

The “Wall of Prayer” & the “Helping Military Families” Conference, 17 - 21 August 2009

- What is the “Wall of Prayer?”

-- An initiative to mobilize hundreds of churches to pray for and minister to our military families during their time of trial.

-- The Association for Christian Conferences, Teaching & Service (ACCTS), Christian Military Fellowship, Officer’s Christian Fellowship, Military Missions Network, the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF), and many others are supporting the “Wall of Prayer.”

-- *“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”* (Eccl. 4:12) Churches, para-churches and chaplains must minister together to address these increasingly desperate military family issues:

--- DOD data from returning troops indicates up to 49% experience symptoms of combat trauma. (WWII average time in combat per soldier was 6 months – now it’s 42 months due to multiple deployments.)

--- The 2009 Army suicide rate is the highest since 1980. The Marines have had more losses to suicide than to combat. The veterans’ suicide rate is now more than double the civilian rate.

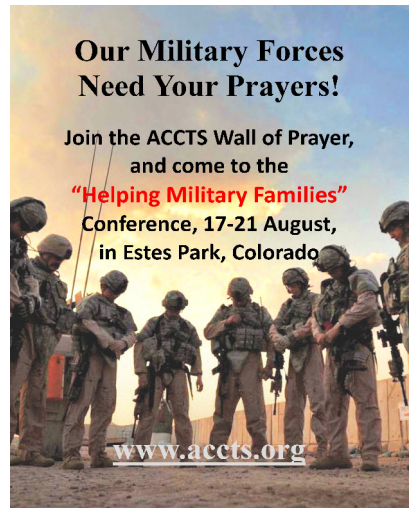
--- 67% of junior enlisted marriages now require counseling.

--- The ratio of wounded to killed in action is now 16:1 – Vietnam was 1:3. VA chaplains are stretched.

- How can you help meet these military ministry needs?

-- Become a prayer partner by committing to pray for military families. *“. . . if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”* (Mt. 18:19-20)

-- Go to the ACCTS website (www.accts.org) for brochures and other information, including prayer concerns.



-- Attend the **“Helping Military Families”** Conference at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, **August 17-21, 2009.**

--- International speakers from Canada, Caribbean, and USA, workshops and round table discussions on ministry needs for the pre-deployment, deployment, and post-deployment phases of military family life.

--- Register at www.accts.org or call 800-487-8108.

--- Conference fee \$50. Lodging and meals \$310 - \$420 per person based on choice of lodging (www.ymcarockies.org)

--- Support the conference with designated offerings or donations.