



# ACCTS *in action*

**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.

## God at Work Around the Globe!



**“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”  
- Jesus**



Our global family of military Christians is blessed beyond measure by God’s divine hand at work in our midst. In the heart of every nation, God’s love is igniting a powerful transformation within the armed forces, leading men and women to embrace the wisdom and purpose found in Christ.

By the time you read this, the AMCF World Conference in Brazil, which ACCTS co-hosted, will be over – yet even so, a new chapter begins, one filled with potential and hope as participants return to their nations with innovative strategies to amplify the Lord’s presence within their military communities.



As these individuals work to implement their ministry plans, they need our unwavering support – most importantly in prayer, but occasionally financially as well. If you aren’t yet a regular financial supporter of ACCTS, would you consider becoming one? Join with us in prayer, lifting their endeavors

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to God so that His kingdom will flourish. Below, you'll find specific prayer points to guide your intercessions. Thank you for supporting the worldwide military family of Christ in prayer and thank you so much for all of you who contributed toward scholarships so people from around the world could attend the conference!

**Praise** God for the military Christian fellowship of Brazil, UMCEB, and the outstanding work they did to host the conference. Pray for God's blessings on their fellowship and ask that they will be filled with thankfulness for how He used their MCF to impact lives around the world!

**Praise** God for all the people who supported this conference financially, logistically, and spiritually. From Brazil to South Korea to the USA, the love and sacrifices of Christians made this conference possible. Ask for God's blessing on all who were involved!

**Ask** God to bless and guide each participant as they return home, filling them with wisdom and enthusiasm for the ministries He has for them. Pray that they will seek to understand God's plans and implement them with unity and help from other military believers. Ask God to send His spirit of unity and cooperation so that participants and others from their military Christian fellowships will work together to make their MCF grow.

**Ask** God to spiritually nourish participants so that they may be further equipped for ministry. Pray that they will use the resources they received at the conference to continue to be spiritually fed.

**Pray** for participants who are returning to nations that are at war or experiencing extreme violence. Pray that they will shine as lights for Christ, sharing His love, hope, redemption, and grace with military personnel and civilians alike. Pray for their safety and the safety of their families.

**Pray** for participants who have been struggling with discouragement, doubt, or fears. Pray that the Holy Spirit will encourage them and enable them

to move beyond their discouragement and fears so that they can live a life full of grace and work for Christ. Pray that their discouragement will turn to joy and empowerment in Him.

**Pray** for participants who return to nations where they experience religious oppression or persecution. Pray that they will be kept safe and have wisdom as they live out their lives in dangerous situations. Pray that the examples of their lives will draw unbelievers to Christ.

**Pray** for participants who return to nations where there are few opportunities to fellowship with other military Christians. Pray that their isolation will end, and a strong military Christian community will begin.

**Pray** for Christians who returned to nations where Christianity is in decline. Ask that they be given wisdom so they can share Christ in ways that make Him understood and valuable to others.

**Pray** for participants from nations where poverty, hunger, or fear reign. Ask that they be filled with Christ's joy no matter their circumstances and find ways to share that joy and hope with others in their nation.

**Pray** that nations which don't currently have military Christian fellowships will soon have them, started and led by indigenous military personnel.

**Pray** that MCFs which are declining will begin flourishing because of their members' attendance at the conference.

**Pray** for MCFs that are currently flourishing and well-funded, asking that God lead them into ways to share those blessings with other nations around the globe.

# My Way...or Yahweh?

At ACCTS, an important part of our mission is the encouragement and equipping of the next generation of military Christian leaders in the military Christian fellowships (MCFs) around the world - very much like multiple members of our staff did at the World Conference in Brazil this past month. In reflecting on this part of our mission following the conference, it struck me that there is nothing more important to leadership than God's hand of favor resting on the heart of a leader. In the verse cited in this image, note that it is God doing the exalting - not Joshua. Self-exaltation always fails, while God's exaltation causes reverence, awe, and instills confidence, first and foremost in God Himself but also in His chosen leader.



So I think it is fair to ask, "What brings God's favor?" It seems to me at least that God's favor seems to rest most easily on those leaders who completely empty the broken vessel of "self" and seek God with humility and an insatiable hunger for more of Him. There is a burning fire of passion inside them to pursue God's will, obey His word, walk in His ways, and accomplish His purposes. And this fire cannot be extinguished, even under the greatest of trials. Why? **Because they are leaders seeking God's glory, not their own.**

Throughout scripture, God consistently called to leadership those ordinary men and women who loved Him and who had a steely resolve to trust in Him. They weren't special in any way, except the only way that counts - they were all His! They were completely emptied of self before they were completely filled by Him. They were anointed before they were appointed. They sought His face before

and above all else. And they succeeded not because of their abilities, but because of their utter weakness and absolute unequivocal dependence on Him. They were not interested even in the slightest way in any title of man, rather only that they were "God's man" or "God's woman."

Yahweh is looking for those whose eyes are lifted heavenward, ready and eager to lock eyes with Him and no one nor anything else. In summary then, I think the final question and test of a leader is the answer to this question: "What will it be...my way, or Yahweh?"

By Faith,

Handwritten signature of Terry Wichert in black ink.

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Executive Director

*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is God's will ..."* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"God is in control, and therefore in everything I can give thanks -  
not because of the situation but because of  
the One who directs and rules over it."  
-Kay Arthur



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*



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