



**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.

## SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THE SOUL

*“I felt like I was starving and here I found so much spiritual food for my soul.”  
– an Interaction-Rocky Mountain High 2019 participant*



The June 2019 Interaction-Rocky Mountain High leadership training program was spiritual food for the souls of all five participants, who returned to their home nations eager to put into practice what they'd learned.

Five young military Christians from Ivory Coast, Romania (two participants), Uganda, and the USA participated

in I-RMH to learn how they can help their nations' military Christian fellowships grow and reach more people for Christ. They studied Christian leadership in the military, leading Bible studies, strategic planning, and viewing the military as a ministry calling. Additionally, they hiked mountains, learned to rappel and rock climb, and rafted down white-water rapids in Colorado's mountains.

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One of the program leaders, Russ Hammerud, noted that he was “impressed with the eagerness and capacity of each of this year’s participants to fruitfully contribute to discussions, to welcome new insights and challenges, and to put lessons learned into practice in many ways, such as commitment to daily devotions and Scripture memory and to specific goals and objectives for strengthening their respective MCFs. I fully expect our Lord to do great things through them.”

The program’s coordinator, Emanuela Haien, was especially pleased to see the participants’ eagerness to use what they had learned: “I saw the way they planned out, then presented, their goals and objectives for their military ministries. They had many goals, but all of them were concise and to the point. The group has been keeping in touch since the program and have fulfilled some of their goals already.”

## Participant Comments:

*“Now I see my profession as my daily call from God. I haven’t seen things in this way until now.”*

*“This program is very important for ACCTS to continue because there are many folks out there who need to be equipped like we did, and this kind of training is unique and so powerful.”*

*“I’ve learned about the importance of Bible study with other Christians.”*

*“I learned that the activities during MCF meetings must be diversified in order to attract younger members. I am going to discuss this with the MCF president...mentors with lots of experience taught us about leadership and I think that taught us new skills.”*

*“I am going to train the regional coordinators of MCF Uganda and then train MCF leaders across units to implement the IBS [inductive Bible study method]...IRMH has taught me practical lessons on how to succeed as a Christian leader.”*



## IRMH AFTER-ACTION REPORTS:

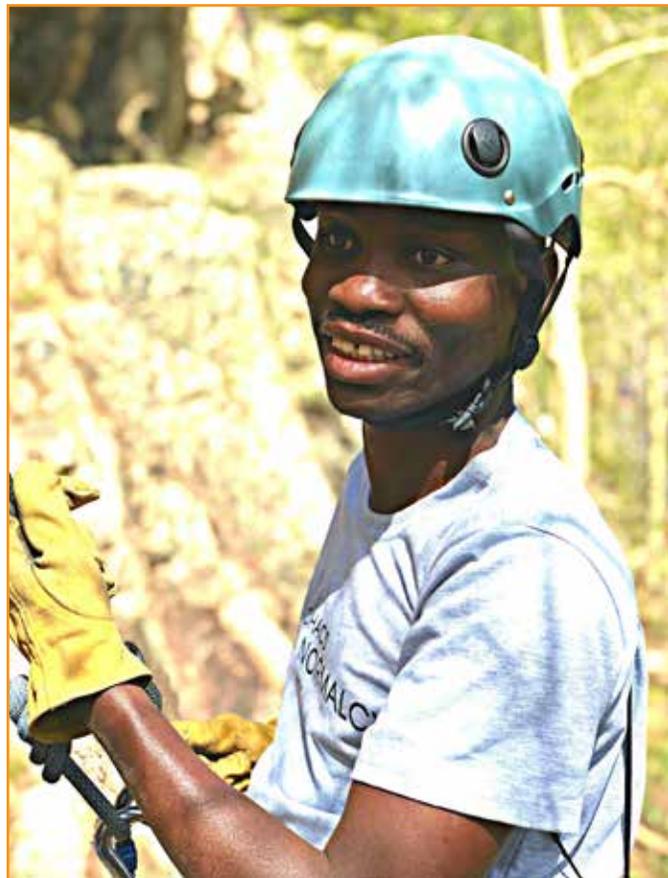
### Romania:

After completing IRMH, the two Romanian participants made last-minute changes to their vacation plans so that they could join ACCTS in teaching English to military dependents in Moldova (see pages 4-5). Shortly after arriving back in her country, one of the participants emailed: “Yesterday we had our first meeting with some of the cadets in Bucharest and we [including the other Romanian participant] told them about the lessons we’d learned in America and which are our goals for the youth MCF...and their response was positive to all the things we proposed...I pray for God’s guidance and for this work to be successful because it is the first time when I try to do something like this. So our next meeting is on Wednesday for Bible study, pizza and games in the evening. Thank you for all your ideas and your advice.”



### Uganda:

During his time at IRMH, Ivan, a Uganda Navy captain, was excited to learn about the easy-to-use method of inductive Bible study for small groups. Ivan sent this email shortly after returning: “God is so wonderful. So far, I’ve spoken to some district leaders of MCF concerning the [need to hold] small Bible studies. Surprisingly God had already spoken to them concerning the same. The only issue was how to conduct the groups, and I was the answer to that [because of what he learned about hosting Bible studies].”



## INTRODUCING JESUS TO MOLDOVAN MILITARY DEPENDENTS



45 Moldovan teens and pre-teens experienced ACCTS' English language program in June and learned more about Jesus as their teacher, friend, and Savior. The participants, who were primarily military dependents or children of government officials, "grew in their understanding of and appreciation for God's love for them, showed definite improvement in their conversational English ability, and had lots of fun," reports Russ Hammerud, ACCTS' program coordinator. "In camp meetings, small groups, and personal interactions, there was much opportunity for sharing biblical truth and encouragement. Several of the youth made discipleship commitments (notably Scripture memory and study)."

Each day included English language lessons, calisthenics, singing, games, and other activities. ACCTS staff member Dick Barnes taught daily spiritual lessons on topics such as friendship, loneliness, and freedom. He also taught about biblical military leaders and culminated the teachings with a presentation on Jesus as the greatest teacher. *continued on page 5*



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“Several times a day, we met in our small groups to discuss questions raised by the spiritual talks, to do some reading and grammar exercises from a workbook, or to have some group discussions,” Dick reports. “This was a special time where participants could ask questions, and we could get to know our students better.”

The ACCTS team followed the Moldovan MOD’s guidelines about open evangelism, but Dick reports that there were still opportunities for the ACCTS team to share about Jesus. “We were able to be witnesses for Jesus through personal testimonies, by having the campers repeat the Lord’s Prayer before each meal, by incorporating biblical examples into spiritual lessons, and by introducing them to Jesus not only as teacher, but also as our Savior.”

*Pray with us that the spiritual seeds sewn will bear fruit in the lives of the participants, and that the parents of the campers will also be greatly impacted for Christ.*



## Thank you!

Thanks to every ACCTS supporter who prayed for this camp and helped finance it; the ACCTS and Moldovan volunteers; Mariana Rosca, program director; and the Moldovan Ministry of Defense. The camp was sponsored by the Moldovan military Christian fellowship, the MOD, and ACCTS.

## Louisa Buxton with the Lord



One of ACCTS' cofounders, Louisa Buxton, went to be with her Lord on 14 June. Although Louisa's husband, Cleo "Buck" Buxton, founded ACCTS, Louisa was the administrative backbone of the organization for many years, handling day-to-day responsibilities such as finances and correspondence, and writing newsletters. Military ministry around the world is flourishing in part because the Buxtons allowed God to use them during their time on earth. Louisa's family has asked that donations in her memory be made to ACCTS. You can donate online at [www.accts.org](http://www.accts.org) (click "Donate" on the gray bar at the top of the website, then choose your donation method) or by mailing your gift to PO Box 27239, Denver, CO 80227-0239 with a note that it is in memory of Louisa.

**"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23**



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