



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.

RESTRICTIONS DON'T SLOW MINISTRY IN RUSSIA

In the face of increased governmental pressure on Russian Christians, including a 2016 law which limits preaching without special authorization, military Christians in this nation are growing strong and flourishing in their faith. In January regional and local leaders, as well as individual members, of the Russian military Christian fellowship Faith and Courage met for three days of Bible teaching (with specific application to military ministry), prayer and praise, a Communion service, and informal discussions. Delegates from several regions outside Moscow also attended.



Presentations focused on developing a closer relationship with Jesus, even in the face of increased persecution. They also encouraged participants to fellowship with Christians from other Christian backgrounds, focusing on unity in Christ instead of the things that distinguish one confession from another. Despite governmental restrictions on active military member's meetings, MCF members were encouraged to build bridges of friendship and assistance with local military leaders by organizing concerts, presentations, and other activities designed to boost troop morale and serve as a Christian witness.



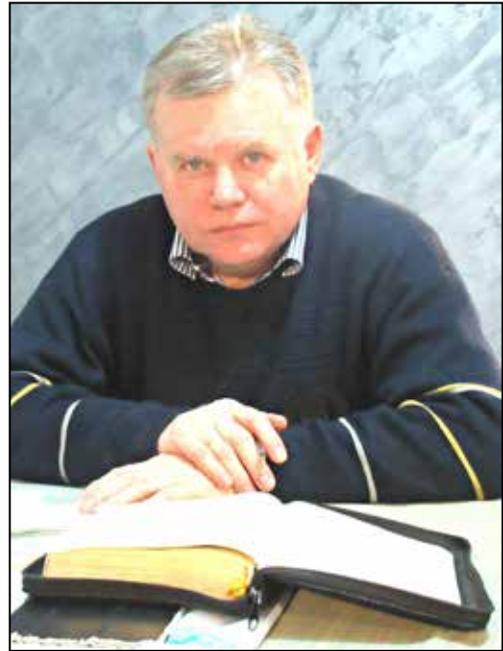
Please pray that the Russian MCF leaders who attended will seek opportunities to develop

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new contacts with military personnel, to work effectively with local pastors in military ministry, and to build bridges of friendship with military leaders in their region. Ask for the Lord's protection and guidance on all MCF members and pray that the MCF will be able to prioritize ministry opportunities and have sufficient resources to carry out their work. Pray also for a peaceful resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine.



Tag Team Caribbean Ministry

On different dates in January, Pete Prindle, ACCTS' director of operations, and our regional staff for the Caribbean, Ron Huggler, both took cruises that enabled them to stop at St. Kitts, Grenada, Barbados, and Antigua to encourage and assist the military Christian fellowships (MCFs) there. This tag team ministry approach proved profitable as Pete's first meetings with Christians revealed specific needs at each location while Ron's follow-up meetings offered concrete plans to address those needs.

Most Caribbean nations' police forces serve as their self-defense forces, so their MCFs are often called police fellowships. The islands also share a common currency and belong to the Regional Security System, an international agreement that provides for their defense and security. Many have a similar history, and all are keen to participate in regional military Christian training conferences. Formal police chaplaincies appear to be the number one need in the region, followed by marriage counseling, financial counseling, and training in integrating faith and career.

Pete provided copies of the updated Association of Military Christian Fellowships Handbook, which is a useful tool for military believers, as well as information on ACCTS programs that help MCFs and their members. After his meetings with believers in these nations, Pete relayed his findings to Ron, who began planning ways to meet their needs before his own trip.

God's blessings were abundant at each stop. On St. Kitts, the defense forces commander expressed a need for Bibles to give his troops – and the police superintendent on Grenada is a Gideons member who is happy to coordinate delivery of Gideon Bibles to St. Kitts. On Barbados, a candidate for ACCTS' summer leadership program, Interaction Rocky Mountain High, was identified and is applying to attend. On Antigua, Ron was able to invite a candidate to ACCTS' Chaplain Interaction after another candidate had to cancel. At each stop, ACCTS staff met and prayed with the leaders of the national

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Sue Huggler and believers in Grenada



Pete Prindle in Grenada



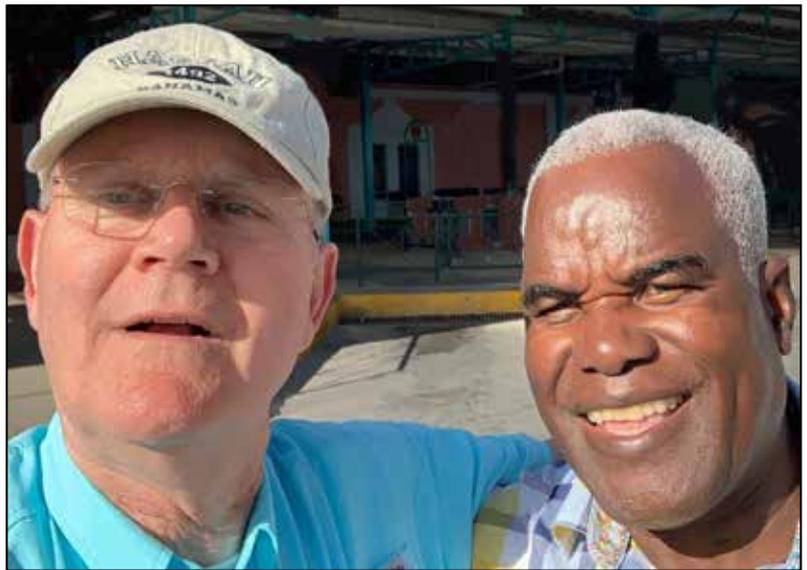
Military Christians in Antigua

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defense police forces, some of whom are pastors. They all expressed interest in, and promised support for, a regional Caribbean training conference to “train their trainers” in marriage and financial counseling and integrating faith with career and ethics. The Antigua fellowship also desires to host an IAEC Basic Chaplaincy Course in 2019 or 2020 and are already identifying candidates to receive this training.

Praise God for His providence in coordinating these ministry trips, and ask His continued blessing on these ministry initiatives in the Caribbean region!



Ron Huggler and Wilbert Kirton, Barbados,

Upcoming Ministry Events

- **8-16 March** Waterloo to World War 2 leadership training event for US and UK cadets
- **11-13 March** Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries meeting, USA
- **14-22 March** ACCTS staff member's South Asia ministry trip
- **18-29 March** Chaplains Interaction training for international chaplains, Texas
- **5-6 April** ACCTS board meeting
- **17 April-4 May** Mongolia English program with the military Christian fellowship of Mongolia
- **24-26 April** Swedish MCF's 90th anniversary celebration
- **4-15 May** ACCTS staff member's Asia ministry trip
- **5-19 June** Interaction Rocky Mountain High leadership training for young international military Christians
- **17-24 June** MSO's Military Evangelism Observation training for international military believers, South Korea
- **29 June-9 July** Moldova English program for military dependents, with MCF of Moldova
- **15-22 July** Ukraine English camp for military dependents, with MCF of Ukraine
- **29-31 August** AMCF East Asia Conference, Japan
- **29 September – 4 October** ACCTS staff meeting
- **5-6 October** ACCTS board meeting
- **6-11 October** Quinquennial training event for international AMCF leaders, USA

March Prayer Items

Pray with ACCTS' director, Phil Exner, and MMI's director, Roddy Porter, as they lead U.S. and U.K. cadets on Waterloo to WW2 -- a trip to battlefield and historic sites in Belgium and France. Pray that this 9-16 March event will change the lives of the participants as they learn spiritual lessons related to leadership, integrity, and character that can be applied to the challenges facing today's young military leaders.

Pray with staff members of U.S.-based military ministries who meet from 11-13 March for the annual Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries meeting. Ask that the Holy Spirit guide their meetings and interactions so that all ministries can work together more effectively to reach the world's armed forces personnel for Christ.

Pray with members of Singapore's military Christian fellowship as they meet on 16 March for a prayer dinner. Ask that this event inspire all who attend and help them listen to God's voice.

Uphold in prayer a staff member who is ministering in two South Asian nations this month. Pray for his safety and ask that his visit encourage all the military Christians with whom he meets.

International participants and ACCTS leaders will gather in Texas from 18-29 March for our annual leadership event, Chaplains Interaction. Ask that God use this event to inspire and encourage the internationals so that they can return to their nations and have a huge impact for Christ's kingdom among their nations' military personnel.



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Welcome New Staff Members!

We're excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Kurt Mueller and Gina Mueller to the ACCTS staff. Chaplain and Mrs. Mueller will be discipling military Christians throughout the Pacific region nations. The Muellers started following Jesus in 2004, have five children, and live in Hawaii. Chaplain Mueller has over 20 years of commissioned service and currently serves in the Hawaii National Guard. Please pray with the Muellers as they begin this ministry, asking that the Holy Spirit guide them each step of the way. If you are interested in supporting the Muellers' ministry in the Pacific region, contact our office at accts@accts.org or call us at 1-800-487-8108.



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