

Eager Learners, Future Leaders

Rappelling from cliffs, climbing 14,000-foot tall mountains, meeting senior military Christians, and learning to lead Bible studies – these diverse experiences were all part of Interaction-Rocky Mountain High 2017, ACCTS' Colorado-based leadership program for young international military Christians.

The July program included participants from Romania, Colombia, Antigua and Barbuda, and Haiti. "All the participants were very active and attentive learners," reports program coordinator Emanuela Haien. "They asked a lot of questions, particularly about real-life applications, and many of them commented on how useful the teachings on inductive Bible study and conversational prayer were. This form of study can be done anytime, anywhere, and in a short time frame. That's especially important because military people are so busy. The group also greatly appreciated the teachings by all the leaders -- General Rayburn, Admiral Lloyd, Colonel Sifers, and Major Hammerud."

Staff member Russ Hammerud states, "I was impressed with this group's spiritual and emotional maturity. They related to each other well and were eager to apply what they were learning in their lives and in their military and Christian communities."

Emanuela concludes, "These young military people have varying opportunities for military Christian fellowship in their home nations. Some have well-established groups, while other MCFs are newer or smaller. Yet I am always amazed at what God does with them, and I know God will accomplish much through this year's group."