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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.

THRIVING AND GROWING



Mmilitary and police Christians in the Caribbean region are thriving and growing in Christ, as ACCTS staff member Ron Huggler and AMCF vice president Nestor Ogilvie learned during their January trip to this region.

In Antigua, their first meeting was with the police commissioner to encourage and pray with him. After that meeting, the deputy police commissioner took them to the hospital to visit with and pray for patients. The next day, Ron and Nestor attended a police Thanksgiving service, which was attended by most of the police force and the commissioner. “This was a tremendous two-and-a-half-hour service filled with

praise and worship, testimonies and preaching,” Ron reports. After the service, Ron and Nestor also had a time of fellowship with two members of Antigua’s military Christian fellowship. Additionally, they met with a support battalion commander and his men and a training battalion of about 60 recruits. In the group meetings Ron and Nestor prayed, shared their testimonies, and provided an opportunity for the troops to choose faith in Christ.

When Ron and Nestor arrived in Dominica, two members of that nation’s MCF picked them up and took them on a tour of the island. Unfortunately, Hurricane Maria created major damage in Dominica in September

Thriving and Growing

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ber 2017. Some homes are still without roofs, electrical power and telephone poles are down, and many people are still without power.

The team had an informative visit with Dominica's police commissioner, who is -- along with the rest of the police force -- dealing with heavy responsibilities related to the hurricane. "We prayed with the superintendent and offered him various trainings that could help his police force," Ron states. "From there we visited a former police commissioner of Dominica who was serving at the same time Nestor Ogilvie was police commissioner in Grenada. That evening we attended a two-and-a-half-hour worship service coordinated by their police Christian fellowship."

In Trinidad and Tobago, the religious affairs coordinator introduced Ron and Nestor to his staff and to the regimental basketball team, and on both occasions Ron and Nestor were able to share about Jesus.

The final stop of the mission trip was in Grenada, where they met with the police commissioner, attended a police Christian fellowship meeting, and visited with a special weapons unit (which is similar to a U.S. SWAT unit). They also spoke to a group at the Coast Guard, with Ron sharing wisdom from John 16:33 and Nestor sharing his testimony.

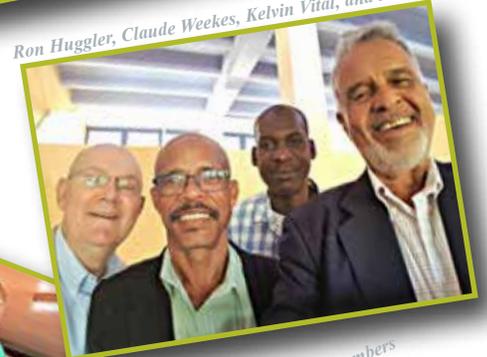
During this week-long trip, several military and police personnel prayed to accept Christ. Pray with the indigenous Christians in these nations as they help those new believers grow in their faith and witness.

Antigua and Barbuda

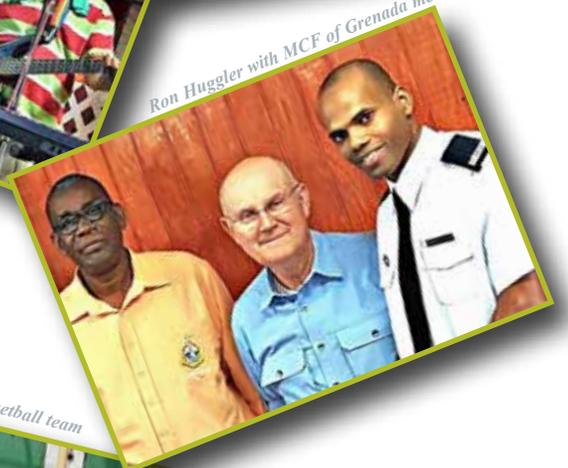


Ron Huggler, Claude Weekes, Kelvin Vital, and Nestor Ogilvie in Dominica

MCF of Dominica worship meeting



Ron Huggler with MCF of Grenada members



Trinidad Defense Force basketball team



Chaplains Interaction Follow-Up: Cabo Verde

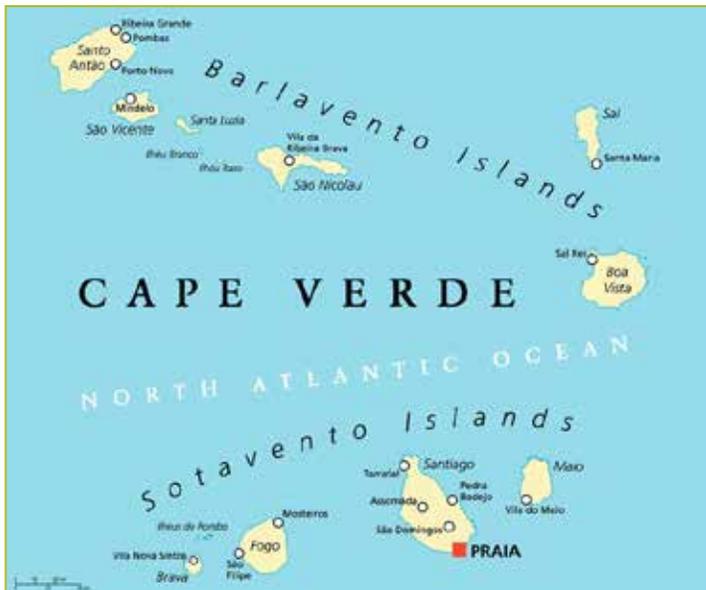
One way in which ACCTS ministers to international military believers is through our training programs such as Interaction-Rocky Mountain High and Chaplains Interaction. These programs usually last from one to two weeks and give participants new skills, ideas, and encouragement as they share Christ with members of their home nations' armed forces. When the programs are completed, our staff members stay in touch with each participant via email, Skype, and other means – and, when possible, travel to their nations to minister to them and other indigenous Christians.

In January Dell McDonald visited the remote island nation of Cabo Verde to follow up with a 2017 Chaplains Interaction participant – Captain Aires Semedo. Dell met with Aires and other military believers to encourage them in their walk with God. Additionally, he met the Chief of Staff of the armed forces and discussed the need for commanders to be involved in providing for the spiritual welfare of their soldiers. Dell also visited a regional commander, who permits a volunteer to teach a weekly Bible study to soldiers.

Please pray that military believers in this nation will flourish, and pray for our staff members as they maintain mentoring relationships with other participants from previous ACCTS training programs.

Cabo Verde Facts:

Cabo Verde (also known by the English name of “Cape Verde”) is a group of mountainous islands in the North Atlantic Ocean, west of Senegal. Cabo Verde gained its independence from Portugal in 1975 and has one of Africa’s most stable democratic governments. Severe droughts have caused economic hardship in this country, which has a population of about 560,000. Tourism is a major part of this nation’s economy.



International Military Student Ministry Update: Chapel and Chinese Food

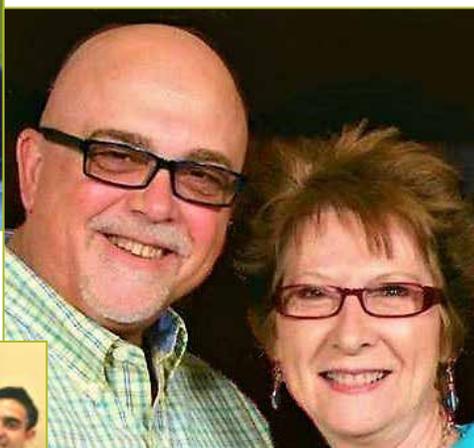
22 international military officers, guests, and ACCTS staff attended a Freedom Chapel service together in San Antonio, which was followed by lunch at a Chinese restaurant and lively discussions. Nations represented at this January gathering included Benin, Cambodia, Cameroon, El Salvador, Gabon, Guatemala, Haiti, Ivory Coast, Taiwan, and Togo.

ACCTS staff who minister to international military students host regular Bible studies for them, English as Second Language events, and help them with the day-to-day adjustments the students and their families make while living in a new country.

*Please continue to pray for the international student ministries of **Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin and Dave and Karen Wittman** (in the San Antonio, Texas area), and **Vic and Marsha Grazier** (in the Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio area). If you are interested in joining any of our staff in their ministries, or supporting their work financially, contact our office at accts@accts.org.*



Vic & Marsha Grazier



Dave & Karen Wittman



Bill & Suzanne Lumpkin

Upcoming Ministry Events

Waterloo to WWII: Waterloo to World War II (10-17 March) is a Christian leadership program for U.S. cadets, midshipmen, and recently-commissioned graduates. W2WW2 includes visits to battlefields, museums, cemeteries, and other historical sites in Belgium and France. Participants examine how heroism, mistakes, and actions or inactions drove the important battles and campaigns. Each site offers spiritual object lessons related to leadership, integrity, and character that can be applied to the challenges facing today's young leaders.

Interaction-Rocky Mountain High: I-RMH (13-28 June) is a program for young international military believers that combines outdoor activities (mountain climbing, rappelling, white-water rafting, etc.), classroom lessons,

and visits to military sites in Colorado Springs to teach leadership skills and basic military Christian fellowship information to young internationals at the start of their military careers.

*If you want to help financially support this year's programs, you can mail your donation (labeled either "W2WWII" or "I-RMH") to ACCTS, PO Box 27239, Denver, CO, 80227-0239 or donate on our website at www.accts.org – choose the "Donate" button then label your gift to the appropriate ministry. **These leadership programs for young military personnel are vital to developing the next generation of military Christians around the world – thank you for your prayer and financial support!***

Prayer Items

Week One: Pray with two ACCTS staff members who are ministering to military Christians in Taiwan this week. Christians account for approximately 4% of the nation's population – pray that Taiwanese military Christian fellowship (MCF) members will be led by the Spirit as they live out their lives for Christ.

Week Two: Pray with ACCTS' director as he leads U.S. military cadets on leadership-related visits to battlefields and historical sites in Belgium and France. Ask that participants learn lessons about Christian character and integrity that will carry them forward in their upcoming military careers. Pray also for a staff member as he ministers this month to people suffering from post-traumatic stress and combat operational stress.

Week Three: Pray for the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries. Ask that the participants, who represent U.S.-based military ministries, will continue to work together to further God's kingdom. This week, please also pray for the ministries of our staff who reach out to international military students, those who have regional ministries, and those who encourage chaplains around the world.

Week Four: Pray for preparations for an ACCTS English language program in Mongolia, which takes place in April. Pray with our staff and volunteers as they teach English to Mongolian military cadets and officers during the day and meet with and encourage Mongolian military Christians in the evenings.

Staff member Ron Huggler participated in a Caribbean Military Christian Leadership team meeting in January. “The purpose of the meeting was to assemble the leadership team and pray and plan outreach in the Caribbean, as well as how to address common problems, like marital problems,” Ron reports. “Once we identified common problems across the islands, we planned various ways and resources to use to address these problems.” Military Christian leaders from Antigua, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, and Suriname attended, as did Nestor Ogilvie, AMCF vice president for North America. After the meeting, Ron and Nestor Ogilvie ministered in several Caribbean nations. See pages 1-3 for a report from that trip.



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