



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.

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The State of International Military Ministry

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” -- James 1:17

As we reflect on the international military outreach God accomplished through ACCTS in 2019, we recognize that anything we achieved was a gift from God Himself. Every year several million young men and women enter their countries’ militaries to serve in uniform. In the past 12 months, thousands of those young people have come to know and follow Christ through the prayers and labors of military Christian fellowship (MCF) leaders and members, who are encouraged and supported by ACCTS. Faithful military men and women continue to share Him with their coworkers, family, and friends. In many cases, these Christians are sharing Jesus in countries where no traditional missionary is allowed to work.



There are indigenously organized MCFs in over 150 nations today, and God has granted ACCTS access to MCF leaders and members to encourage, disciple, and support them as they seek to live for Jesus within their countries’ military forces. Several nations began new MCFs in 2019, and many others expanded their outreach into new areas of their nations. Some of these MCFs consist of only 2-3 people, while others have thousands of members. The fellowships look different in every country – some gather, learn, and reach out openly

in large groups, while others in restrictive countries meet quietly in small groups for the same reasons. In every place where ACCTS works, we come alongside the brave men and women of other countries’ militaries and their families to strengthen and encourage them to live for Jesus as His ambassadors in uniform.

As you read this annual report, you will learn about many

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ACCTS outreaches and programs. However, because of religious persecution, there were also events we participated in but can't publicize. Along with other ACCTS staff, I was blessed to meet with military believers in nations where they face the threat of career loss, arrest, and imprisonment, yet they asked us to pray -- not for their safety, but for their courage and faithfulness.

ACCTS helps these brothers and sisters in Christ in a variety of ways. ACCTS staff continue to offer courses to strengthen military marriages and families, train chaplains, and give other training that is widely offered to U.S. military but is often unavailable to military and families in other countries. We also support MCFs that are engaged in ministry to the physically, emotionally, and spiritually wounded; to widows and those who have lost loved ones; and those who have been displaced by war.

In 2020, ACCTS will continue to help military Christians in other countries begin MCFs where there are none. Please pray for indigenous military Christians who are on the threshold of beginning new MCFs in their country, and for MCF leaders of existing fellowships, that their outreach and impact may grow in the year ahead. Within the U.S., ACCTS staff will continue to share friendship, hospitality, and love with international military students who come to the U.S. to study.

We pray also for those young international leaders who will come to the U.S. for the Interaction Rocky Mountain High program. Past graduates from this program have returned to their countries equipped and excited to integrate their faith into their military service, and many are now leaders in their MCFs.

As we enter 2020, we eagerly anticipate seeing how God will use ACCTS to continue the work we have been privileged to be given. Just as we seek to equip international military Christians to change their nations from within, we pray that God would equip us with the staff, skills, and financial resources to undergird our mission. We are grateful for the many partners who support us with prayer and financial gifts. Thank you!

Serving Our Ever-Faithful Savior,



Philip J. Exner
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Executive Director

English Language Camp - Ukraine



How ACCTS Ministered in 2019:

Ministry trips

ACCTS staff take short-term ministry trips around the world to meet with, encourage, and disciple military Christian fellowship leaders and members. Our staff also help these leaders plan ministry events to reach their armed forces personnel, and they often speak at or help lead these ministry outreaches.



“I think that, after your encouragement marathon here in Salvador [Brazil], there was a quantitative and qualitative growth of the work here.” – message to ACCTS staff member

English Language Programs



Moldova English Camp

Mongolia: Teaching English at Mongolia’s Armed Forces Headquarters was a unique opportunity for ACCTS and Mongolia’s military Christian fellowship. While English classes were held during the day with serving military staff members, evenings were spent interacting with MCF members and taking part in their outreaches to military cadets and soldiers.

Moldova: 45 Moldovan military dependents learned to speak conversational English at this program. There were restrictions on sharing Christ during the English program, but other events allowed the ACCTS team to share Christ.

Ukraine: This language camp for military dependents helped developed a spiritual thirst among participants for Christ, and several made first-time commitments to Christ.

International Student Ministries

Each year governments around the world send their best military personnel to the U.S. to increase their English language skills and learn military-related skills. Staff members bring these students into their homes and churches, help them learn to navigate life in the US, and invite them to attend Bible studies to learn more about Christ. Many of these international students return to their nations to become key leaders in their armed forces.

*“The ACCTS members introduced to us the Bible study program and I accepted to join...Every Wednesday, we attended the Bible study. I could see love and passion in the eyes and attitude of my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ...They fulfilled what Jesus commanded us in John 15:16: ‘Love each other.’”
– a lieutenant from Cote d’Ivoire to ACCTS staff members*



Thanksgiving get together

How ACCTS Ministered in 2019:

Chaplains Interaction

ACCTS' training program, Chaplains Interaction, helps international chaplains (and those who serve informally as chaplains) learn effective ways to develop and expand their ministry skills. This year's participants learned about professional excellence, suicide awareness and prevention, hospital and prison ministry, chaplain-commander relations, ministering during times of combat, and other pertinent topics.

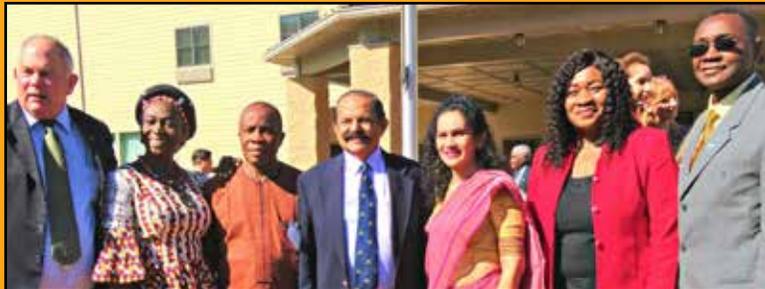


Chaplains Interaction

Participants' Nations: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, and Uganda.

“Since my return from the training the States (Chaplains Interaction)...I had a wonderful time of briefing with the commander, the leadership of the military church that we run here, and everyone embraces the materials.” -- Liberian Chaplain

AMCF Quinquennial



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In 2019 ACCTS was honored to host the AMCF Quinquennial, a once-every-five-year meeting of leaders from the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF). ACCTS brought the AMCF president and regional vice presidents, along with staff members from other partner organizations, together to pray and plan international military ministry events for the next five years.

“We can only say, ‘Thank God for ACCTS’ ...the Quinquennial brought together the long-awaited fellowship between the VPs.” -- Gen. (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya, AMCF President

Waterloo to WW2

Our annual leadership tour for young military cadets allows ACCTS to help these young men and women at the start of their careers learn lessons about military decisions in wartime, the importance of integrating their beliefs and faith into their military careers, and how worldviews make a difference in the ethical behavior of leaders. The week-long trip included young military cadets from the UK and US and visited over 30 historic sites in Belgium and France.



W2WW2 team

Financial Overview

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

Dear ACCTS Co-workers,

Thank you! Thank you for your sacrificial gifts of prayers and financial resources that allowed ACCTS to do all these amazing things you read in this annual report and in our monthly newsletters. I am delighted to report that the ACCTS staff and board labored hard this year to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the “four corners” of the world. God has blessed us by allowing us to be part of His plan to reach military folks and families around the world, often in very difficult circumstances. We went out to bless -- but as Christ promised, were felt more blessed ourselves.

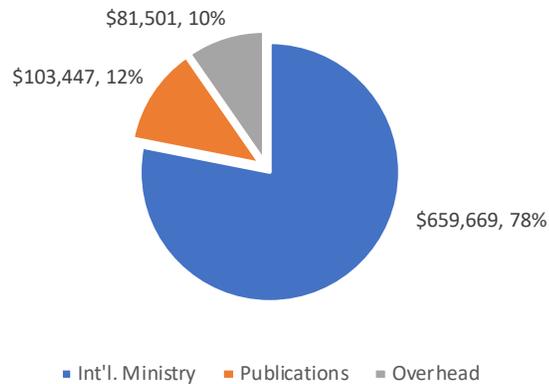
The accompanying graph tells the story. Your gifts were used to make the most of each opportunity God gave us to fulfill His great commission.

On behalf of the whole ACCTS organization, thank you! May we continue to be faithful this coming year as we serve Christ together in this far reaching ministry to military personnel around the world.

Bernhard Kaltenbach

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Deputy and Financial Director

Fiscal Year 2019 Ministry Expenditures of \$844,617
October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019



Mongolia English program

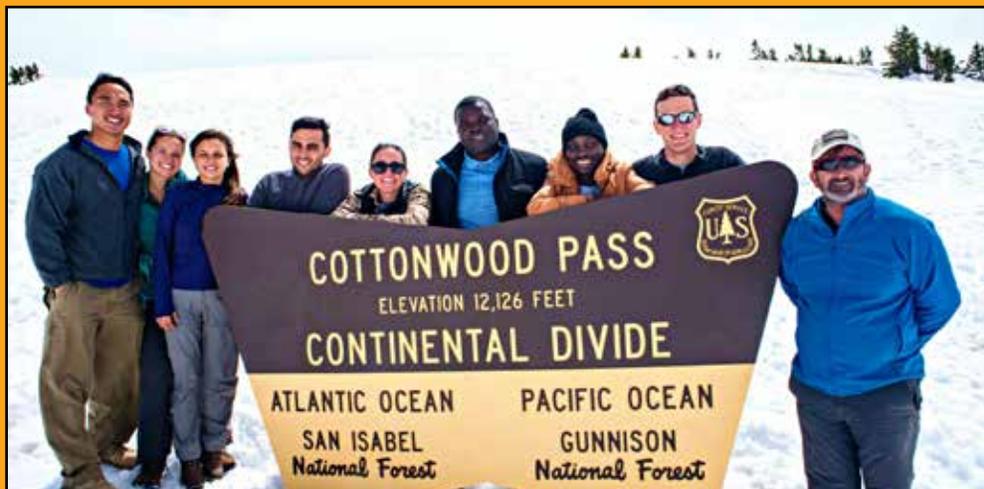
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Interaction-Rocky Mountain High

ACCTS' leadership program for young military men and women, Interaction-Rocky Mountain High is a two-part experience which includes outdoor activities such as mountain climbing with classroom sessions about being a Christian leader in the military, holding Bible studies, strategic planning, and viewing the military as a ministry.

Participants' Nations: Ivory Coast, Romania, Uganda, and USA

"I felt like I was starving and here I found so much spiritual food for my soul." – IRMH participant



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