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# ACCTS *in action*



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

## Growing and Thriving in Asia

God is doing remarkable things across Asia, and because of Him we are witnessing renewed strength, fresh leadership, and expanding opportunities for military ministry. Through ACCTS and the dedicated leadership of Rick and Melissa Ryles, military Christian fellowships throughout the region are not only surviving difficult environments — they are growing and flourishing. Read more inside this newsletter and praise God for His work!



# Renewed Growth in Indonesia

After more than a decade of inactivity, the military Christian fellowship (MCF) of Indonesia is being successfully re-built. Years of relationship-building and encouragement have helped local leaders reorganize and officially re-establish the fellowship as a government-recognized foundation, which was a necessary step for the group. The support of a retired Indonesian Christian general helped remove final obstacles to its re-launch. Plans are already underway to celebrate the official re-formation later this year, with leaders from the Association of Military Christian Fellowships joining the celebration.

Opportunities for outreach are also expanding. After discussions with Rick Ryles, local MCF leaders are exploring discipleship training for more than 100 Christian cadets at the Indonesia Military Academy. Although restrictions limit foreign interaction with active-duty personnel, local partnerships are opening doors for biblically grounded training within those guidelines.



# New Seeds of Ministry in Thailand

Ministry momentum is also building in Thailand. For almost four years, a new ministry has been actively mentoring Christian pre-cadets attending preparatory academies for future military and police service, helping shape the next generation of Christian leaders before they even enter active service.

During Rick's visit, a Christian military instructor, Captain P., hosted a gathering of young men and women preparing for military or police careers. The Gospel was clearly presented, and meaningful conversations with Rick and Captain P. followed as participants sought guidance on balancing faith and national service. Moments like these demonstrate how God is raising up spiritually strong leaders at critical early stages of their careers.

Rick met with numerous MCF leaders and members, including a young believer named Chod who began training at the Royal Thai Police Academy this month. While no formal Christian fellowship currently exists at the academy, Chom and another Christian cadet are stepping into this environment with a desire to live out their faith and serve their nation within Thailand's police force.

# Encouragement Amid Persecution

Following visits to Indonesia and Thailand, Rick traveled to another Southeast Asian nation where religious freedom remains severely restricted. Partnering with the national MCF leader, he visited four cities to encourage fellowship chapters and help them prepare for expanded outreach in 2026. Together, they embraced the promise of Isaiah 43:18–19, trusting God to do new and powerful works even in challenging circumstances.



# Faithful Ministry That Builds Lasting Impact

This year marks 20 years of faithful service by Rick and Melissa as ACCTS' Asian Ministry Coordinators. Their ministry has focused on strengthening relationships with military believers, equipping local leaders, and encouraging culturally appropriate Gospel outreach throughout Asia. The fruit of those years is becoming increasingly visible as fellowships are revived, new leaders are trained, and young believers step forward to serve both Christ and their nations. We praise God for the Ryleses and all our staff, who are a blessing to ACCTS and the world's armed forces!



*Please continue to pray for military and police believers across Asia — that they will grow deep in their faith, stand firm under pressure, and discover effective ways to share the hope of Christ with their coworkers, families, and communities. Your prayers and support are helping military believers throughout Asia stand strong and reach others for Christ.*

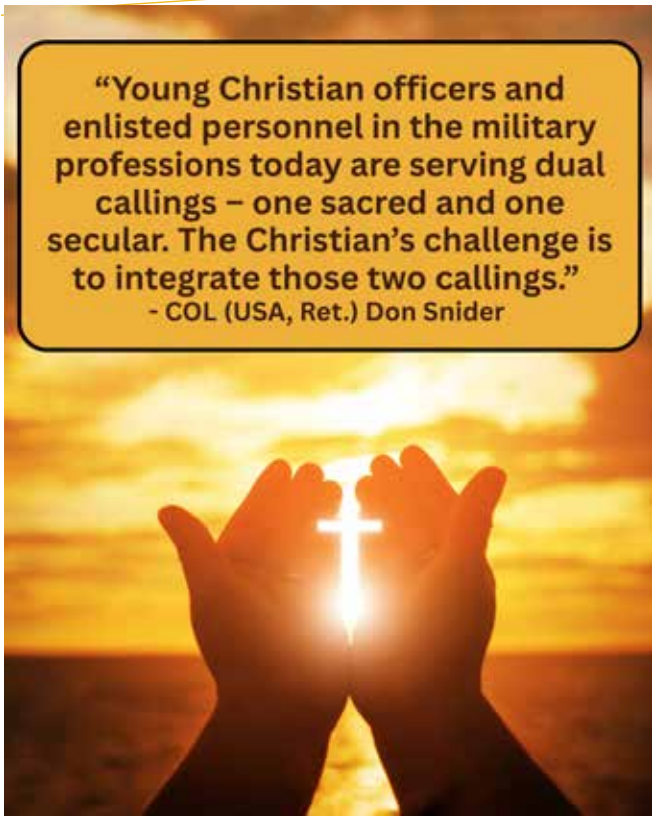
## Equipping the Saints

*“To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” Ephesians 4:12*

ACCTS equips international Christian service members to faithfully live out both their commitment to Christ and their calling to serve in their nation’s armed forces. By establishing, equipping, and encouraging them with our leadership training, mentoring, and discipleship programs, ACCTS helps military believers and their fellowship groups understand how their life in Christ affects decision-making, ethical leadership, and daily service within the armed forces. **Thank you for your heart for ACCTS’ military ministry.** We value your continued prayers and support as we carry out the work God has given us!

“Young Christian officers and enlisted personnel in the military professions today are serving dual callings – one sacred and one secular. The Christian’s challenge is to integrate those two callings.”

- COL (USA, Ret.) Don Snider



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A higher purpose.*



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