



# 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.

## ACCTS TAKES CHAPLAIN TRAINING TO NEPAL



So, where in the world were ACCTS leaders in April? Why, Kathmandu, Nepal, of course! For three years, visa woes had stopped leaders of the Nepal Military and Police Christian fellowship (NMPCF) from attending ACCTS' International Chaplain Training in the USA. But that didn't stop these dedicated Christians from wanting to receive training to help their MCF. Faced with those visa troubles as well as dwindling membership due to a significant number of COVID deaths (which took the MCF from 15 groups to just seven), ACCTS and our partners took the training directly to Nepal.

ACCTS staff members Rick Ryles and Ron Huggler (also with IAEC), MMI representative Blesson Varghese of India, and ACCTS board member Sue Huggler led this training program, which was jointly accomplished by ACCTS, Military Ministries International (UK), and IAEC (International Association of Evangelical Chaplains).

The course curriculum offered a dynamic blend of academic and practical training, all with the goal of strengthening MCF members' ministry skills and increasing their military ministry knowledge base. Class topics included professional excel

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lence, military ethics and ethical decision making, leadership, suicide awareness, and critical incident stress debrief. The 25 participants – including retired army personnel, pastors, and some active-duty personnel – came from different regions of Nepal and were attentive and eager to learn, asking insightful questions which were followed by vibrant discussions.

Before wrapping up the program, the participants created action plans, setting goals that will be revisited in a few months to track their progress.

Please continue to pray for the Christians of Nepal, particularly for those involved in ministry to military members. Pray for strength and creativity for them as they serve God as a religious minority in their nation and culture.



# U.S. Cadets' Exploration Journey



In March four U.S. Air Force cadets embarked on an unforgettable adventure to Romania with ACCTS staff Dean and Lois Mills. Their mission? To connect with fellow Christians in the Romanian military, learn about Romania's history and culture, and forge friendships with cadets at the prestigious Romanian Air Force Academy.

The military Christian fellowship (MCF) of Romania hosted our group, whose visit included an in-depth tour of the Romanian Air Force Academy.

Dean Mills reports, "One of the exciting aspects of this trip was to see the fruits of ACCTS' work and the connections between people. A Romanian captain named Alexandra attended an ACCTS Interaction-Rocky Mountain High program several years back, and she has been used greatly by God to bring

more young people into the MCF. Also, we learned that a lieutenant who was our guide on this trip will be coming for training to Wright-Patterson AFB in the US soon and we put him in contact with staff members Vic and Marsha Grazier, who minister to international students at WPAFB. Seeing those connections as well as the interactions between US and Romanian cadets was a highlight of our trip and an important part of the objectives of ACCTS Exploration trips."

On Sunday the group attended a service at a church co-pastored by one of the leaders of the Romanian MCF and Romanian military chaplain, Ghabi G. This church has also been deeply involved in Ukrainian refugee support, working closely with military Christians in Ukraine. When the Ukraine/Russia war began, ACCTS was also able to provide

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financial assistance to the MCF's outreach to Ukrainian refugees thanks to the generosity of our donors.

Of particular interest to the U.S. cadets was hearing captivating stories from Gabi about living out his faith while growing up under an oppressive Communist regime. The group's young lieutenant driver, one of only two Protestant cadets during his time at the Romanian Air Force Academy, also offered a glimpse into the struggles of finding fellowship while there.



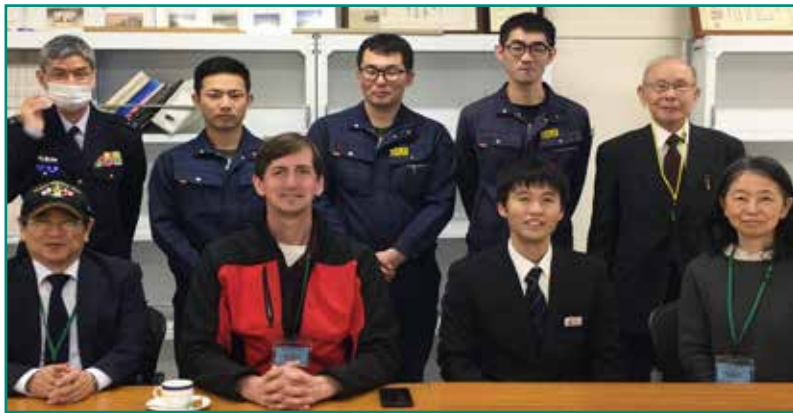
Beyond military connections, the cadets experienced the heart of Romania by exploring a stunning Orthodox church and venturing into the legendary realm of Transylvania, complete with visits to Peles Castle and Bran Castle (a.k.a. Dracula's Castle). They also spent time with orphans at an orphanage which is supported by the Romanian Air Force Academy's social club. Evenings were spent in Bible study and discussions about the unique challenges and joys of international military ministry.



"Our cadets were a mature group, eager to learn and engage in meaningful discussions. We praise God for this trip and pray He will continue to use it in the U.S. and Romanian cadets' lives," concludes Dean. "This trip, which was years in the making, allowed them to connect with incredible Romanians who are making a positive impact on their nation. We want to especially thank the MCF members who made it an unforgettable experience for these future U.S. Air Force leaders!"



## Encouraging Military Believers in Japan



Recently, staff members Carson and Wendy Tavenner were able to meet with members and leaders of the Japanese military Christian fellowship while on a family trip in the region. They also met with and encouraged leaders of the Mabori Bible Church, which supports outreach to military cadets. Give praise for the military believers in Japan and their faithfulness to Christ while serving Him in a nation that is primarily Buddhist and Shinto.

## Church Planting in Mongolia

In June, the Mongolian military Christian fellowship embarks on an exciting new mission project! Four MCF teams will venture into remote corners of their nation, carrying the message of Christ's hope to military personnel and residents of these areas which do not currently have churches. These

trips are the first step towards the MCF's goal of planting churches in these far-flung communities so that military personnel, their families, and civilians alike can find solace and spiritual strength. Join us in praying for the MCF as they embark on fulfilling this inspiring ministry goal!

## Caribbean Leaders Meet

The Caribbean Military Christian Leadership Committee (CMCLC) met in Barbados in April and included representatives from Barbados, Jamaica, Antigua & Barbuda, St Kitts, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Grenada, and Suriname. The courses, led by AMCF Vice President Willie Kirton and ACCTS staff member Ron Huggler, included teachings on leading inductive Bible studies, the conversational prayer method, sharing the Gospel, and suicide awareness and intervention. The group also was able to worship at the Barbados regimental church, which is pastored by Hugh Sandiford, an ACCTS International Chaplain Training graduate.



# OUR CORE VALUES: ♦Biblically-Based ♦Spirit-Led ♦Prayer-Centered ♦People-Focused

With over 60 million people serving in the armed forces around the world at any given time, it's imperative that international military men and women hear the transforming Gospel message and see it lived out by Christians in their nations' armed forces. Since 1972, ACCTS has given international military Christians the tools, training, and encouragement to become influential Christian leaders who create thriving military Christian fellowships that bring Christ's redemption to their nations and help guide their countries from within. If you share our international military ministry vision, please consider supporting our work in your prayers and donations!



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