



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.

A CALL TO ARMS:

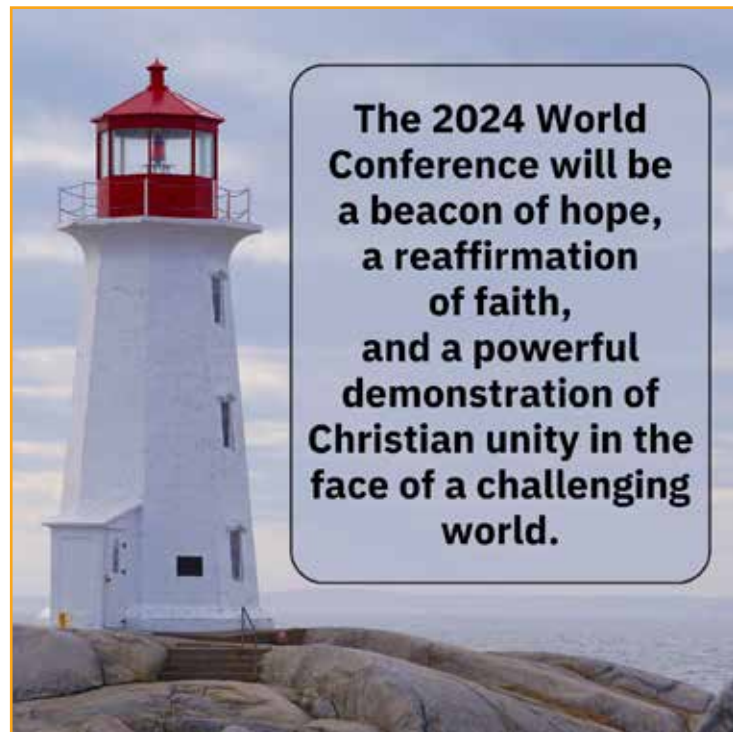
Nine Months Away, But Scholarships Needed NOW!

Across the world, dedicated military Christians face daily challenges that most civilians can only imagine. They not only face the perils of armed conflict but also navigate the often isolating and deeply personal struggle of maintaining their faith within the demanding realities of military life. Many of these believers serve in nations where fellowshiping with other believers isn't always possible, or where they face oppression or outright religious persecution.

It is on behalf of these international military Christians that we call upon you. From 15-20 October 2024, ACCTS is partnering with the military Christian fellowship of Brazil as they host the AMCF World Conference, a gathering specifically designed to empower, equip, and encourage military personnel from across the globe. ACCTS is raising funds to assist international participants who can't fully fund their own participation to the conference, because we know from previous experience that this conference has the potential to change lives and bring about Kingdom growth worldwide.

Imagine a space where:

- Military and police personnel from dozens of nations can connect and share their experiences of faith amidst the challenges of military life.
- Renowned chaplains and pastors offer guidance on integrating faith with duty, resilience in the face of hardship, and finding community within the unique military environment.
- Workshops and breakout sessions that address specific



concerns like spiritual warfare, coping with trauma, military ethics, and maintaining family relationships during deployment.

- Powerful worship services and fellowship opportunities that offer solace, renewal, and the strength of a shared faith.

By providing a full or partial scholarship for an international participant, you are investing in the spiritual well-being of people who have enormous opportunities to make an impact

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for Christ in their cultures and nations. To date we have received some scholarship funds but need more Christians to step forward and help. Your scholarship donation, whether large or small, makes a difference. A gift of \$2,500 can cover the full costs, including airfare, for one attendee. You can break your donations down into monthly gifts instead of a one-time larger gift. Gifts in smaller amounts will be combined to offer scholarships so that no one is turned away for lack of funds.

The 2024 World Conference is more than just a conference; it will be a beacon of hope, a reaffirmation of faith, and a powerful demonstration of Christian unity in the face of a challenging world. Donating today means we can issue invitations to military Christian fellowship leaders worldwide and build a stronger, more connected, and more resilient community of international military Christians. Together, we can stand in solidarity with our international brothers and sisters, giving them tools to share Christ's hope, and reminding them that they are not alone and that God walks with them on every battlefield, both literal and spiritual.

How to Donate:

1. You can donate online at www.accts.org. Click the red "Donate Now" button, then choose "2024-AMCF World Conference" in the Purpose box.
2. Mail a donation to ACCTS, PO Box 27239, Denver, Colorado, 80227-0239.

The 2024 World Conference Website (use Google as your search engine to translate from Portuguese to English, if needed):

<https://www.worldconferenceamcf.com>

ACCTS' Start in Brazil:

We are grateful to be in partnership with the military Christian fellowship of Brazil, which is hosting the 2024 AMCF World Conference. Former Executive Director Dell McDonald shares this story of ACCTS first ministry trip to that country: "Standing at the foot of the Corcovado (the statue of Christ the Redeemer) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on a clear day was exhilarating. My wife, Bette, and I were the guests of Pastor Schwartz-Lima, one of our first military contacts in Brazil. While standing there admiring the view, Pastor Lima - who was also an Air Force dentist - suggested we pray. The four of us circled together and prayed that God would gather godly military people and form a strong viable military Christian fellowship. 46 years later, the fellowship in Brazil has grown to tens of thousands of military and police and includes a chaplain corps and fellowship groups in every state of that nation."



11 Years of Extraordinary Leadership

Dear ACCTS Friends,

As ACCTS welcomes a new executive director to our military ministry, our hearts are filled with gratitude. After 11 years of extraordinary leadership, our outgoing executive director, Col. (USMC, Ret.) Phil Exner, is stepping down on 29 February.

Phil has had a defining impact on ACCTS' mission and the countless military lives it touches. His clear vision guided our staff and board through ministry challenges as well as unprecedented opportunities, propelling ACCTS forward as we endeavored to follow the Holy Spirit's leading for our work worldwide. He and Sue served both sacrificially and humbly, exhibiting Christ's spirit of servant-leadership at each step.



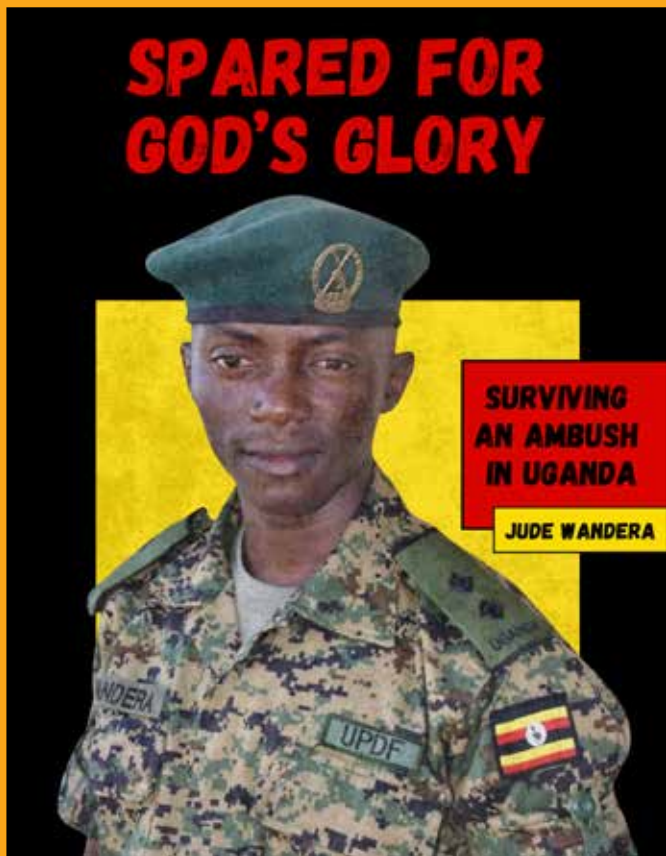
Under Phil's leadership, ACCTS staff expanded our ministry in many areas, including the development of military ethics resources for international believers. His heart for developing the next generation of military Christians led to an expansion of ministry to young personnel in multiple ways. Phil also increased the number of international staff who minister with us, creating a deeper impact in multiple regions of our world. But beyond the milestones, Phil's legacy truly lies in his deep heart for and understanding of the need for developing military Christian leaders in the armed forces of our world. His professionalism and love of Christ made a strong impact on military lives. He has helped make ACCTS an enduring organization with a strategic vision for the future.

Though Phil is stepping down as executive director, he and his wife Sue will continue as ACCTS staff members, focusing on building mature military Christian leaders in military Christian fellowships worldwide. We wish Phil and Sue God's richest blessings in their new endeavors, and ask you to pray for CAPT (USN, Ret.) Terry Wichert and his wife Susan as Terry becomes the new director.

From the entire ACCTS family, we extend a heartfelt thank you to both Phil and Sue. May God truly reward you for everything you've done for Him.

In Christ,

Steve Hoffman
CDR, USN (Ret)
Board President



Spared for God's Glory

ACCTS' Ethics Intern, Jude Wandera in Uganda, has written a booklet about his experiences after being shot in the face during a raid by cattle rustlers. Visit our website, www.accts.org/ethics.html, to read this booklet and rejoice in what God has done in Jude's life!

“We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.”

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



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