



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.

A NEW CHAPTER BRINGS HOPE TO BRAZIL

-- Sue Exner

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In September, Phil and I participated in the first annual National Seminar for Religious Assistance, which was hosted by the Brazilian military police chaplaincy and supported by the military Christian fellowship of Brazil – UMCEB. It was a remarkable conference that will impact the MCF, and the nation, in the years to come. We arrived five days early and were handed a full schedule of speaking opportunities. Phil was the main speaker in more than a half-dozen churches and other sites, spreading the good news about military Christians around the world. He talked about positive things that have happened, and negative things that hadn't happened, because of military members who are integrating their faith into their careers. He spoke about warriors who are held up by the Bible as examples of faith and character, and encouraged the churches to support military ministry. Phil also challenged and encouraged members of the Presidential Guard, Christians who work at the national Congress, and several military units, while I spoke to two women's Bible study groups, which were composed of military wives.



About 900 people attended the conference's opening ceremony. Phil was the keynote speaker, and he pre

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sent a challenging evangelistic message. The seminars and workshops were academic and informative -- Phil taught two of those sessions, and I spoke at the women's meeting about approaching our "Martha" world with a "Mary" heart and doing only what God wants us to do.

Other highlights included a communion service and recognition of the group Awaken Deborah, whose members pray for husbands and sons in the military. They were called up on stage, where all the MCF leaders and chaplains knelt before them for prayer.

One evening, conference participants met in the heart of the capital, where they were surrounded by the presidential office, Brazil's supreme court, and both legislative houses. There, they prayed movingly for their government leaders and country. Later, little children and people over 70 held up the Brazilian flag to symbolize the need to pass on their Christian heritage. But one of the most significant events happened on the last day, when the national MCF leader and a representative of military chaplains signed an official agreement to work together for the common goal of reaching out with the Gospel to the military. This commitment to cooperate and collaborate was the result of many years of prayer and discussion and was the highlight of a great conference. Everyone left with renewed hope, mutual respect, and thankfulness for the new direction Brazil is taking.



It's Combined Federal Campaign Time: If your workplace takes part in the annual Combined Federal Campaign, you can donate to ACCTS using our CFC number -- 12038. Please also consider telling your coworkers about our international military ministry and how they can donate through the CFC!

Going Great Guns!



ACCTS staff members continue to minister in innovative ways to international military students in the San Antonio area. In September, Dave and Karen Wittman took a group of international students from the Defense Language Institute to a gun range for target practicing. The Wittmans and Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin also recently attended the graduation ceremony of an El Salvadoran student, hosted barbeque dinners, and participated in social meetings with students and local ACCTS coworkers. Please continue to pray with all ACCTS staff members, including Vic and Marsha Grazier at Wright-Patterson AFB, as they share Christ's love with military students.

Sharing Grace in China



In August, ACCTS staff members spoke to several Christian executives in China at the China CEO Forum. Cal Dunlap and Russ Hammerud spoke about grace, temptation, and praying before planning. The team also ministered in Beichang, a village that ACCTS has been involved in for 18 years. "We presented scholarships to eight poor students who were not able to pay school fees and to eight teachers as rewards for improved teaching for the 2016-2017 school year," Cal Dunlap reports. "We also delivered materials to the village church library that ACCTS started four years ago at their request." Staff member Ed Ward also ministered in several other Chinese cities and in Mongolia. Continue to pray for God's blessings on the nation of China, and ACCTS' friendship outreach to China's people.

Monthly Giving: As Easy as Pie!



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Our Newest Ministry: AMCF Newsletter



ACCTS is now publishing an online newsletter for our partner organization, Association of Military Christian Fellowships. It will contain international ministry news and spiritually-encouraging articles for Christians around the world. If you'd like to receive this newsletter by email, please let us know at accts@accts.org. You can also access it at the AMCF website, www.amcf-int.org, which we have recently revamped for AMCF.



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ACCTS Prayer Reminder

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Almighty God, who has blessed the earth so that it is fruitful for the needs of all Your creation, bless the labors of those who gather the earth's harvest, and may we always give thanks in the goodness You have given us through Jesus Christ our Lord.



1 Pray for the new leader of India's developing MCF and that more Christian veterans will become involved in that fellowship. Pray against the growing threat of Hindu radicalism, and for military Christians facing discrimination in that country. (Source: theguardian.com).

2 Pray for Christians in Bhutan, who represent a very small percentage of the population. Pray that military Christians will find and reach out to each other for fellowship and prayer support. Join them in praying for discipleship courses and marriage and family counseling training.

3 Swaziland is a small nation with an MCF that has grown rapidly since it started just a little over a decade ago. Praise God for them, and ask for continued growth and impact of the MCF in this nation.

4 Thank God for the courage of current MCF members in Guinea-Bissau, and pray that more military believers will become committed to the fellowship and share the hope of Christ with their coworkers.

5 Pray for contacts with military believers in the nation of Djibouti.

6 A meeting of Caribbean military Christian leaders, scheduled to be held in Florida in September, had to be cancelled due to hurricane damage in that state. Pray with these men and women as they continue to minister in their nations, and prepare to gather for planning in January.

7 Pray for military and civilian Christians in Bangladesh, who face many challenges and restrictions. Praise God for brave military Christians who sacrifice greatly to meet regularly, some travelling great distances just for a few hours of encouragement and fellowship.

8 Rwanda still does not have an MCF. Pray for unity among military believers in Rwanda, and that the spiritual battle for the formation of an MCF will be won.

9 Pray for God's blessing on military believers in Madagascar, who are distributing Bibles to their coworkers. Pray that they will get sufficient Bibles to give every soldier their own copy of God's Word.

10 The military Christian fellowship of Canada meets this weekend. Pray for God's blessings on all who attend and for the growth of a strong and renewed MCF there.

11 Pray for military believers in Cape Verde. Pray with them as they distribute Bibles in military units, and as they request permission from their military leadership to create a group for spiritual assistance.

12 Pray that AMCF supporting organizations (ACCTS, MMI, and MSO) will develop strong contacts in the nation of Zambia.

13 Pray with military Christians in Tanzania, who meet informally but cannot yet have an official MCF. Help them to impact their country for Christ.

14 Pray for peace, healing, and unity in South Sudan. Ask for an end to tribal divisions that divide Christians, and that God give vision, wisdom, and courage to military Christians as they model Christ to their coworkers.

15 Give praise and pray for military believers in Zimbabwe, who face challenging circumstances. Pray that the core of military believers will be strong.

16 Pray for the MCFs of Portugal and Spain as they hold a joint Iberian Conference from 17-19 November. Pray for a sense of God's presence, and that the speakers' words will inspire and unite military Christians.

17 Pray for the formation of an MCF in Sao Tome & Principe.

18 Pray for spiritual strength, courage, and safety of all Christians in Pakistan, both military and civilian. Minority religions such as Christianity are often targeted by the Pakistan Taliban.

19 Pray for the president of Mozambique's MCF and others who meet regularly in that country. Pray with them as they seek permission to distribute Bibles to military units.

20 Pray with our ministry partner, Military Ministries International in the UK, as it seeks new leaders for key positions.

21 Pray that the MCF in Lesotho will be revived, and for peace, stability, and revival that will spread

from the military to the rest of the nation.

22 There are about 200 Christians in the nation of Maldives – a South Asian nation comprised of over 1,000 islands. Pray for an opening up of that country to the Gospel.

23 Thanksgiving Day (USA) "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer." 1 Timothy 4:4-5

24 Praise God for the MCF in Namibia and for its good relationships with the chaplaincy.

25 Pray that the MCF of South Africa's newsletter, Military Challenge, will be distributed widely throughout the region and lead many to a faith and knowledge in Christ.

26 Pray that military believers in Botswana will be encouraged to meet together regularly.

27 The MCF of Croatia held a leadership training seminar in late September. Thank God for its leaders, and pray that all who attended will continue to impact their nation for Christ.

28 Pray that military believers in Kenya will continue ministering in their nation and develop a vision for reaching out to other nations in their region.

29 Pray with military Christians in Nepal as they share Christ and His hope with their compatriots.

30 Pray that military Christians in Sri Lanka who aren't meeting with others for fellowship will be led to do so. Ask for unity among all military Christians.

Thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." - G.K. Chesterton