



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.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



Global Interaction

Dear Supporters,

This annual report covers ACCTS' 2015 fiscal year, which ran from October 2014 to September 2015 – a time period which includes one of the most significant ministry events of the last several years, Global Interaction 2014, the Association of Military Christian Fellowship's (AMCF) world conference. This once-every-ten-year leadership training event for international military Christians was held in South Africa in December 2014. One year after the conference, we can say that it was truly a catalyst for the military Christians from over 90 nations who attended: it recharged them with enthusiasm and excitement for military ministry, reminded them of the importance of reaching out to the armed forces, and refocused them on their calling to share Christ with the uniformed members of their nations.

Global Interaction did all those things for ACCTS as well – it recharged our staff members and refocused all of us on our mission to minister to the world's armed forces. Because of Global Interaction, our ministry expanded – at the conference, international military believers learned how ACCTS can help their fellowship and many asked us for help with their specific ministry needs. As a result, we have had unexpected opportunities to minister around the world and work in partnership with MCFs and other military ministries.

Yet ACCTS' work isn't done – there are still many military people who need to be reached for Christ, and so many ways ACCTS can help indigenous military believers and their fellowship groups do just that. We deeply appreciate those of you who share our desire to see the world's armed forces follow Christ, and ask that you continue to pray for us as God provides increased opportunities for ministry in 2016.

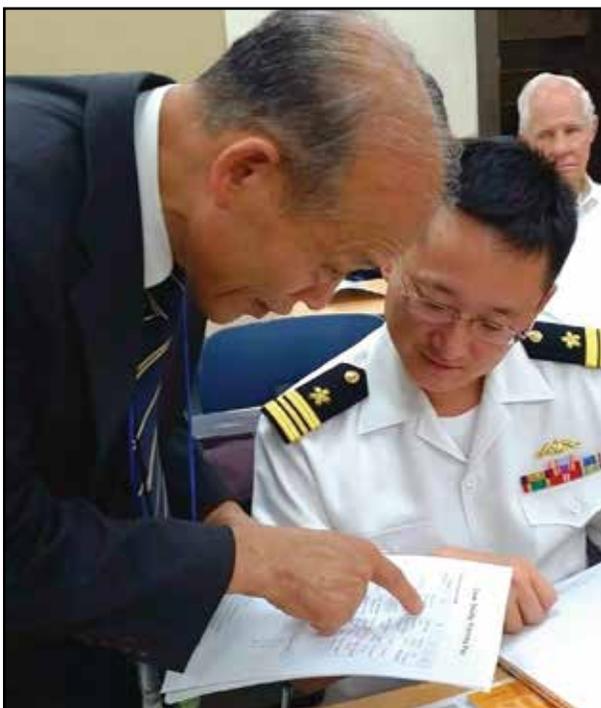
Serving Our Ever-Faithful Savior,

*Philip J. Exner
Col, USMC (Ret)
Executive Director*

Year in Review: Fiscal Year October 2014 – September 2015



Interaction Rocky Mountain High 2015



Discipleship training in South Korea



Ukrainian Christian sharing the Gospel with frontline soldiers

Global Interaction world conference: In late 2014, military believers from over 90 nations met in South Africa to share lessons in leadership, military ministry ideas, and fellowship. ACCTS played a significant role in planning, funding, and executing this event, which was hosted by the military Christian fellowship (MCF) of South Africa. Global Interaction focused on starting and strengthening military Christian fellowships (MCFs); co-ministering with military chaplains; prayer ministry; and living as a military Christian in a hostile environment. The theme verse for the conference was Joshua 1:9 (“Be strong and very courageous. Do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”), so there was a strong emphasis on raising up the next generation of “Joshua’s” who will serve as tomorrow’s Christian military leaders.

Exploration Trips: U.S. Christian cadets and midshipmen traveled with ACCTS to China, Norway, Finland, Poland, Jamaica, and Japan to meet their counterparts in other countries’ militaries, learn about integrating their faith into their military careers, and experience other cultures with military Christians from those nations.

Waterloo to WWII: As part of ACCTS’ goal of developing a new generation of military Christian leaders, a group of U.S. cadets and midshipmen, led by ACCTS’ director, visited historic sites in Belgium and France (battlefields, war cemeteries, museums, etc.) to learn lessons in leadership, ethics, integrity, and character.

Interaction-Rocky Mountain High: This year’s outdoor adventure experience for young, international military people included participants from Dominica, Haiti, Jamaica, and Romania. Classroom leadership sessions, visits to U.S. military bases, mountain climbing, and other outdoor activities helped participants grow spiritually and gain new vision for military ministry.

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National MCF Conferences and Events:

ACCTS staff members were integral parts of many international MCF's ministry events and conferences, helping local and national leaders to plan and carry off those events. This is a vital part of ACCTS' goal to help build healthy and effective military Christian fellowships that are independent and indigenously led, yet connected to one another within their countries and regions. These included Interaction programs in East Asia and Central America, as well as the South Korean Mission Evangelism Observation program.

Mission Trips: Staff traveled to many nations in 2015 for the purpose of encouraging military Christians and MCF leaders, helping MCFs to reach their goals, and training and assisting military believers in outreach. Nations visited included Bulgaria, China, Dominica, Germany, Grenada, Haiti, Italy, Jamaica, Japan Laos, Malaysia Moldova, Mongolia, Myanmar, Poland, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, the U.K., Ukraine, Vietnam, and others.

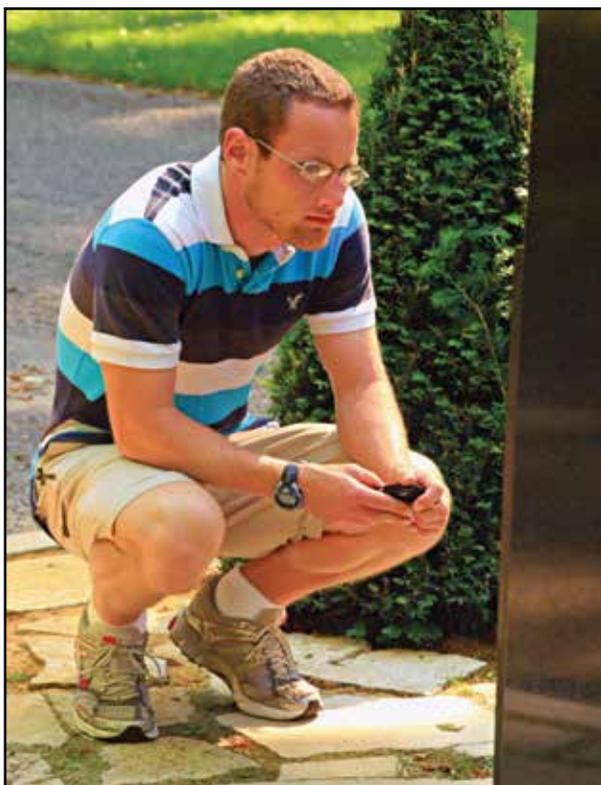
Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries (FCMM): ACCTS hosted the 25th annual gathering of FCMM for military ministry organizations. Over 50 ministries were represented, all sharing the goal of working closer together for God's kingdom.

Bible Distribution: Using ACCTS' contacts with military personnel, we worked in tandem with Faith Comes by Hearing to distribute thousands of digital Bibles to men and women in the armed forces in nations such as Ukraine, Moldova, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, and others.

Relationship/Mentoring: One of ACCTS' most important ministry methods is one that is hard to quantify – the relationships our staff build with international military believers and the mentoring they provide for upcoming leaders. These relationships are the bedrock of our ministry and allow us to encourage indigenous Christians while better understanding their culture and its needs.



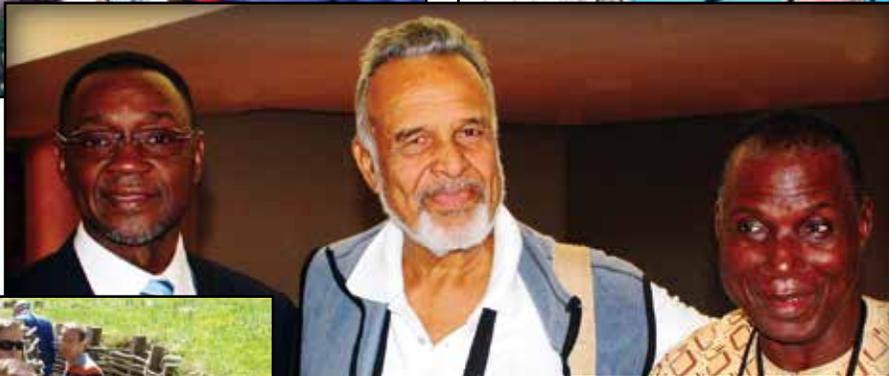
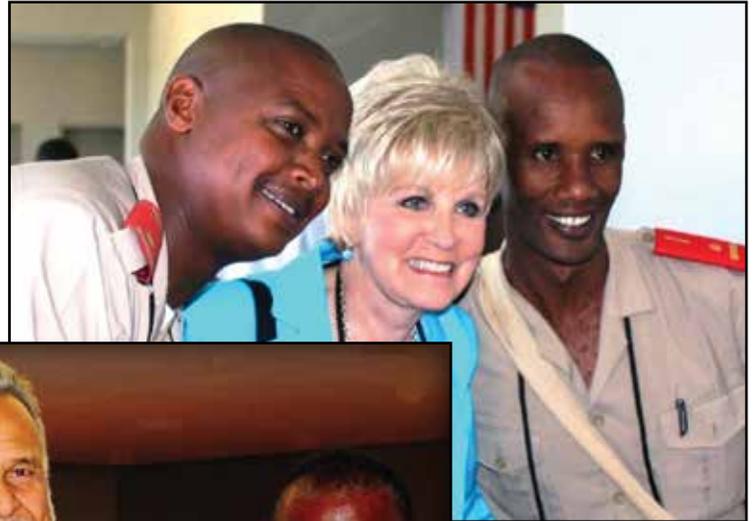
ACCTS Exploration Program 2015, Finland



Waterloo to WWII battlefield visit



Global Interaction participants



Global Interaction participants



U.S. cadets and mids in WWII trenches



Moldovan military Christians distributing MP3 Bibles



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It's Not All About Money!

I am not sure if you have ever heard these words coming from the financial director of a ministry, but here they are – it's not all about money!

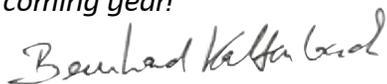
A few years ago one of my sons said those words to me when we were talking about college, jobs, and matters of life. It struck me in a very peculiar way, since my job dictates that I deal with money every day. Just a few days ago, my wife and I had another conversation with the same son who, in slightly differ-

ent words, expressed the same sentiment. Apparently, God is trying to teach me this lesson through my son. Our first priority is to do God's will and focus on the people to whom He calls us to minister. Money matters always come second to that. What our son was talking about was that a) money alone does not make you happy or solve your problems and b) our focus needs to be on God and the people we serve before money.

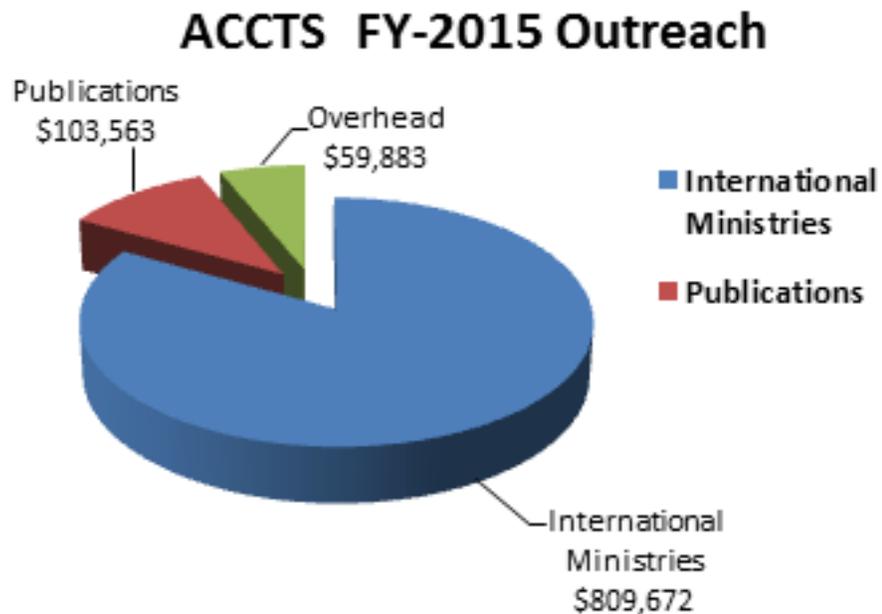
*God definitely uses His resources to advance ministry through ACCTS, just like in any other organization. This past fiscal year was a wonderful reminder of the faithfulness of God and His people, whom He uses to sustain this ministry financially. Without all of your prayers, counsel, and financial sacrifices, ACCTS would not have been able to focus on God and soldiers and their families around the world. Our director, Phil Exner, already mentioned the vast impact that Global Interaction 2014 had on so many nations and people. It would be easy to sit back and bask in God's glory for what He allowed us to accomplish. But our opportunity to build on last year's conference, follow up with all who attended or who wanted to attend Global Interaction 2014, and reach even more armed forces for Christ, is **now**. We need to take advantage of the open doors God has provided for us now.*

This past summer I had the privilege of meeting and training a former soldier from North Korea who now lives in South Korea. Our focus with him is on how we, with our South Korean partners, can penetrate a very closed country for Christ. This is just one of many nations in which God is opening doors!

It's not all about money, but rather impacting people for Christ. Still, in this fallen world, it takes money to do this ministry. In the chart above you can see how effectively ACCTS used the resources God provided during the past year -- and it is our pledge that we will continue to prayerfully do so this coming year!



*Bernhard Kaltenbach
Deputy and Financial Director*



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"Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1



Global Interaction

Praise God with us for all He accomplished in 2015 among the world's armed forces! We deeply appreciate your prayer and financial support in 2015, which enabled us to further Christ's kingdom among military personnel in over 150 nations.



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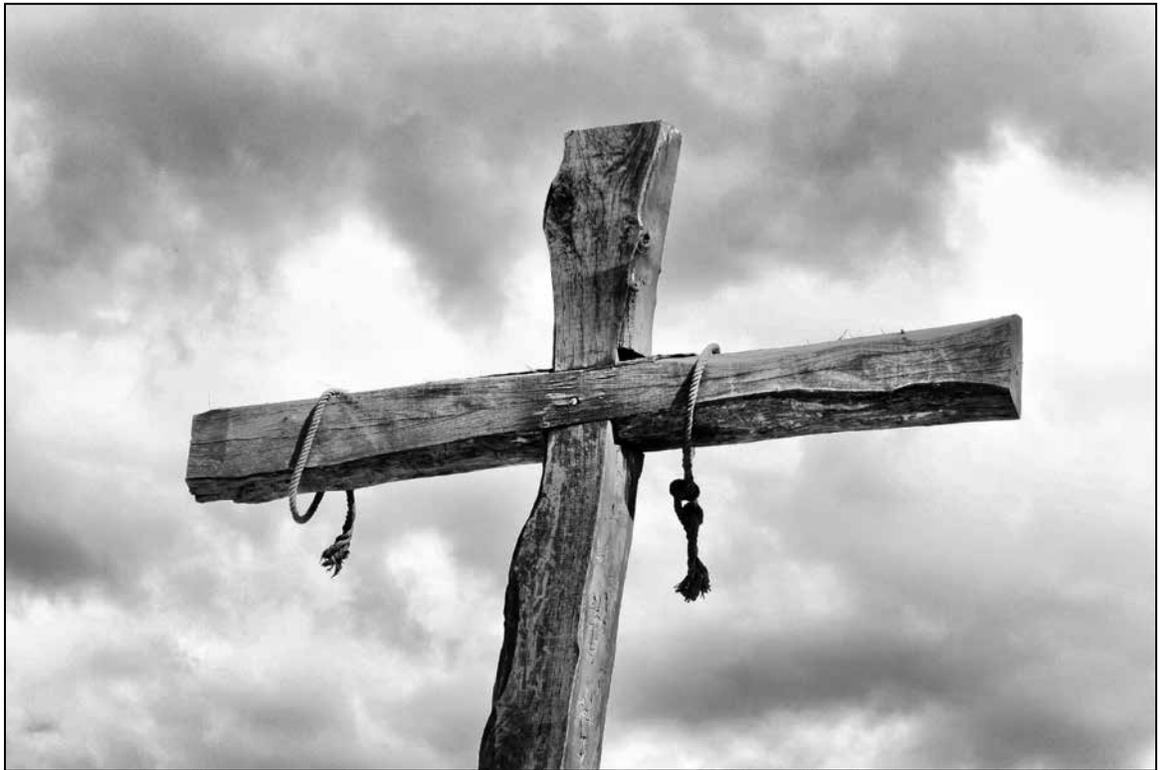


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“All the persons of faith I know are sinners, doubters, uneven performers. We are secure not because we are sure of ourselves but because we trust that God is sure of us.”

-- Eugene H. Peterson

1 Praise God with us for a new year to make a difference for Him in our world! Pray that ACCTS staff members will “take on the nature of a servant” (Philippians 2:7) in all they do this year for military personnel world-wide.

2 Locally-organized and led military Christian fellowships (MCFs) show that Christianity isn’t a “Western” religion – military personnel respond to someone in their own military who has had similar experiences better than they do to a person from another culture. Pray with ACCTS as we continue our goal of building strong indigenous military Christians worldwide.

3 A Central Africa Republic military Christian asks for our prayers as his nation continues to deal with daily religious conflicts and the aftermath those take on its

citizens. Please uphold this country, which is in such need of peace.

4 Pray for the MCF (military Christian fellowship) of Burundi, which has undertaken many new ministry activities this past year, including a conference at a cadet institute and training for police.

5 Praise God for a group of military Christians in India who are now meeting together regularly for prayer and fellowship. Pray for their wisdom, protection, and growth.

6 Pray for ACCTS as we seek to expand our ministries to younger military personnel world-wide.

7 Pray with us as we prepare for this March’s Spring

Break ministry trips with U.S. midshipmen and cadets. Ask that the trip help the participants understand military ministry better and the lifelong role they can play in it.

8 Pray that military believers in France will be examples of faith-filled living in a fearful time.

9 Ask that ACCTS' partnership with Faith Comes by Hearing lead to more Bibles being distributed to military personnel around the world.

10 Pray for wisdom for U.S. leaders as they deal with increases in violence, both on U.S. soil and in other nations.

11 Pray with staff member Rick Ryles as he ministers to military believers in Singapore, Malaysia, Laos, and Indonesia this month.

12 Pray for the nation of Syria – for its citizens who are still in-country as well as refugees who have left. Pray that peace will come to this ancient culture.

13 ACCTS staff members spend much of their ministry time building individual relationships with military Christian fellowship leaders and mentoring upcoming MCF leaders. Pray for wisdom as they carry out this vital aspect of their ministries in 2016.

14 Pray with Christians in Singapore's armed forces, and ask that God give them wisdom as they serve Him in their nation, which is a financial hub and model of stability.

15 In Malaysia, the majority Muslim population holds political power, while the large ethnic Chinese minority are economically powerful. Christians are a small part of the population, and religious division is prevalent. Pray for military and civilian believers in this nation as they follow Christ.

16 Pray for the MCF in Canada and their president, Gerry Potter, as they develop more prayer groups and work more closely with churches.

17 Ask for wisdom as Phil Exner prepares for this summer's Waterloo to WWII ministry trip with U.S. midshipmen and cadets.

18 Laos is one of the world's last remaining Communist nations. Pray that Christ will draw people, military and civilian, to Himself in this impoverished nation.

19 In one month from today, European MCF leaders come together for three days of praying, planning, and learning from one another as they seek God's will, especially in light of the current refugee crisis that affects most of them. Please pray for the planning and preparation for this important meeting.

20 Please pray for ACCTS' board of directors, especially those whose terms begin today, as they guide our ministry through the year.

21 In November, citizens of Myanmar voted for a new leader in the nation's first national election since military rule ended. Pray for wisdom for this new leadership, and that their actions will be ethical and just.

22 Pray for ACCTS' 2016 ministry plans in China, and ask for wisdom for all our staff who minister in this vast nation.

23 Praise God for faithful military Christians in Russia, and ask that unity reign among the various denominations that minister to the armed forces.

24 This week starts the annual AMCF/ACCTS North American Week of Prayer. At the request of AMCF's vice president for North America, Col. Nestor Ogilvie of Grenada, we will pray for military ministry needs in the nations in this region. Today, praise God with us for the strength, wisdom, and joy of military Christians in North America from Canada down to Jamaica!

25 Today, please uphold in prayer the lives and military ministries of Christians in the armed forces of Guyana, a land rich in tropical forests; Suriname, which has a very ethnically diverse population; and Trinidad and Tobago, one of the wealthiest Caribbean nations.

26 Continuing in prayer for the North American prayer week, pray for military believers in St Kitts and Nevis, whose beautiful shores make it a tourist destination; Antigua and Barbuda, whose economy is also helped greatly by tourism; and Dominica, a mountainous, forested island.

27 Ask for wisdom for military Christians in St Lucia, whose rich land produces bananas and sugar; Barbados, which has a strong English and African heritage; St Vincent and the Grenadines, home to lush, mountainous islands; and Grenada, the "Spice Island" that produces nutmeg, cinnamon, and other spices.

28 Today, pray for Canada, one of the world's top trading nations; Bermuda, a prosperous British territory; and the USA, a military power with vast global reach.

29 Uphold in prayer the military believers in Bahamas, an archipelago of 700 islands and islets; Belize, whose largest ethnic group is the Mestizos (of Maya Indian and Spanish ancestry); Jamaica, known for its rich heritage of music, food and culture; and Haiti, the first independent Caribbean state.

30 Today, ask that all individual military Christians and their fellowship groups in AMCF's North American region exhibit the fruits of the Holy Spirit in their daily lives.

31 Pray for AMCF Vice President for North America, Nestor Ogilvie, and other military Christian leaders throughout North America.