

Train the Trainers:

September 2018 Marriage and Financial Training in Haiti

Members of Haiti's military Christian fellowship are now equipped to mentor others in marriage and financial matters, thanks to a Train the Trainers conference led by ACCTS staff member Ron Huggler, board member Sue Huggler, and marriage mentor Rick Huggler.

The three-day program was developed in partnership with the MCF and the commander of Haiti's Coast Guard, Jean Mary Wagnac, and included 17 participants.

Marriage mentor training focused on the biblical foundation for marriage and included discussions on conflict resolution, marriage tools, the roles and responsibilities of spouses, marriage mentoring do's and don'ts, and the "contract vs. covenantal" basis for marriage.

Financial training provided education on biblical principles of handling money stewardship, establishing and using an emergency fund, getting out of debt, budgeting, and basic saving and investing. The classes also addressed the unique cultural practices of the group, including the practice of *sou* (a rotating money savings co-op) and the expectations in Haitian culture of giving money to friends or family in need of help. The last session of the conference was spent brainstorming how participants could use what they learned to impact the Haitian forces.

Praise God with us for the Haitian participants who are eager to put into practice what they learned to help others, and pray that the Holy Spirit will give them wisdom as they do so.