



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.

Train the Trainers: **MARRIAGE AND FINANCIAL TRAINING IN HAITI**



Members of Haiti's military Christian fellowship are now equipped to mentor others in marriage and financial matters, thanks to a Train the Trainers conference led by ACCTS staff member Ron Huggler, board member Sue Huggler, and marriage mentor Rick Huggler.

The three-day program was developed in partnership with the MCF and the commander of Haiti's Coast

Guard, Jean Mary Wagnac, and included 17 participants.

Marriage mentor training focused on the biblical foundation for marriage and included discussions on conflict resolution, marriage tools, the roles and responsibilities of spouses, marriage mentoring do's and don'ts, and the "contract vs. covenantal" basis for marriage.

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Financial training provided education on biblical principles of handling money stewardship, establishing and using an emergency fund, getting out of debt, budgeting, and basic saving and investing. The classes also addressed the unique cultural practices of the group, including the practice of *sou* (a rotating money savings co-op) and the expectations in Haitian culture of giving money to friends or family in need of help.

The last session of the conference was spent brainstorming how participants could use what they learned to impact the Haitian forces.

Praise God with us for the Haitian participants who are eager to put into practice what they learned to help others, and pray that the Holy Spirit will give them wisdom as they do so.



September Military Ministry Events:

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| 8-15 Sept. | MMI Day and Week of Prayer |
| 13-16 Sept. | Angola MCF Chaplains Conference |
| 19-23 Sept. | PanAfrican Regional Conference |
| 27-29 Sept. | Croatian MCF Interaction |
| 27-30 Sept. | Finland MCF 60th Anniversary Celebration |
| 30 Sept.–5 Oct. | ACCTS Staff Meeting |

Family Camp in China

"I've never heard anything like this before," exclaimed a participant at ACCTS' recent Family Camp in China. Staff members Carson and Wendy Tavenner and Ed Ward led the August camp, which provided opportunities for Chinese families to learn more about marriage and raising children.

During one of the sessions, participants were asked to list the qualities of a loving family. As they did, Wendy noticed how closely the qualities they listed aligned with the famous verse about love ("Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.") and she read it to them. The participants were excited to discuss that description of love, and how to live out those qualities when faced with the realities of family life.

Seven families attended the camp, including husbands, wives, and children. ACCTS staff noted that the children were intelligent, helpful, energetic, and ready to learn.

"A husband and wife who attended expressed that they learned a lot about how to love one another and to commit to their marriage -- and that they learned those things specifically because of the example of the ACCTS staff who were there," Carson concludes. "Part of our mission during this camp was also to encourage, teach, and mentor the camp staff. Our relationship with the camp is going to continue, so anyone who wants to be part of similar programs we hold in the future is welcome to contact us."

Praise God for the opportunities for ministry He continues to give us in China, and ask for more open doors to spread Christ's love and hope in this vast nation. If you are interested in being a part of any programs we plan to hold in China in 2019, please contact us at accts@accts.org.



September Prayer Requests

Military Ministries International (MMI) in the UK has a week of prayer from 8-15 September. Please pray with them and consider signing up for prayer items at www.mmi.org.uk.

Uphold in prayer the 19-23 September AMCF PanAfrican Conference. Pray for safety for all and ask that the conference inspire and encourage participants.

Give praise, and pray for, all those attending a Croatian MCF Interaction (27-29 September) and the Finnish MCF's 60th anniversary celebration (27-30 September).

Ask the Holy Spirit to give wisdom and unity at ACCTS' staff meeting, which runs from 30 September to 5 October.

If you wish to receive weekly emails with more prayer items, please contact us at accts@accts.org.



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