



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.

Annual Report

Dear Friends of ACCTS,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! In January of each year the President of the United States provides his assessment of "The State of the Union." Likewise, as the Executive Director of ACCTS, I am delighted to provide you with "The State of the ACCTS Ministry" as we head into 2025 with hope, joy, and excitement over the many doors of opportunity God is opening for us as we engage in ACCTS' mission in 2025.

First, we begin by praising God for His faithfulness and the incredible ways He has worked through the ACCTS ministry in 2024 to encourage, strengthen, and disciple military Christians across more than 130 nations worldwide. And how do we go about that ministry? I'm glad you asked! We start with a realization that something special and spiritual happens when you put your "boots under the breakfast table" together for the cause of Christ with another person.

Thus, at ACCTS, the heart of our ministry remains the call to build deep, lasting, Christ-centered relationships. This is the "Jesus way," and this is the "ACCTS way." In John 15:12-13, Jesus said, "This is

European Military Christian Meeting



My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." This truth resonates deeply within military communities, where lifelong bonds of friendship and trust-based community are forged under intense circumstances. As an ACCTS staff we are committed to "Go...and make disciples" up close, where members of the international military community live, work, and play. In doing this, we have seen lives transformed and disciples equipped to shine Christ's light in even the

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most challenging environments. Prayer, likewise, continues to be the lifeblood of our work. As a people of God, we are reminded in James 5:16 that “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” It is through the prayers of God’s people that doors have opened in unexpected places, strength has been renewed for weary hearts, and divine wisdom has guided us in uncharted territory.

God’s Word remains our foundation and our compass. Through a host of activities, including core discipleship training, spiritual mentoring, equipping international chaplains, ethics-based Bible studies, and staff presentations at international conferences, we have seen Scripture pierce hearts, transform minds, and equip believers to endure hardship as good soldiers of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3) while standing firm in their faith.



Terry Wichert with ACCTS’ African Ethics Ambassadors at the AMCF World Conference

At the same time, we are further refining and focusing ACCTS’ ministry on our core strengths of encouraging, strengthening, and equipping military Christian leaders and their fellowships. We are looking at new, even more effective, ways to do this as a group of mobile international military missionaries, coming alongside just as Paul and his travelling teams did in the New Testament. We long to see the gospel advance just as Jesus commands in Mark 16:15 - “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’”

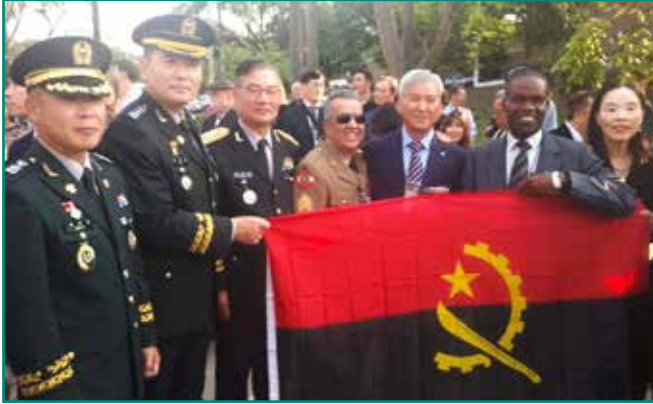
With the continued support of faithful partners like you and the unstoppable power of God’s Spirit, we know the best is yet to come! So, thank you for being an integral part of this mission. Together, let us press on with unwavering faith, boldness, and joy, knowing that the God who has brought us this far will continue to “do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20).

To God be the glory,

Terry Wichert
Executive Director

2024 Global Ministry Highlights

ACCTS cohosted- AMCF World Conference, Brazil



Throughout 2024, ACCTS engaged in diverse international military ministry efforts, including these:

Core Evangelism and Discipleship as MCF Alongsiders

ACCTS staff remained heavily engaged in the core work of strengthening military Christian leaders, providing training for MCFs, and building connections in over 130 nations.

Leadership and Training Initiatives

- **Interaction Rocky Mountain High (IRMH):** IRMH provided transformative leadership training combined with outdoor adventures for young international military Christians, fostering personal growth and spiritual development. This year's program included participants from Argentina, Colombia, Germany, and Nigeria.
- **Trauma Healing Ministry:** ACCTS' trauma healing staff completed training for 22 participants from four nations, who in turn used their new skills to help military personnel and families



Interaction - Rocky Mountain High

dealing with trauma incidents.

- **International Chaplain Training (ICT):** ACCTS conducted training events for chaplains and those who minister unofficially as chaplains in the USA, Nepal, Nigeria, and the Caribbean. These comprehensive programs enhanced participants' abilities to give spiritual support to international military personnel and their families.

Strategic Conferences and Meetings

ACCTS played a pivotal role in coordinating and participating in significant military Christian gatherings:

- **AMCF World Conference, Brazil:** ACCTS helped plan and host the AMCF World Conference in Brazil, whose 1,000 participants came from 73 countries. Thanks to our donors, ACCTS provided a significant number of scholarships which supported delegates whose national military Christian fellowships could not support their participation. At this conference, our Latin American team was heavily involved in carrying out the event, while ACCTS' ethics ministry team led military ethics sessions and other staff members led and spoke at other sessions.

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International Chaplain Training



- Led and supported the East Africa Prayer Conference through ACCTS' interns.
- Helped plan and coordinate the Caribbean Military Christian Leadership Committee leaders meeting.
- Participated in the European Military Christian Meeting, which included 50 representatives from 19 military Christian fellowships.
- Staff members conducted an ACCTS Exploration trip to Romania with four USAFA cadets, allowing them to connect with Romanian military Christians and learn how to integrate their faith with their military careers.

- prayer efforts and events that underscored our support for military personnel worldwide.
- **Digital Bible Distribution:** ACCTS staff provided more than 1,500 digital Bibles in various languages, which indigenous military Christians then distributed to armed forces personnel.
- **ACCTS Military Ethics Program:** Through a series of programs and lessons, ACCTS' military ethics team taught and inspired military believers in multiple countries across the globe to learn about and teach others the basics of military Christian ethics.

International Outreach and Engagement

- **English Language Camps:** Co-hosted a Moldova English Camp for children of military and government officials, in collaboration with the military Christian fellowship.
- **International Student Ministry:** Maintained an active international student ministry, befriending and supporting international military students with Bible studies, English language lessons, discipleship, and encouragement to internationals at Wright-Patterson AFB and in the Mississippi Gulf Coast region.
- **Prayer Ministries:** ACCTS staff led and participated in multiple

Ethiopian military Christian conference



2024 Financial Report

“Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is His faithfulness.” - Lamentations 3:22-23

I stand in awe! ACCTS just completed 52 years of ministry and, as God has allowed me to have been part of this incredible worldwide ministry for 43 years, I am humbled by His faithfulness and power to transform our world. This will be my last financial report to you from this chair. My wife Cheryl and I will continue as field staff for Europe, but I will retire from my responsibilities as deputy and financial director at the end of March 2025. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3 which says that there is a time for everything.



Over my tenure I witnessed and was a part of ministry events as varied as large AMCF World Conferences to one-on-one meetings with individuals involved in military ministry. While with ACCTS, I've seen it experience a significant lack of finances as well as an abundance of God's grace. Through it all, we have experienced sorrows but also much joy - and through it all we have experienced God's faithfulness and mighty hand guiding and directing us.

I have been privileged to serve every executive director of ACCTS, as well as the staff and board of directors. I've ministered with our dear ministry partners in Military Ministry International (MMI) in the UK and Mission Support Organization (MSO) in South Korea. And to round it off, I've gotten to know and serve with many of you, our faithful and generous prayer and financial partners. In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined how wonderful these partnerships would be. From the bottom of my heart - THANK YOU!

It is my prayer that your partnership with ACCTS would not only continue but grow in every aspect so that, together, we can change individual military lives and, through those lives, change nations for the glory and honor of God. The accompanying chart shows how the resources God provided were distributed throughout the 2024 fiscal year. As ACCTS continues our outreach to the militaries of the world, we will have the opportunity to impact individuals, military Christian fellowships, and nations together so that one day every soldier can see the Gospel of Christ lived out by a fellow soldier. And we can do this because God is using you, our prayer and financial donors, to carry out His work. May God abundantly bless you!

In Christ,

Bernhard Kaltenbach
Deputy Director/Director of Finance

See What the Lord is Doing!



Nepal Chaplain Training

This newsletter contains ACCTS' annual report, a comprehensive look at how God is using our work to further His mission of salvation and redemption among the world's armed forces personnel. We invite you to take a few minutes out of your busy day to read about the transformative work God has been doing over the last twelve months, praising Him with us for all He is doing!

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A higher purpose.*



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