



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.

FLOURISHING MILITARY MINISTRIES IN ASIA



Military Christian ministry in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Thailand is flourishing thanks to the vision and enthusiasm of local military believers and their reliance on the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Late last year, after being unable to minister in person to ACCTS' contacts in Asia due to COVID-19 restrictions set in place in 2020, ACCTS staff member Rick Ryles was finally able to travel to several Asian nations to encourage indigenous military Christian fellowship leaders in each nation and participate in several ministry events.

In Bangladesh, Rick met with leaders of the military Christian fellowship and attended the MCF's annual conference. He also distributed military audio Bible sticks along with 25 SD cards for smartphones in the Bengali language. Less than 1% of Bangladesh's population is Christian, and military Christians there were eager to

receive these Bibles and have the opportunity to distribute them further.

In India, Rick met with long-time contacts who lead the MCF. He also participated in the MCF-India Pan India Retreat in Kerala. Here, too, he distributed military audio Bible sticks and SD cards for smartphones, this time in the Hindi language. In addition to the main MCF conference, Rick also conducted several side meetings with MCF-India members and groups after the retreat. Christians in India account for just slightly over 2% of the population of this primarily Hindu nation, so the opportunity to fellowship together is always a vital aspect of their lives and faith.

An MCF Leadership Seminar in Kathmandu, Nepal was a tremendous blessing to military believers and their families in this nation. Here again, Rick was able to

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distribute military audio Bibles and SD cards for smartphones in the Nepali language. Christians account for approximately 1.4% of Nepal's population, and while the number of active-duty military personnel who are believers is very small, they are also full of faith and active in sharing Christ whenever possible.

The last leg of Rick's extensive mission trip was to Thailand, where he met with MCF of Thailand leaders and discussed ministry ideas and plans for the future. As with many other Asian nations, Christians account for only a tiny percentage of Thailand's population, which is mainly Buddhist, yet the MCF is thriving and providing significant spiritual encouragement to its members and their families.

Pray that the audio Bibles and Bible SD cards which were distributed during this trip will help many people learn who Christ is and why He came to our world. Rick also made another extensive ministry trip to Asia in late January and February, and we'll include a report from that trip in the next newsletter.



TRAUMA HEALING FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Since early 2022, ACCTS staff members have been leading Trauma Healing courses for international and U.S. military personnel in order to bring healing to their own lives and help them learn to help others who are struggling with the effects of trauma. The unique method of trauma healing, from the Trauma Healing Institute, unites proven mental health practices and engagement with God through the Bible. Our staff use their military experience and wisdom to gear the course specifically for military personnel, many of whom have experienced deep wounds of the heart and mind that affect their relationships, bodies, thoughts, and faith. Through these courses, we aim to help participants experience healing, restoration, and reconciliation with God, self, and neighbor. Please pray that these courses, which we will hold throughout 2023, will continue to be used by God to heal and bless international military believers worldwide.

STAFF NEEDED:

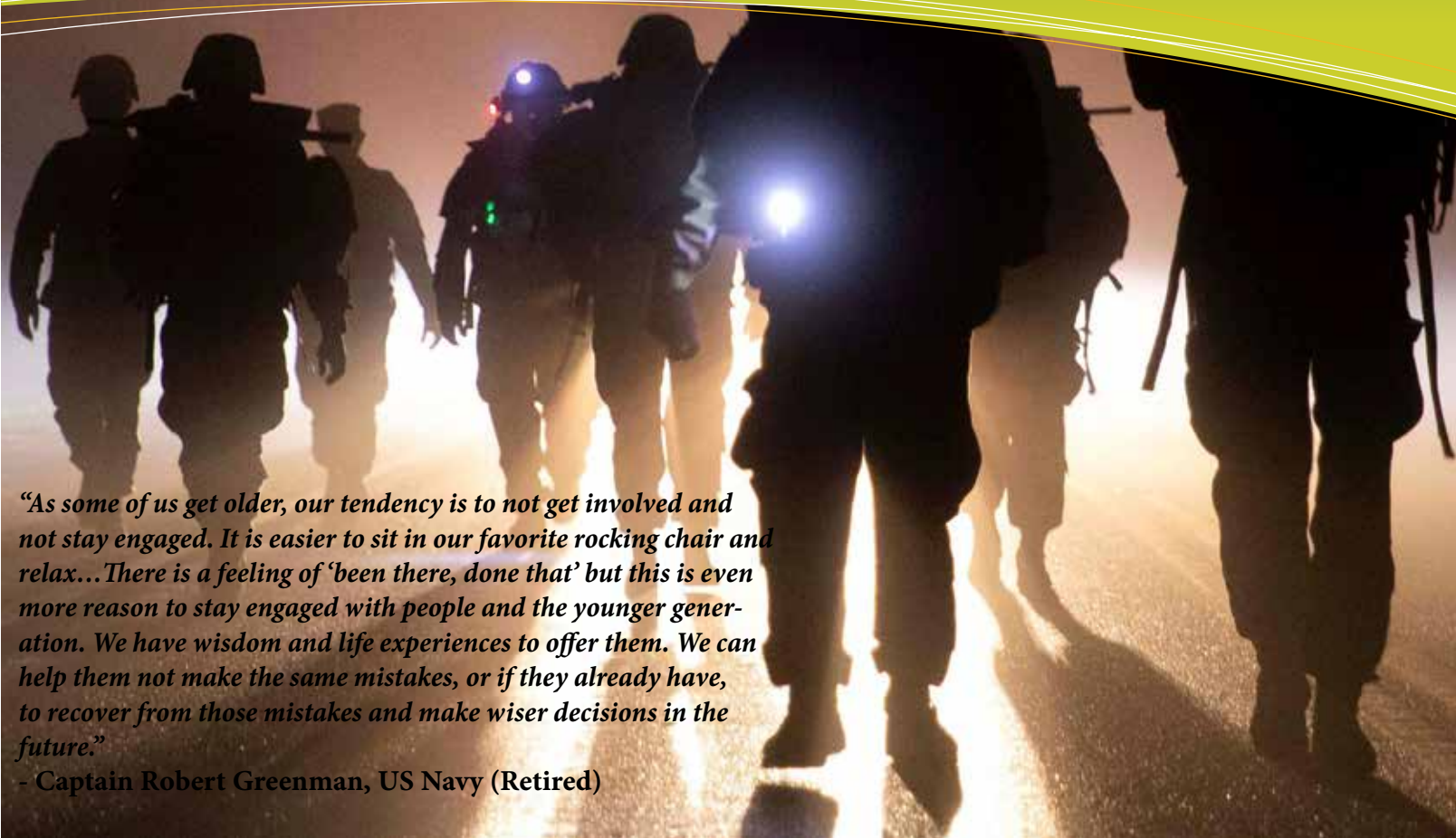
International Military Student Ministry

Each year thousands of foreign military students come to the USA to be trained in military tactics, English language skills, or other skills they will need in their military service in their home nations. Many of these men and women are hand-picked by their commanding officers for their leadership skills and return to become powerful leaders in their nations.

ACCTS staff members who minister to international military students invite them into their lives and homes as much as possible for Bible studies, dinners, English language lessons, and game nights. They often help them with basic things such as moving into apartments, finding a vehicle, navigating a supermarket, or helping their families adjust to a new culture. They also invite students to attend chapel or church services with them and, when possible, help them understand the role of spirituality in the lives of military Christians. Like most ACCTS staff positions, people serving with ACCTS in this capacity will need to raise their own funds for ministry expenses instead of receiving a salary.

There are several cities with high international student populations, including the San Antonio area, Monterrey, California and Washington DC . If you are curious about this avenue of ministry or feel God calling you toward sharing Him with these students, please contact us at accts@accts.org and we'll give you more information.





“As some of us get older, our tendency is to not get involved and not stay engaged. It is easier to sit in our favorite rocking chair and relax... There is a feeling of ‘been there, done that’ but this is even more reason to stay engaged with people and the younger generation. We have wisdom and life experiences to offer them. We can help them not make the same mistakes, or if they already have, to recover from those mistakes and make wiser decisions in the future.”

- Captain Robert Greenman, US Navy (Retired)



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