

THANKFUL FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS!

“I’m thankful that, no matter what problems come up in our society, God is still at work in the world – in the lives of the military Christians we know, in their MCFs, and in the civilian world around us. **Working in ACCTS, we get to see that the Gospel is truly for the whole world. It is not some kind of Western construct – the good news of Christ touches the hearts of people everywhere, in every culture.** The Gospel of Christ transcends any local problems, political issues, military conflicts, and social trends because God’s redemption and love is meant for everyone. We can take these words from the book of Joshua to heart, because they are as true today as when they were written thousands of years ago: ‘Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’” --**Col (USMC, Ret.) Phil Exner, Executive Director**

We’re thankful for how God is blessing ACCTS in military ministry by: reaching the next generation (Timo from Finland was an ACCTS intern, and this year his son was a staff member at White Sulphur Springs); connections made through regional conferences (Drazen from Croatia working with the Italian MCF); Vasily Khimich of Ukraine organizing chaplaincy trips to Eastern Ukraine to encourage the troops; Moldovans meeting the physical and spiritual needs of refugees from Eastern Ukraine; and English camps in Moldova and Ukraine reaching military kids for Jesus (parents see the effectiveness of these camps, thereby providing an opening to share Christ’s love with them). -- **Dick and Linda Barnes, Eastern European Coordinator/Staff**

I’m thankful for God allowing ACCTS to be part of His plan; the diversity of people, cultures, worship styles, and ways of studying God’s Word around the world; the commonality of being in Christ when with other believers; learning from international Christians; our partnerships with AMCF, MCFs, MMI, and MSO; ACCTS’ faithful financial and prayer supporters; the Buxtons, who started ACCTS; for the guidance and input of ACCTS’ directors; international friendships that span months, years, decades; my local church body, which supports us emotionally, prayerfully, and financially; technology to reach people faster; watching others as they use their God-given talents to further military ministry; and all of God’s blessings, which are too many to write down. -- **Bernhard Kaltenbach, Deputy Director**

“I’m thankful that I’ve seen Christian fellowship between military believers from nations that are at war, or from nations that are not politically friendly. The political situation doesn’t affect their friendships, and they meet for prayer, fellowship, and encouragement. It’s also exciting that there are military Christians in nations where you wouldn’t expect to find them! I’m thankful for those Christians’ courage and faithfulness, especially when it’s not easy for them. In many nations, military men and women are still partially unreached for Christ – and some

churches shy away from ministering to them! Yet there are many faithful military Christians around the world and I'm so thankful for them." -- **Sue Exner, Staff**

Karen and I are thankful for the opportunity to share in the lives of foreign international students and the building of life-long relationships; for being a part of the Lackland chapel program and those that support us in terms of prayer, service, and finances; for the opportunity to serve and how God had provided for us in San Antonio; for the jobs God has provided that allow us to have the finances to do ministry; for international partners in San Antonio that help us on a regular basis; for Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin, who mentor and support us; and we're thankful for each other and how God uses us to help and support the other in time of need. --
Dave Wittman, International Student Ministries