

whose military members are serving in war areas or who are otherwise away from their families during this holiday season.

**25 CHRISTMAS DAY** "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again." (John 3:16-17, The Message)

**26** Pray that military Christians in the U.S. will live their lives in integrity and faithfulness to God so that they can win their peers to Jesus.

**27** In November international military Christian fellowship leaders from Burundi, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, and Zambia attended ACCTS' Interaction '06 leadership program. Now that those leaders have returned to their home nations, pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them as they implement what they learned into military ministry in their nations.

**28** An MCF leader in Germany asks that we pray for the MCF's efforts to establish contacts with active-duty soldiers. He also writes, "Pray for a revival of Christian faith in the German Armed Forces, where about 40% of soldiers on active duty are without any Christian background."

**29** Please pray for ACCTS staff members **Val and Gina Rajah** and others in Zimbabwe who minister to their nations' armed forces while also dealing with severe inflation problems. Zimbabwe has an inflation rate of over

1050%, which severely prohibits ministry plans.

**30** Give praise that a chaplaincy association was recently formed in Bulgaria. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give them His instructions and power as they reach out to their armed forces.

**31 NEW YEARS EVE** "We meet today to thank Thee for the era done, and thank Thee for the opening one." -- John Greenleaf Whittier



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# ACCTS PRAYER REMINDER

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God walked  
down the  
stairs of  
heaven  
with a  
Baby in His  
arms.

-- Paul Scherer



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*We're curious! We're wondering how many of our co-workers use this prayer bulletin – if you use it (either daily, regularly, or occasionally) please let us know by emailing (editor@accts.org), writing (ACCTS, PO Box 27239, Denver, CO 80227-0239), or calling (1-800-487-8108). Thanks for your input!*

**1** Pray for **Dell McDonald** and **Frank Cole** as they attend two meetings this month: the National Association of Chaplains retreat (from 1-6 December) and the International Association of Evangelical Chaplains meeting. Pray for the Ahnfeldts, Coles, and Dell as they coordinate the ACCTS Chaplain Interaction in April 2007.

**2** Praise God for the good health of staff members **Linda Dunlap** and **Chuck Piersee**, both of whom have no evidence of cancer after completing chemotherapy regimes! Please pray

that God will also heal ACCTS board member Deena Mills while she undergoes cancer treatment.

**3** More and more Christians are observing Advent as a time to set their hearts on Christ, rather than the busyness and materialism of the season. This being the first Sunday of Advent, please pray this prayer from the Book of Common Prayer: "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great

humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

**4** Staff member **Earl Casner** will speak in Finland at the NATO peace keeping training center this week. Please pray that his time there will be used to God's glory.

**5** Pray that military Christians in Congo will be witnesses for Christ among the ongoing genocidal warfare. Give praise for those who already stand up for Christ!

**6** Pray that unbelieving wives of military Christians in Central Asia will take Christ's salvation into their hearts and lives. Pray for wisdom for their husbands as they share Christ with them and their children.

**7** Praise God that a military Christian fellowship – the Angolan Christian Fellowship of Military, Police, and Firemen -- has been established! A Christian there writes, "It seemed almost impossible that this important legal recognition by the Government of Angola would become a reality so quickly, particularly with pending national elections next year. Our experience here in Angola enables me to testify to everyone who has supported MCF Angola with prayers and assistance that God has great mercies for us and the work that has been accomplished here."

**8** Buddhists recognize today as the day of Buddha's Enlightenment. Pray that military Christians in Buddhist nations will be guided by the Holy Spirit to share Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

The birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years.

--George Matthew Adams  
*(The Christmas Heart)*



**9** Praise God with military Christians in Bangladesh, who have established a military Christian fellowship! Pray that God will encourage and guide this small but enthusiastic group.

**10** Christmas-related celebrations are becoming more and more popular in China, although many who celebrate Christmas do not understand its origins or religious meaning. Pray that Chinese Christians will be given wisdom to share Christmas' true meaning with their family and friends. Please also uphold in prayer **He Gang** and **Jodie Wang** as they reach out to their home nation of China.

**11** One of the poorest regions in the world – the Horn of Africa – is facing escalating political and religious conflicts. In the small nation of Eritrea, two military Christians were killed in October because they held religious services in a private home. Please uphold the military Christians in this region of the world as they live out their lives of faith in dangerous times.

**12** In the U.S. armed forces, longer deployments mean that marriages are facing increasing pressures. Pray for Officers' Christian Fellowship (OCF), Christian Military Fellowship (CMF), and others as they minister to U.S. military families.

**13** Give praise for military Christians in Canada, and pray for God's leading as the MCF fills the position of executive director (which has been an unfilled position for quite some time now).

**14** ACCTS' ministry partner in the U.K., Accts Military Ministry International, is looking to fill a staff position since Homfray Vines, the interim director, is stepping down. Pray for God's leading on Accts MMI as they look for someone to fill this position.

**15** Many military Christian fellowships around the world will be holding Christmas-related events this month. Pray that these events will bring many military members to an understanding of Christ as their Savior.

**16** Las Posadas, which begins today in Mexico, is a traditional Mexican festival which re-enacts Joseph's search for room at the inn. Pray that military Christians in Mexico will take this opportunity to share Christ with their co-workers.

**17** In many European nations such as

Finland and Sweden, Christmas is celebrated with gusto, but without many religious connotations. Pray that military Christians in these nations will find ways to evangelize their co-workers and friends during this time of year.

**18** Praise God for the opportunities He gave in 2006 for ACCTS to hold "mini-Interactions" – Interaction leadership programs that ran in conjunction with regional AMCF conferences. Pray that He will open more doors for these kind of events in 2007 so that we can maximize opportunities to encourage military Christians around the world.

**19** The nation of Fiji has seen increasing problems between the military and its government. Please uphold military Christians in this nation as they seek to live justly before God and man.

**20** Uphold **Noel and Meryl Dawes** as they encourage the use of the Alpha Course (a Bible study program) among military forces of our world.

**21** Pray that God will make changes in the nation of North Korea so that, in His timing, Christians will have full religious freedom.

**22** The leader of the MCF of Moldova has been asked by a Ministry of Defense officer to prepare a seminar for the families of military officers. Give praise and pray for this opportunity.

**23** To paraphrase a popular saying, "Yes, Virginia, there are military Christians in Israel!" Give praise for the believers in Israel, and pray that they will find ways to share the hope of Christ with their peers during this Christmas season.

**24** Today, please uphold families