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OUR MISSION: To establish, equip, and encourage military Christian leaders and fellowships worldwide.

Strengthening the Body of Christ: A Pacific Region Ministry Update

At the heart of ACCTS' mission is a calling to establish, equip, and encourage military Christian leaders around the world. This past September, Executive Director Terry Wichert met that calling head-on during a significant ministry trip to the Pacific region.

The Pacific Region encompasses the Australian continent and 14 island nations spread across millions of square miles of ocean. This geographical reality creates unique challenges for ministry: military believers are often separated by great distances, making fellowship, discipleship, and strategic planning difficult. Yet in the face of these challenges, God is clearly at work.

“One of my goals as ACCTS' executive director is to build stronger, deeper relationships with AMCF's regional vice presidents,” Terry shared. “This trip was a big step toward that goal, and what a joy it was to see God open new doors and opportunities for ministry across the Pacific!”



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A key part of the journey was spending extended time with Lt. Col. Jamie Van Heel, AMCF vice president for the Pacific Region. Their time together allowed for meaningful conversations, prayerful planning, and discussions about how ACCTS can support the development of spiritually strengthened military fellowships throughout the Pacific.

In Australia, Terry and Jamie met with leaders from the nation's vibrant military Christian fellowship (MCF). There, they encountered a community full of energy and commitment to the gospel—both within their country and throughout the Pacific. Much of this fruit can be traced back to the decades-long ministry of Russell and Helen Bielenberg, former ACCTS staff who sowed deeply into the lives of Australian military believers.

Terry and Jamie also met with the Australian Ministry of Defense's representative for the Pacific Defence Faith Network (PDFN) and discussed how ACCTS might help equip military chaplains in the region.

In God's providence, Terry and Jamie were also able

to meet with the Chief of Chaplains for the Fijian Defence Forces—who happened to be in Brisbane at the time. Their meeting was both productive and spiritually uplifting, and conversations began around how ACCTS could help train and support military chaplains in Fiji.

Next, they traveled to the small island nation of Tonga, where they were received with warm hospitality and open hearts. There they met with the Assistant Defense Minister—who also serves as Tonga's Chief of Naval Operations, and president of the Tongan MCF.

In Tonga, Terry addressed a gathering of about 50 MCF members, encouraging them with the words of 2 Timothy 2:1-3 and urging them to be faithful soldiers of Jesus Christ, as they serve in their national defense forces.

Even before boarding the plane to the Pacific Region, Terry experienced a blessing of connection. While still in the U.S., he met in California with Saleem Mathew, AMCF's Vice President for South Asia. This

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unexpected opportunity allowed for fruitful discussion on how both ACCTS and AMCF can continue advancing the gospel and building up military leaders across South Asia.

“Throughout this trip, God allowed Jamie and me to walk alongside several Christian military leaders and organizations,” Terry reflected. “Jamie’s relationships in the region opened many doors for ACCTS—doors I had been praying would open. We are excited to see where God leads us next.”



This trip was a clear reminder that God is at work, even in remote parts of the world such as Tonga. Through your prayers and support, ACCTS continues to carry out its mission: to establish, equip, and encourage military believers to be strong, faithful witnesses for Christ wherever they serve.

Don't Miss Giving Tuesday December 2nd

Did you know that ACCTS is part of Giving Tuesday? Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement that takes place this year on 2 December. The idea of this day is to encourage people to do good by giving donations and volunteering to nonprofit organizations to transform communities and our world. Learn more by visiting www.accts.org, and plan to join the movement this year by supporting ACCTS and our annual leadership training program, Interaction-Rocky Mountain High!



“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”
Hebrews 13:16

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