

Interaction '06 USA Update

Interaction participants from Burundi, Philippines, South Africa, USA, and Zambia (for security reasons, participants from Mongolia and Pakistan are not pictured).



As this newsletter was going to print, Interaction '06 USA - ACCTS' leadership training program for military Christian fellowship leaders - was nearly half-way completed. Participants from Burundi, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, and Zambia had completed sessions on pray-and-plan, tools for Christian leaders, cooperation without compromise, and conversational prayer.

Each day the Interaction leadership team sent out updates - here is one of their reports from the first week: "Today was another FULL day at White Sulphur Springs [the retreat center], a difficult task to reduce down to a short paragraph...Chuck Piersee concluded his series on leadership by describing three personality types - doers, thinkers and feelers - and illustrating five levels of delegation. Our morning concluded with a time to reflect on what we had done this week and to begin making plans for home."

"After lunch, Mike Fligg led an informal seminar by asking questions on the subject of military evangelism and what role the MCF plays in outreach, training, and mentoring of military members. During our roundtable family discussion, we talked about military separations and each delegate described how their MCF dealt with these challenges. We saved the best for last - uplifting (and sometimes poignant) testimonies by each of our international delegates."

The final Interaction '06 USA report will be in the January ACCTS newsletter (which is an insert in the AMCF newsletter). Funding for Interaction '06 USA has been significantly less than needed to pay the bills. If you wish to donate to the Interaction '06 USA fund, please send your gifts to the ACCTS office at PO Box 27239, Denver, CO 80227-0239.

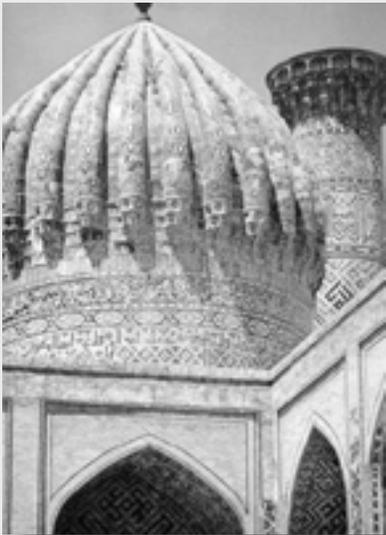
CHINESE CHURCH EXPERTS IN COLORADO

In October Cal Dunlap, ACCTS' executive director, and Linda Dunlap hosted two experts on the church in China -- Professor Liu and Dr. Carol Hamrin. Professor Liu is a professor of American studies in Beijing, China. He has written and published numerous works on his specialties of religion and politics and religion and the rule of law. Dr. Hamrin, a former China specialist in the U.S. State Department for 30 years, is a senior associate with the

Global China Center in Virginia. Dr. Hamrin also advises nonprofit organizations on human and religious rights issues.

During their stay in Denver, Professor Liu and Dr. Hamrin shared their expertise at the Center for China-United States Cooperation at the University of Denver and with students at Denver Seminary.

PRAYING TOGETHER IN 2S AND 3S IN CENTRAL ASIA



In October ACCTS staff members Jim and Mary Jane Ahmann visited with military Christians in a Central Asian nation.* Although the erratic schedules of military personnel made it difficult for Jim and Mary Jane to do detailed planning ahead of time, Jim reports, "The Creator of all things managed our meetings, contacts, and safety very well. The primary reason for the trip was to encourage the military Christian fellowship (MCF)... **We were very encouraged in seeing leadership arising from the group. The men are meeting often, in twos and threes, to pray for each other.** The two men who have unbelieving wives are meeting together to help each other also. The group is discouraged that evangelizing is practically impossible now. We were so happy that they decided that each one would pray for the MCF 15 minutes every day. Another highlight was the day we spent with the Special Forces and their families. Building deeper relationships is our goal and we feel we are accomplishing this."

** The nation's name and all other names have been removed because of religious persecution in this region.*

THE PWOC AND ACCTS

ACCTS had a unique opportunity in October to tell 1,000 women about our ministry when Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) held their Fall Focus Convention in Virginia. ACCTS staff members led workshops on inter-

national military ministry and gave information about ACCTS to conference attendees. We praise God for this opportunity and look forward to building ministry relationships with individuals and groups in PWOC.

CANADA'S HOPE: JESUS, THE SAVIOUR



"Our Hope is Jesus, Our Saviour" was the theme of the October 2006 Canadian Military Christian Fellowship conference. ACCTS staff members Dick and Linda Barnes attended, and Dick spoke on military ministry to conference attendees.

Following the conference, the MCF's international liaison, Major John Kropac, wrote: "Dick Barnes recently graciously traveled up to participate in our annual national conference, and

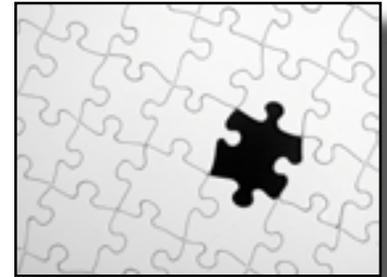
ACCTS' representation was greatly appreciated. Dick as usual did a splendid job and was most welcomed as part of our family. Thank you all. May God continue to bless your ministry. We praise God for you and we uplift you all in prayer."

Visit the MCF of Canada's website to learn more about their ministry, including their RDKs (rapid deployment kits): www.mcf-canada.ca.

Thanks

for Being the Missing Puzzle Piece!

Thank you to the many people whose donations have allowed ACCTS to share Christ with foreign military personnel! Our ministry wouldn't be complete without your commitment to international military ministry. ACCTS' donor base, although smaller in number than some organizations, makes it possible for us to enter 2007 (our 35th year of ministry!) with excitement, knowing that God is opening many doors for outreach.



MINI-INTERACTIONS, MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITIES

ACCTS' Mini-Interactions teach many of the same subjects as our full-length Interaction programs but usually take place in only one to three days. In October Mini-Interaction leadership seminars were held in Sri Lanka and Chile. Reports from those seminars follow.



Sri Lankan special forces soldier courtesy USDOD

Sri Lanka: Christians Use "Just Do It" Approach to Ministry

The writer of Ephesians encourages Christians to "make the most of every opportunity", which is what ACCTS staff members Don and Jonie Snow did in October by piggy-backing a Mini-Interaction program on to an AMCF South Asian regional conference in Sri Lanka.

The AMCF conference included lively talks which dovetailed very well with the Interaction subjects. There were also workshops on "Serving in the Military as a Member of a Minority Community", "Marriage in the Military", "Ethical Issues", and "Prayer in Forces."

Immediately after the conference Don Snow and Taiwanese Commander (Ret.) Mo, Te Cheng led two full days of Interaction topics. General (Ret.) Srilal Weerasooriya, AMCF vice president for the region, presented his vision for South Asia in the coming years.

Representatives from Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, and Sri Lanka participated in both events,

which were also attended by AMCF president General Lee, Pil Sup.

Don notes that the Mini-Interaction presented new ways for South Asian military Christians to approach the concepts of Bible study, conversational prayer, and servant-leadership. General Weerasooriya remarked, "The participants gained immensely in the use of tools for ministry introduced by Interaction and were greatly motivated to use these methods in their respective countries."

In conversation times during Mini-Interaction, Don found, discussions between delegates focused on how military Christians in this region can minister despite the very real problems caused by being religious minorities in Muslim or Buddhist nations. Their conclusion? "They know that **you just need to do ministry**, despite the problems - there is no secret formula for success and they know that," Don notes. "Christians in this region have to face opposition from majority religions daily - constantly! Both serving and retired men and women experience a huge tension of serving God and standing firm for Jesus while staying in the military or carrying on with other tasks after retirement."

"I think most of the people who participated in the conference and the Mini-Interaction would say that it was a tremendous opportunity," Don concludes.

Praise God! During the regional conference, military Christians from Bangladesh announced that they had, on 29 September, officially established a military Christian fellowship. They are a small group with enthusiastic leadership. Please be in prayer for this new MCF, as well as others in this important region of the world. continued on page 4

Mini-Interactions

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Chile: Lively Discussions and Joy at Mini-Interaction

ACCTS staff members Bob and B.J. Reifsnnyder report with great joy that God was at work during ACCTS' October Mini-Interaction in South America. 38 participants engaged in discussions on a variety of subjects which will help them as leaders in their respective military Christian fellowships. ACCTS staff members Lois and Norris



Webster presented information about ACCTS' American English Language Training program, and participants expressed considerable interest in having an AELT program in their own countries. A very lively discussion took place during the period led by ACCTS board member Phil Lewis on the importance of having good constitutions to guide the functioning of military Christian fellowships.

God's Essential Love

'He has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden,' said Mary when she saw, accepting her nothingness, the essential love of God ... What sweetness is her



prayer when she recognized that she was at the opposite pole from God, where humility not only becomes the acceptance of love, but is one of its demands.

-- Carlo Carretto, *Letters from the Desert*

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