



**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.

## CHRISTIANITY IN THE RUSSIAN ARMY



The third annual Russian military Christian fellowship's (MCF) prayer and planning meeting was held in January with the theme of Christianity in the Russian Army and included twenty-five participants from Moscow, Kazan Oblast, Omsk, Tver, and Armenia.

ACCTS staff member Dick Barnes, who attended and spoke on the topic of witnessing for Christ, reports that the planning conference “manifested considerable spiritual fruit, as five participants became new members of the Faith and Courage MCF and one person committed his life to Jesus.” The program consisted of presentations on Christian service in the armed forces, God’s healing power in our lives, and the need to share Christ with others. Praise and worship, corporate and individual prayer, personal testimonies, and informal discussions were also a vital part of the planning weekend. Dick notes that several veterans who had been part of the earlier MCF organization, Shield of Faith, attended. Their presence was significant, as it provided a continuous link of Christian service to the Russian military over many years.

In addition to speaking at this planning conference, Dick Barnes also met with several other long-time friends and contacts in Russia to discuss overall ministry plans, women’s ministries, a family conference in May, and ministry to WWII Russian veterans.

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Please pray:

- for continued growth of the Russian MCF, Faith and Courage, and that local MCF groups will actively reach out to military members through churches and military units;
- for strengthening of fellowship and friendship with military believers in surrounding nations;
- for the Lord's provision of funds to complete construction of the second and third floor of their MCF center, Dom Cornelius;
- and, for the family and marriage seminar to be held in late May 2020 at Father Konstantin's church, to be led by Grozdan and Slavica Stoevski of ACCTS' UK ministry partner, Military Ministries International.



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# March Prayer Items

- Pray with ACCTS' executive director, Phil Exner, as he leads a group of U.S. and U.K. cadets on a Waterloo to WW2 Battlefield Tour from 7-14 March. Pray that this trip will help the cadets learn more about leadership, ethics, and living out one's faith while serving in the armed forces
- Pray with ACCTS' ministry partner, Military Ministries International (MMI) in the UK as they lead a training program in Poland from 16-20 March. Ask that the Alpha course they present will bring many Polish military personnel to a deeper understanding of Christ and His reconciliation and love.



*Military Christians worshipping at Russian MCF meeting*

- Pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom and unity on a group of U.S.-based military ministries as they gather at the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries from 23-25 March.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide all international participants in ACCTS' International Chaplain Training program (formerly Chaplains Interaction), which is held in San Antonio from 23 March to 3 April. Pray also for ACCTS staff member Chaplain Ron Huggler and others as they lead and teach at this program.

## New Staff

### **CAPT (USN, Ret.) A.J. and Dana Reiss** **Central and Northern Europe Regional Staff**



CAPT (USN, Ret.) A.J. and Dana Reiss have joined the ACCTS staff as Central and Northern Europe Regional Staff. A.J. and Dana will build relationships and encourage military Christian fellowship leaders and members in the North and Central European region, including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, Switzerland, and Poland. If you wish to support the Reiss' ministry, you may donate to the Central and Northern Europe fund via auto bill pay through your bank, by credit card or other donation at our website ([www.accts.org/donate](http://www.accts.org/donate)), or by mailing in a check to ACCTS at PO Box 27239, Denver CO 80227-0239.

## Waterloo to WW2

In March, ACCTS' director Phil Exner will lead a group of U.S. and U.K. military cadets on a Christian leadership battlefield study in Western Europe. As the group visits battlefields, memorials, museums and historical sites in Belgium and France they will also learn strategic, operational, tactical lessons and how individual leadership, heroism, mistakes, and actions or inactions often drove the outcome in famous battles. At each stop on the tour, Phil provides spiritual object lessons related to Christian military leadership, integrity, and character that can be applied today to military men and women. We appreciate your prayers as Phil leads this year's Waterloo to WW2 tour from 7-14 March.



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