



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.

2021 ANNUAL REPORT:

A Letter from the Executive Director

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”
– *Philippians 1:3-6*

The first week of January 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of ACCTS. Since then, ACCTS’ field of harvest has grown from military Christian fellowships (MCFs) in just 12 countries to over 150 countries. And so, even as we look to reach the countries that don’t yet

have a Christian fellowship, we have much to celebrate as we enter our next half century.

ACCTS was greatly blessed in 2021 as we began to emerge from the physical isolation caused by Covid-19 travel and meeting restrictions. Although many events were still conducted virtually through Zoom or other applications, we were able to hold several important face-to-face gatherings.

ACCTS helped plan and lead AMCF Interaction, a training program for future senior leaders within the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF).

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International Chaplain Training

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Dominican Republic 2021

Staff from ACCTS, its UK and Korean partners, and the AMCF presidential bench mentored participants from five countries (Turkey, Serbia, Sweden, and Portugal) who had demonstrated great potential to become future leaders within the AMCF. This inaugural program was very successful and will serve as the prototype for similar programs to be held in every AMCF region around the world.

Military Christians from six countries (Barbados, Ghana, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, and Ukraine) attended ACCTS' International Chaplain Training program in San Antonio. While there, they learned to minister in military hospitals and prisons, engage in suicide prevention, start and lead Bible study groups, help soldiers with combat-related stress and moral injury, and other ministry activities that they can initiate in their home countries. Several have already asked for similar training in their own countries.

2021 also saw a renewed focus on developing material on military ethics, including training, Bible studies, renewing publication of a scholarly Journal of Faith and War, and weekly meetings to collect testimonies from Christian military from around the world. Nearly a dozen countries have expressed keen interest in this area, which will provide more access to military leaders who have not yet received training in this vital area of leadership.

ACCTS staff attended Croatia's 10th anniversary national conference, as well as the AMCF South America regional conference where MCF leaders from nine countries gathered to pray, share, and encourage one another. We also participated virtually in AMCF regional meetings in Europe, Southern Africa, and East Asia.

In the fall, ACCTS co-sponsored and participated in a Christian leadership camp for young military leaders in Madagascar, a program like ACCTS' Interaction Rocky Mountain High (I-RMH) program. The Madagascar MCF plans to expand this fruitful program by inviting young Christian military leaders from Southern Africa to join them in 2022. By exporting programs such as I-RMH that have



Phil Exner with ACCTS' Brazilian staff members



been held in the U.S. in the past, we are enabling national MCFs to tailor the programs to local conditions and culture, and to carry on ministry when it becomes difficult to cross borders. Meanwhile, we ran a modified online I-RMH session for a young military leader from Uganda, who said that the program "ignited a new fire to serve God."

Throughout the year, the staff continued to host weekly and monthly online prayer groups, Bible studies, and planning meetings with MCF leaders. They also worked with partner organizations to

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distribute thousands of digital Bibles to military Christians and non-believers worldwide; offered English language training through MCFs to build them up; and mentored individual military Christian fellowship leaders.

This fall, ACCTS staff traveled to Sao Paulo for a major Pray and Plan meeting dealing with the upcoming 2024 World Conference scheduled for October 14-20, 2024. We would be happy to provide information for our supporters who might be interested in joining us in Brazil for that event, which we anticipate will involve military Christians from over 100 countries.

Sometimes I marvel that God has invited us to join Him in accomplishing His purposes. He could instantly, perfectly, and effortlessly accomplish the things we try to do in His name, yet He allows us to strive slowly and fumblingly to understand and accomplish His calling in our lives. I often feel that He needs to come behind me and clean up the mess I've made by my imperfect execution of His work. In those moments, particularly when, by His grace, I get a glimpse of the spiritual fruit that He is producing through ACCTS, I am reminded that, in calling us to this ministry, He has given us a great gift. Not many people can impact so many places in the world as you do when you support

ACCTS with your prayers, financial gifts, and encouragement.

There have been times in my travels when I get an overpowering sense that I am being prayed for, only to find out when I return that someone had been lifting me up in prayer at that very moment. While we are excited and thankful for what God accomplished this year through ACCTS, we never forget that your prayers and financial partnership are instrumental in every success and changed life. Thank you and please continue to support us as we move into 2022 and our next 50 years of ministry.

Serving Our Ever-Faithful Savior,

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

To God be the Glory!

“ACCTS being the pioneer principal support organisation (PSO) of the AMCF, gave birth to the sister PSOs – MMI (UK) and MSO (Korea.) The three PSOs have displayed tremendous unity and harmony in true Christlike manner in their activities. They have been a great source of strength and encouragement to the MCFs across the world through the untiring efforts of their regional team leaders.

“Undoubtedly the vision of the founder of ACCTS, Cleo Buxton, half a century ago is now unfolding as we witnessed a phenomenal growth in the AMCF in the past few decades...the international ministry of AMCF has reached far and wide to over 150 nations across the world, due to the ministries of ACCTS, MMI, and MSO. Military Christian leaders have been inspired, impacted, and encouraged by programs conducted by ACCTS, such as Interaction, military Christian ethics, Warrior Training, Rocky Mountain High, battlefield visits, and many other training conferences.

“As we look to the future, I see the next major event in the AMCF calendar is the World Conference of 2024. It is a challenging prospect in which AMCF, the PSOs and particularly ACCTS, will be involved in organising. It will be a joint effort by the leaders of AMCF and PSOs for the glory of God...It is my prayer that the invaluable service being accomplished by ACCTS will grow from strength to strength in the years ahead, for the glory of God.” – General **Srilal Weerasooriya**, President, AMCF (www.amcf-int.org), December 2020



General Srilal Weerasooriya

“As one who was there when ACCTS was first established and has participated in ACCTS ministry for a half century, let me state that ACCTS is the most effective para-church organization I know. ACCTS has been and continues to be on the cutting edge of bringing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all of the men and women of the uniformed forces of all of the nations of the world. ACCTS has been the main engine powering the Association of Military Christian Fellowships (AMCF) and has spawned Military Ministries International (MMI - England) and Mission Support Organization Support (MSO - Korea) which now share with ACCTS the global outreach for Jesus Christ to uniformed forces around the world.” – **Clay T. Buckingham**, Major General, USA (retired), past President, Association of Military Christian Fellowships

Major General, USA (ret.) Clay T. Buckingham



“At an international conference in Moscow in 1993 I met [then-ACCTS director] Dell McDonald, who first told me about ACCTS, AMCF, and the international military Christian movement. I was invited in 1994 to attend the AMCF World Conference in Virginia Beach, where I came to better understand the MCF ministry as a world movement. Following that conference, I started to form a national MCF in Ukraine...Over a three-year period, I visited the USA, participating in various programs—ACCTS Interaction in 1996, and as a periodic ACCTS intern over the next two years. These visits provided me an opportunity to learn more about the MCF, and to grow personally in my spiritual life as a leader. The three people in ACCTS who have greatly influenced the Ukrainian MCF over the years are Dell McDonald, Dick Barnes, and Paul Neu. ACCTS is a most important partner for the MCF of Ukraine over the years. I am very thankful for ACCTS personnel providing prayer and financial support, as well as encouragement to me, to my wife Valya, and to the Ukrainian MCF.” – **Vasily Khimich**, Ukraine military Christian fellowship President

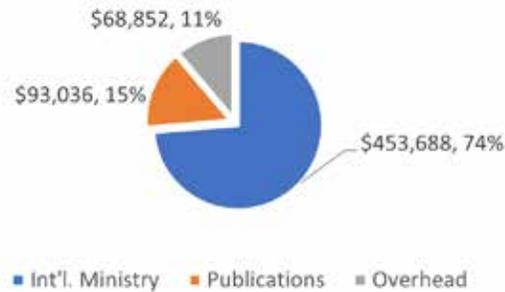
Vasily Khimich



A Firm Foundation – A Clear Vision – A Solid Strategy

In January 1972 ACCTS was founded on a solid foundation of prayer by Cleo “Buck” Buxton and his wife Louisa with a handful of supporters who formed his original board of directors. In a letter to his supporters written shortly after he formed ACCTS, he wrote that he would “... *work with young officers we now know in various countries, encouraging them in their own Christian walk and assisting them in their outreach to others in their own*

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forces. I envision this as a foundation for future indigenous Military Christian Fellowships in each of these countries as these men rise in rank and influence.”

Much has changed over the past 50 years. Buck started with a small number of staff, but now we have over 50 staff members, including international staff. At that time, we were the only U.S. organization doing international military ministry, and now there are several -- and ACCTS is one of three that support the Association of Military Christian Fellowships.

We praise God for allowing us to partner with Him through the ministry of ACCTS, and we recognize His goodness and people like you who sacrificially work with and support ACCTS.

Even though the past two years have been difficult God has blessed our efforts and, as we enter the next 50 years, we not only have a firm prayer foundation, but have a financial foundation which allows us to be optimistic about the future.

ACCTS' clear vision has not changed. We just have phrased it slightly differently -- “*That everyone wearing the uniform of their country would hear the Gospel and see it lived out by someone in their nation's military service.*”

ACCTS' strategy for years to come is to increase the number of qualified indigenous workers from various countries. These people know the language, their culture, and have access to places that we don't have. It is our desire to have a good mix of international and USA-based staff to reach the militaries of the world for the next 50 years.

Thank you for your faithful partnership through prayers and finances! Together we can reach military personnel and their families throughout 2022 and beyond.

In Christ,

Bernhard Kaltenbach
Deputy and Financial Director

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Come See What God Has Done!



**"Look among the nations and watch!
Be astonished and stare
because something is happening
in your days that
you wouldn't believe
even if told." – Habakkuk 1:5**



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