

**Upcoming Events:**

1-27 March: Multiple-Nation South Asia Ministry trip; Rick and Melissa Ryles, Thad Mo.

11-18 March: Waterloo to WWII: leadership trip with U.S. cadets/mids to European battlefields; Phil Exner.

27 March-7 April: Chaplains Interaction, near Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; international participants and various staff members.



**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.

## MINISTRY AFFIRMATIONS IN MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

"Praise God for a fruitful and God-honoring ministry trip to Moldova and Ukraine," reports staff member Dick Barnes after his February trip to those nations. "The Lord affirmed and blessed this intensive, ten-day trip in many ways."

In Moldova, Dick spent a week with Eduard Rosca and his family, giving Dick opportunities to plan future ministry events with Eduard, who is ACCTS' newest staff member. Dick and Eduard also had an informal meeting with Moldova's vice premier minister and met with Pastor Ivan Ivanovich, whose church has given sacrificially to the Ukrainian refugee effort.

Before leaving Moldova, Dick and Eduard traveled to a village that is close to the Ukrainian border and a temporary home to many refugees. "We met with the local mayor, who took us to three families, where Eduard presented the children with Christmas boxes," Dick shares. "These had been purchased and

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# Ministry Affirmations

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assembled by members of Eduard's church, Pastor Ivanovich's church, and members of the Moldovan military Christian fellowship."

In Ukraine, Dick and Eduard helped prepare for, and participated in, the MCF's (OXBY) 27th prayer and planning conference. Forty-six delegates attended from 22 Ukrainian oblasts. Participants spent considerable time in prayer for each other, for Ukraine and its leaders, and for Ukraine's armed forces. Participating in this conference was a special blessing for Dick, who hasn't been able to minister in Ukraine in nearly two years.

After the conference, Dick and Eduard met with volunteer chaplains who were preparing to depart to minister to military units in eastern Ukraine. They also met with a staff member from Olive Branch Ukraine and with Sergey Lysenko, president of All-Ukrainian Military Christian Brotherhood and his wife Natasha.

Below are detailed prayer items for Moldova and Ukraine. The believers in these nations appreciate your prayers!

-- Pray for Eduard and Mariana Rosca in Moldova as they maintain ministry priorities and family needs; for ministry helpers to come alongside them; for Mariana as she juggles a career and full-time family responsibilities; and for good health for their family.

-- Pray for the Lord's provision for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova -- for food to eat, fuel (oil, coal, or wood) to stay warm, and warm clothing to wear; and for local churches, government officials, and concerned individuals around the world to contribute to this desperate situation.

-- Pray that the Moldovan government and its citizens will see beyond their present economic challenges to make wise decisions for their nations' future.



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-- Pray for the health and safety of Vasily and Valya as they lead a Russian MCF; for their regular visits to injured soldiers in Kiev's military hospital; and for their leadership in church and local prayer groups.

-- Pray for Russian MCF members who work with military personnel in their home churches, organizing concerts and other Christian activities.

-- Pray for the health and safety of the volunteer chaplains who regularly visit soldiers on the eastern Ukrainian front; for encouragement to the soldiers they meet; and that soldiers will be drawn closer to the Lord as a result of these visits.

-- Pray that the fighting in eastern Ukraine will stop and displaced people will be able to return home and rebuild their lives.



# ACCTS Computers Get a New Lease on Life



Did you know that hackers can get into an organization's computers through old technology? Unfortunately, it recently happened to one of our partner organizations and caused endless problems and expense. Keeping ACCTS' computers up-to-date is a necessary fact of life, but hiring outside tech help is extremely expensive for non-profit organizations. Thankfully, God has provided ACCTS with a volunteer tech expert -- Paul Neu. Paul has contributed countless hours to our office's computers, especially in the last few months. Installing new hard drives, replacing computer fans, fixing glitches as they arise -- Paul truly does give our office computers a new lease on life. Additionally, he is currently helping us switch to a new database (ours is more than 25 years old -- a pre-historic antique in computer terms!) and a new computer server. Praise God with us for Paul Neu and his wife Barbara and their ongoing commitment to international military ministry!

# ACCTS Prayer Reminder

## February 2017

**"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."**

-- Jesus Christ, Mark 9:35



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**1** Pray with Terry and Susan Wichert, ACCTS associate staff members, as they meet with and minister to military believers in Italy today.

**2** Pray for a Cornelius Fellowship Discipleship Program that is currently happening in Laos. Our partner, Mission Support Organisation in South Korea, hosts this event with support from ACCTS. Pray for staff member Rick Ryles as he helps lead this training program, and pray that indigenous military Christians will, through what they learn today, be encouraged to take up the mantle of military Christian leadership in their nation.

**3** Pray with military believers in Germany as they share Christ's hope and peace with their coworkers and citizens, especially in light of concerns about terrorism.

**4** Pray with the Transitional Government of National Unity in South Sudan as it seeks peace and dialogue with armed opposition. Pray that they will be able to reduce conflicts and economic distress (Source: [crisis-group.org](http://crisis-group.org)). Pray for the continued strength of Christians in this nation.

**5** A military believer in Haiti asks for prayer for national stability, jobs for the unemployed, spiritual growth for their military Christian fellowship (MCF), and that more Haitians will come to Jesus.

**6** From 6-10 February, a Cornelius Fellowship Discipleship Program will be held in Myanmar, hosted by

MSO with ACCTS' assistance. Pray for safe travel for delegates and that this program will help raise up MCF leaders in Myanmar.

**7** Pray for the ongoing ministry of Belarus's MCF leader Sergey Kraule, and pray for Sergey and his wife Tatiana's full recovery following a serious automobile accident in December.

**8** Moldovan Christians ask for pray that individuals and churches in Moldova will give more help to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova, who have been displaced by conflict in eastern Ukraine. Pray that people will not be overcome by "donor fatigue" or confused by the many organizations making financial requests.

**9** A Jamaican military Christian asks for prayer that men and women of integrity will be raised up in Jamaica's public sector and in positions of authority. Pray also that Christians in the military will have the strength to declare their faith in Christ.

**10** Our partner in the United Kingdom, Military Ministries International, hosts its annual gathering for supporters this weekend. Pray that this will be an encouraging time of learning and prayer for all who attend, including the MMI staff.

**11** Pray with military Christian leaders in Nigeria who host a Pray and Plan meeting this weekend for an upcoming Pan African AMCF Conference. Ask that the Holy Spirit guide all their decisions.

**12** Pray for peace in the war-torn nation of Syria, and ask for God's provisions for its citizens who have stayed or are refugees in other countries.

**13** Pray with ACCTS staff members Bob and B.J. Reifsnnyder, who are in Colombia through 24 February helping lead an IAEC Basic Military Chaplaincy Course. Pray for the Christians who are attending the course, and ask God to open doors so that all Colombian military personnel may have a chaplain from their own Christian tradition.

**14** Pray with staff members Rick and Melissa Ryles as they continue on an extensive East Asian mission trip. Ask for their protection during travels and that the believers they meet with will be spiritually encouraged.

**15** Pray for plans for Spring Break mission trips in March, which will include U.S. midshipmen and cadets.

**16** U.S. forces are helping dislodge militants from Mosul, the Islamic State's last major stronghold in Iraq. Pray for safety and effectiveness of Iraqi and U.S. troops who are fighting IS.

**17** Today, staff member Richard Barnes begins a mission trip to encourage military Christians in Russia and Moldova. Pray that he will be led by the Holy Spirit during this trip.

**18** Pray for military believers in Palestine, and pray for military believers in Israel. Praise God for their faithfulness to Him, and ask that all their work for Christ prosper.

**19** Pray for ACCTS as we seek to expand awareness of our mission. Ask for God's guidance on us in this endeavor.

**20** Pray for the continued development of a multi-confessional chaplaincy for military forces of Ukraine and that all military members can have access to a chaplain of their own confession. Pray for members of the MCF, and ask for God's guidance on MCF leaders Vasily and Valya.

**21** Pray for changes in North Korea that will benefit its citizens. Ask for God's intervention on behalf of North Korea's people. Pray for South Korea, which has experienced political turmoil relating to its president.

**22** The leadership team for this weekend's AMCF European Leadership Meeting begins arriving in Germany today. Pray for God's guidance on their preparations for this important meeting. Pray also for ACCTS' deputy director, Bernhard Kaltenbach, and staff mem-

ber Cheryl Kaltenbach as they participate in this meeting.

**23** In March, ACCTS director, Phil Exner, leads a group of U.S. midshipmen and cadets on a one-week Waterloo to World War II trip in Europe. Pray that this trip will inspire participants to find ways to honor and serve Christ during their own personal military careers.

**24** The annual AMCF meeting for European military Christian leaders begins today in Germany. Ask that this meeting encourage all who attend, and be a time of deep fellowship for them.

**25** Pray for the resources that are needed to finish construction of the Russian MCF office "Dom Cornelius" in south Moscow, and ask for opportunities for MCF members to share Christ with military personnel.

**26** A believer in Grenada asks for our prayers for Christians to be fully committed to the Lord. Pray for strong marriages among force members, and pray for those struggling with mental disturbances.

**27** Pray for military forces in Nigeria as they continue to battle the armed group, Boko Haram.

**28** Pray with military believers in the Congo as their nation experiences a political crisis related to the president not stepping down from power. Pray for wisdom and peace to reign in this situation, and pray for safety for Christians. (Source: economist.com)