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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 Advancing Kingdom of Christ: How Military Christians Are Transforming Latin America



During a two-week mission trip, God opened doors across Latin America as staff members Andy and Grace MacLean met with military men and women to strengthen military Christian fellowships in Colombia and Mexico. Their January visit proved transformative, serving to renew connections and strengthen military Christians in both countries.

“If I were to summarize how our Lord used us, it would be as catalysts,” reflects Andy. “Our visits brought together dispersed MCF members across these vast nations, reigniting connections that had been dormant since before the pandemic.”

The Colombian MCF hadn’t been able to gather in person since 2020., but the MacLeans’ visit provided an opportunity for the MCF’s new leadership to meet together, pray

together, and share updates on their various ministries. During their meeting, the MCF members and the MacLeans received inspiring briefings from military Christians serving across different bases and institutions, from academies to the War College.

Despite facing significant challenges in their ministry efforts, these dedicated Christians are determined to move forward in their efforts to share Christ with military personnel. “Our visit reminded them that they are not laboring on their own, but there is a community of international Christians ready to come alongside them,” the MacLeans share. “Not only did they leave our meetings energized to double-down on their ministries - with shouts of ‘Colombia para Jesus’ (‘Colombia for Jesus’) - but the MCF also agreed to host the 2026 South America Conference in Bogota.”

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The MacLeans' visit to Mexico marked a historic milestone, leading to the first-ever national meeting of the Compañerismo Cristiano de las Fuerzas Armadas de México—the newest MCF in the Central America region. Until then, their fellowship had been limited to online gatherings.

Despite constitutional challenges regarding separation of church and state in Mexico, military believers there remain unshaken in their desire to serve Christ and share Him with their coworkers, friends, and nation. “The constitutional rules do create a challenge that these Mexican military members will have to overcome through prayer and wisdom,” Andy writes. “I encouraged them to persist in their efforts, for they are laboring for a kingdom that is constantly advancing, even in the most difficult of places, and that this kingdom will never be destroyed but stand forever. Once again, we witnessed a people rejuvenated in their calling to reach the armed forces of their nation for Jesus Christ.”

In Colombia, Andy and Grace met a young Air Force pilot who has a heart for Latin American mission work. They invited him and his wife to attend a military Christian conference in Honduras in August so they can start building a network for future ministry plans. “We also got to know Admiral Suarez, also on active duty, and his

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wife Marta, who developed an amazing outreach program for military wives in Colombia. They are a dynamic and inspirational couple who we also hope to partner with in the coming years.”

The impact of these visits extends far beyond mere meetings. God used them to reignite passion for His work, foster unity, and demonstrate the powerful ways God continues to work through military Christians across Latin America. As these communities of military Christians grow stronger, God will continue to use them to touch lives and transform hearts within their nations’ armed forces. Please praise God with us for these military believers and ask Him to continue to use them and inspire them in all they do for God’s kingdom.



Nepal: Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry Milestones

The military Christian fellowship of Nepal, the Nepal Military & Police Christian Fellowship (NMPCF), celebrates its 20th anniversary this year! ACCTS has strong links with military believers in this nation and has provided leadership and chaplain training to several of its members. Last year, staff member Rick Ryles spoke at an MCF seminar and disciplined Christian cadets from the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy. Most of Nepal's citizens are Hindu, and Christians account for less than 2% of the population so believers in this nation face many challenges. Even so, their lives remind us that, even in places where Christianity is rare, God's love can powerfully shine through dedicated servants who choose to live and share His message of hope. Praise God with us for these brothers and sisters in Christ, and for Rick and Melissa Ryles' ongoing ministry with them. Pray for God's continued blessings on all their lives and work!



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