

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.

# Prayer: The Bedrock of Military Ministry

Military service members are people of action who often balance demanding careers with their personal lives. Beyond facing dangerous situations in their duties, they have other responsibilities like caring for their families and participating in community and spiritual activities. Yet despite that busyness, many military Christians around the world are devoted to prayer – and ACCTS aims to encourage that devotion and inspire more international military men and women to create locally organized prayer groups.

Mike Fligg, ACCTS Prayer Ministry Coordinator, shares, "Working toward the goal of a decentralized self-reproducing movement of prayer, we are currently involved in and serve several online prayer groups, encouraging prospective leaders and asking God that they will inspire others so that He grows networks of in-person and/or online prayer."

We rejoice that an AMCF WhatsApp group, begun several years by Martha Masibo of Uganda, continues to grow, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." - Alfred, Lord Tennyson

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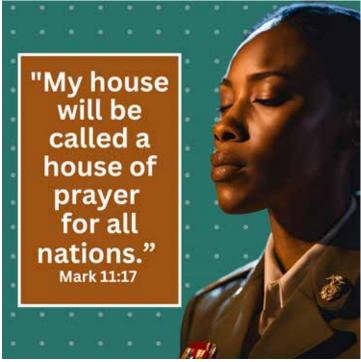
sharing prayer items almost daily and meeting weekly with people from many nations, including leaders from ACCTS and several partner ministries. One of its Nigerian leaders also conducts a multi-week online prayer-leader course each year, and a Ugandan leader has an online prayer group that engages locals in support of its ministries.

Online prayer is also thriving in the Spanish-speaking world. The Mexican MCF has an online prayer group that meets online weekly and carries on an enthusiastic prayer chat all the time. Latin America as a whole is covered in prayer, as a group led by AMCF Vice President Jose Rodrigues meets online regularly. The MCF leaders of the AMCF Central America Region meet regularly with their vice presidents, and their wives meet regularly with the vice president's wife. Many military Christian fellowships have both online and in-person prayer meetings.

In Asia, our ministry partner Mission Support Organization provides powerful prayer support for their region of the world. And in Europe, military Christians gather every weekday to pray for military ministry and for an end to the Ukraine/Russian war.

ACCTS' goal is to foster an ever-deepening global prayer movement for military ministry. Please pray with us that God will inspire military Christians worldwide to form more prayer groups so that military men and women will tune their hearts to God, listen to Him, seek His guidance, then carry out His will here on earth.





We email weekly ministry prayer items each Monday and also share time-sensitive prayer requests on Facebook and other social media platforms. We invite you to join us in these prayer endeavors! Please send your email address to <a href="mailto:accts@accts.org">accts@accts.org</a> to receive the Monday prayer items and follow us on whichever social media platforms you are on.

### Prayer: The Asymmetric Spiritual Weapon

During the course of my military career, I saw profound changes sweep through the U.S. armed forces as we transitioned from a military engaged in a titanic cold war between two superpowers to one learning to deal with the challenges of global terrorism coming from every direction. One such important change was learning to engage in battle with much smaller, specially trained, forces using asymmetric weapons - i.e., those special weapons which were non-traditional in form or function that could be used to great effect because they were unconventional and difficult or impossible to counter.

## As believers, we have the greatest asymmetric weapon ever conceived – prayer!

Jesus' disciples came to realize this as they saw it repeatedly demonstrated in the life of the Master. Eventually they asked Jesus to teach them to use this potent weapon as He did. Jesus' response is of course the well-known "Lord's Prayer" of Matthew 6:9-10, but did you know that contained within this simple prayer is a powerful biblical basis for missions? After a thorough study of the original



languages, author and mobilizer Steve Hawthorne points out that "Jesus is really calling on the Father to sanctify his name, to lift it up, exalt it, manifest, and reveal it to all the nations...on earth as it is in heaven." Plain and simple prayer used in this way is without question the most important weapon we have in the global battle for souls. Let there be no doubt this is the backbone of missions and is perfect example of asymmetric warfare...fought Jesus' way!

How exciting to think that even when we are unable to "go," we can still be powerfully involved in Jesus'

command to go and make disciples of all nations through the asymmetry of prayer!

Please pray that God would raise up an army of asymmetric prayer warriors among our ACCTS ministry within and to the militaries of the world, men and women fighting on their knees, who have a burning passion to see laborers sent out into the harvest with the good news of the gospel.

By Faith,

Terry Wichert Captain, USN (Ret)

**Executive Director** 

#### Upcoming Ministry Events for Prayer.

- March 16-23: USAFA Cadet Exploration Trip, Poland. Staff: Mills
- April 4-11: Board/Staff Meetings
- April 21-May 3: Mongolia English Language Program. Staff: Jacksons
- April 28 May 9: International Chaplain Training, PA: Hugglers, others
- **June:** Japan MCF Meeting. Staff: Ryles
- June 12-15: EMCM (European Military Christian Meeting), Czech Republic
- June 23-30: MEO Program, S. Korea. Staff: Ryles
- 20 June 3 July: Interaction-RMH: Haien, others
- Sept. 15-26: International Chaplain Training, Texas: Hugglers, others

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