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# 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.

## **THE FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVEST!**

Dear Friends of ACCTS,

As this newsletter finds its way to you all, Susan and I will just have finished our first day or two as the new executive director couple. We are excited beyond words as we walk humbly into this call of the Lord. We are humbled because we know we stand on the broad shoulders of a string of executive directors who set ACCTS apart as a ministry that would relentlessly pursue the advance of the gospel among the armed forces of the world. We are excited because of the many opportunities which yet lie ahead! And we are thankful, especially so to Phil and Sue Exner, who have turned over the leadership reins to us of a ministry that is in excellent shape and thriving in so many ways.

As I (Terry) have been reflecting on this moment for some days now, I have been repeatedly drawn back to Jesus words to his disciples in John 4:35: "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months and then comes the harvest?' Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see, the fields are white for harvest!" As I think about what lies ahead in reaching military Christian leaders and fellowships worldwide, the task can seem daunting, but I cannot get the thought out of my mind that, just as Jesus said, the fields are white for harvest! Of course, Jesus really wasn't talking about grain fields. I believe instead he meant it as metaphor for the interaction he had just had with a lonely, solitary Samaritan woman at a well outside

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- John 4:35**



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her village. Jesus saw something in her that others didn't see. He didn't just see her, but rather her entire village through her! And that's exactly what happened. As soon as she heard the good news, she ran off to spread it to her entire village, as recorded by John "...many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified..." (John 4:39).

It seems to me there is a lesson for us in that brief interaction for us. At ACCTS we seek to build military Christian leaders and fellowships worldwide. **It is a big calling, and we are just a few, but that matters not to the One who can feed thousands with just a few fish and loaves or reach an entire village through a single broken woman.**

Lord, give us eyes to see what you see and the faith, resources, relationships, and partnerships to join you there. Above all, keep us encouraged and reminded that the fields are white for harvest!

By Faith,



Terry Wichert  
CAPT, USN (Ret.)

## Meet the Wicherts

Terry and Susan Wichert live in Colorado following 30+ years of Terry's service in the U.S. Navy as a submariner, including his command of the USS Alabama. Following submarine command, Terry served first as the U.S. Naval attaché to Ecuador, then as the Deputy Commander for Submarines, Allied Naval Forces South. His final active-duty assignment was as the Commanding Officer Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps, Purdue University.

Terry and Susan share a passion for mentoring and discipling younger men and women and for equipping military personnel and civilians to be worldwide biblical leaders. They have been married for over 45 years and have two adult children and five grandchildren.





# Ready to Pray?

*“More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.” -- Alfred Tennyson*

We hope you have a few moments to pray for the following military ministry needs! We deeply value your prayers support as we encourage Military Christians and military Christian fellowships worldwide.

**Discipleship:** Pray for ACCTS staff who are strengthening their discipleship programs with indigenous military believers across the world. Pray especially as they introduce and implement culturally appropriate discipleship programs.

**Bible Distribution:** Pray for staff members who continue to help military Christian fellowships receive and distribute digital Bibles. Ask that these Bibles be well-received and listened to so that more military personnel may hear of Christ’s redemption and turn to Him.

**International Military Student Ministry:** Pray for more staff members to join ACCTS in this area of ministry so that we can reach the thousands of international military men and women who come to the USA for training each year.

**Asia Ministry Trip:** Pray for an ACCTS staff member who will be in Asia in March/April to minister to and with a Chinese Christian community.

**Chaplain Training:** Pray for ACCTS staff who are involved in a joint ACCTS/IAEC International



Chaplains Training program in Nepal in the first two weeks of April.

**Ukraine:** The military Christian fellowship of Ukraine’s leader, Vasyl, and his wife Valentyna continue to lead the amazing ministry going on in Ukraine. In the last few months Vasyl has visited frontline soldiers and both have met with and encouraged wounded soldiers in hospitals. They also regularly meet in small groups with war widows and Valentyna leads an online prayer group twice a day. Vasyl reports, “In our church, more than 30 families have husbands and sons serving in the Armed Forces. I provide care for their families by providing food packages and organizing and leading gatherings for them. Unfortunately, four brothers from our church have already died.” Despite the loss of so many soldiers, he shares the encouraging news that in January they conducted a chaplain training session in which more than 120 brothers took part. Please pray that God continues to give me wisdom and strength to all military Christians in Ukraine as they serve Him.

**Europe:** In May the two AMCF European vice presidents host an MCF leaders conference with the support of ACCTS and MMI. Pray that the attendees from all over Europe will receive encouragement as they minister to their respective fellowships.

**FCMM:** In March members of the Fellowship of Christian Military Ministry will meet under the theme “Striving Together as One.” Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work among all ministries that attend to bring forth true oneness in reaching the militaries of the world for Christ.



“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Matthew 7:7



## Sign up for Weekly Prayer!

Military men and women face many challenges in life, and that’s where the power of prayer comes in. By signing up for ACCTS’ weekly emailed prayer requests, you become part of a praying community that lifts up their needs and the needs of military ministry efforts worldwide. Send us an email at [accts@accts.org](mailto:accts@accts.org) today to sign up and join hands with others in prayer!

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A higher purpose.*



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