and women around our world.

In Christ,

Cal Dunlap

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Calvin L. Dunlap".

Executive Director

Emanuel Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emanuel Williams".

Board President



Financial review

For me, this image of people circling the globe hand-in-hand perfectly exemplifies ACCTS' donors: their financial and prayer support in Fiscal Year 2008 enabled us to complete our 36th year of ministry to the world's armed forces.

Because of our supporters, ACCTS used our total revenue of \$918,000 to provide spiritual encouragement to military personnel in many nations. We worked hard to keep our overhead costs to only 4.8% of our budget so that donations could be used directly in the mission field. One reason we are able to keep our overhead so low is because of our remarkable staff, most of whom serve as unpaid staff members.

2009 is predicted to be another financially difficult year, and ACCTS is already feeling the economic pinch. Everyone is reassessing how and where they spend their money, and ACCTS is no exception.

As ACCTS' chief financial officer, I want you to know that **your gifts are truly making a difference for Christ's Kingdom.** More and more international military personnel are being equipped to minister to their co-workers; service personnel who are struggling with their faith are being encouraged to stand firm in Christ; and military Christian fellowships are expanding in membership and in the scope of their outreach within their nations.

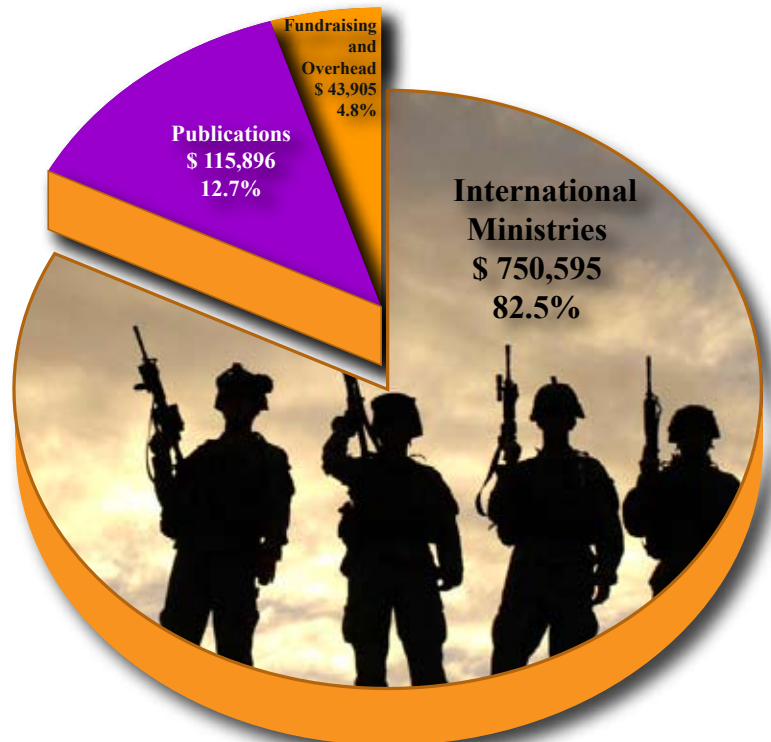
We are honored and thankful that you believe in the vision for ministry which God has given us, and will continue to strive to use your donations in ways which will increase Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Bernhard Kaltenbach

Chief Financial Officer



PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



Transforming Lives, *Transforming Nations*

CONFERENCES:

The numerous military Christian conferences which ACCTS hosted, co-hosted, or was involved in gave indigenous Christians the skills and encouragement they need to carry out military ministry within their nations. Large regional conferences were held in the Caribbean, South America, and Africa, which were well-attended by believers from throughout those regions. Additionally, events such as conferences for U.S. military wives, a military family seminar in Moldova, a Bible conference in Lithuania, and a meeting of European military Christian fellowship leaders helped advance the gospel in other regions of the world.

“The most important activity during the entire conference was the countless unscheduled and unorganized small group (2 - 10 people involved) discussions, prayer and fellowship...This has been my personal experience at over 25 international conferences during the past 30 plus years...It is the fellowship, often resulting in lifetime friendships, which provides the real spiritual encouragement to the delegates and always works out to be the main long term benefit of the conference.”

Major General (USA, Ret.) Clay Buckingham, after participating in the South American conference

Sri Lankan and Czech Republic I-RMH participants



American English Language Training program, Ukraine



TEACHING:

Teaching Christian leadership skills to international military Christians continued to be a focus for ACCTS, with programs such as Interaction '07 (which took place in Fiscal Year '08), Chaplains Interaction '08, and Interaction RMH. These leadership training programs included participants from such diverse nations such as Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Guatemala, Jordan, Madagascar, Moldova, Namibia, Poland, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Sri Lanka, South Korea, UK, and Zambia.

Additionally, "business as mission" programs in Cambodia, reconciliation training in Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo, and English language training programs in Albania, Peru, and Ukraine gave opportunities to share Christ's hope with indigenous service personnel and their families.

"We would like to pass on our thoughts on Interaction and about what an effective and God-centered program it is to bring people of different nationalities into a setting of Spirit-filled harmony and understanding to increase our mutual love of Jesus and desire to participate in the spread of the Word of God in all parts of the world."

– Interaction participants

China medical trip



Reconciliation classes



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SERVICE:

ACCTS staff members served military Christian individuals, their families, and military Christian fellowships in diverse ways: a mission trip to China gave much-needed medical assistance to people in a remote village; outreaches to international military students studying in the U.S. helped lead many to a deeper understanding of Christ; and the Wall of Prayer Initiative and related prayer meetings raised prayer support for North America's troops.

In 2008 ACCTS staff members served and ministered to individuals and military Christian fellowships in these countries:

Albania, Armenia, Austria, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Chile, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Peru, South Africa, South Korea, Sudan, Taiwan, Thailand, UK, Ukraine, Uganda Vietnam

“221 students from 72 nations have been in the [Bible] study and in our home over the last eleven years.”
– an ACCTS staff member who ministers to international students

Chaplains Interaction



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