

VISITING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS...INTERNATIONALLY!

Each year thousands of international military men and women come to the U.S. to study at military schools and facilities. Several ACCTS staff members minister to these international students at locations such as in the greater San Antonio area and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

After these military students return to their home nations, however, the friendship and outreach our staff members developed with them doesn't end. The relationships are often life-long and are continued by email, Skype calls, and sometimes personal visits.

In May staff members Dave and Karen Wittman traveled to Colombia to build on relationships they, and Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin, had developed over the years with Colombian military officers who trained at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in San Antonio. They also met with several key members of the Colombian Armed Forces to discuss ACCTS programs that can be of assistance to them, and met with a 1993 graduate of ACCTS' Interaction training program, Admiral Daniel Iriarte.

One example of a typical ministry opportunity was in the city of Cali, where the Wittmans addressed a group of military cadets at the Air Force Academy. "The Sunday evening service was just a wonderful time in the Lord," Dave reports. "The Christian Cadet Corp Church was started 17 years ago. The church is cadet-led and has continued to grow over the years." Karen shared with them about three major goals: discover, know and love God; discover their purpose; and live life with their discovered purpose. Dave spoke about courage and commitment, using Joshua as an example. "I shared with them how God loved them so much that He wanted them to have that same courage and commitment in their lives and, through Jesus, this was possible," Dave shares. "Following my message, we gave an altar call for prayer...over half the hands in the building went up, and we spent the next 30 minutes praying with the cadets...We were so humbled by the presence of the Holy Spirit and the hearts of the young cadets."

The Wittmans also spoke to cadets at Colombia's Naval Academy. Pray that their interactions with these young people, and everyone they met in Colombia, will have eternal impact for God's work in this nation.