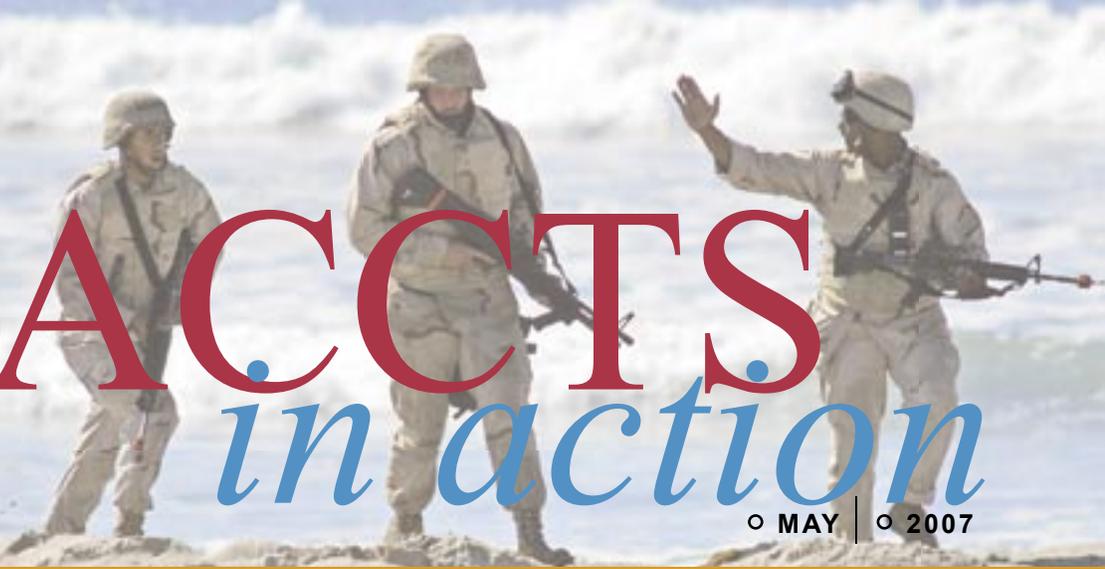




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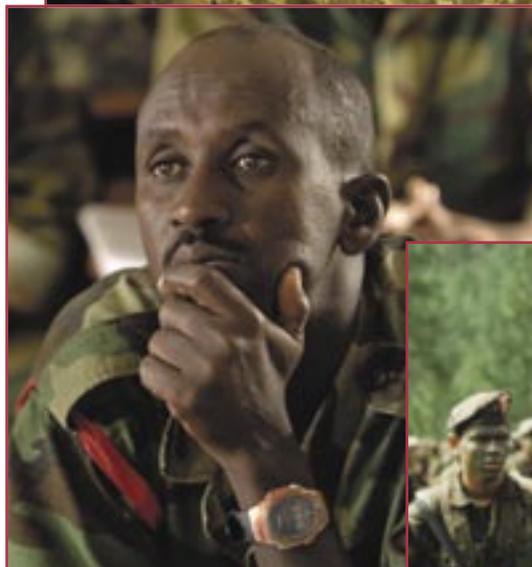
CORE VALUE #4 ACCTS IS “PEOPLE-CENTERED”

This article -- the last in a series related to ACCTS' four core values -- is written by staff member Lois Webster.

The concept of “core” values implies something that gives life to an organization, in this case the values that are at the heart of ACCTS. ACCTS' core values include being people-centered, in addition to being biblically-based, Spirit-led, and prayer-centered. Note that the fourth word of the ACCTS acronym is “service”— defined as “to work for, be a servant to,” implying people-centered-ness.

Biblically, being a servant meant having an attitude of life that freely attended to others' needs without expecting or demanding anything in return. It is the very essence of ACCTS to be people-centered, to be servants. Being “people-centered” means that, before an organization applies its goals and objectives, it must consider the needs of people – the voiced and observed needs. And this is ACCTS. In all the activities that ACCTS staff members undertake, it is the recipients of that undertaking that are uppermost in the minds of those who will provide ministry -- encouraging and assisting military Christian fellowships (MCF) around the world.

The first of ACCTS' core values is that “ACCTS is biblically-based.” It is no accident that this is the first core value. The remainder of the core values flow from the first one. In being “biblically-based” ACCTS must be “people-centered.” From the beginning of time God was people-centered. He didn't just
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Photos of Djibouti, Honduran, Korean, and U.S. soldiers courtesy of U.S. DOD

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create human beings and leave them to fend for themselves; He created their means of having food, shelter, and clothing. The most critical evidence of God being people-centered is John 3:16 -- “God so loved the world that” Everything that Jesus did and taught was people-centered, from healing their infirmities to laying down His life for them; Jesus met the needs of people and cared for individuals.

ACCTS staff follow the model and admonition of Jesus. ACCTS’ goals and objectives are based on identifying the needs of those for whom our ministry is destined. ACCTS is neither “activity based” nor “agenda based.” **Much of ACCTS’ ministry is done through a focus on building relationships, being culturally sensitive, establishing friendships, praying for those whom we serve, and creating an atmosphere of trust.**

The wording of the ACCTS mission statement (“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”) implies the attitude of being people-centered. We are listeners, learners, and lovers as we assist. We facilitate and enable the strengthening of military leaders. ACCTS staff provide, in their interaction with MCFs, a model of Christian leadership. Being people-centered means being a model for

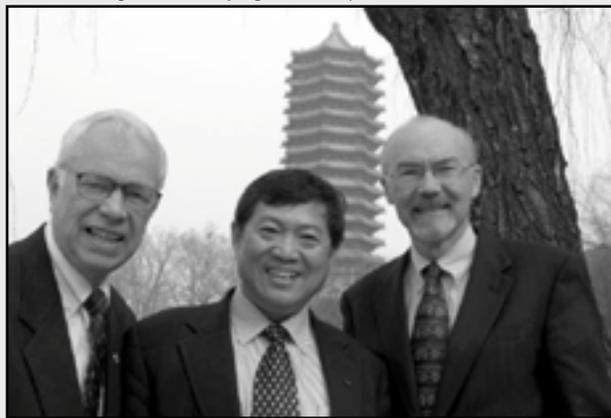
those with whom we work. Biblically, the true leader has a servant’s heart and places his or her own needs last, as Jesus exemplified in his life and in his death.

ACCTS staff strive to build relationships and establish friendships. ACCTS participants follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit in loving people. It is through this that we create an atmosphere of trust. Servant leaders appreciate others’ worth and realize that they’re not above any job. Paul asked a rhetorical question to the Philippians in Philippians 2:1, (and he asks the same of ACCTS staff) if they (we) had hearts that were tender and sympathetic. (“Tenderness” refers to sensitivity to others’ needs or feelings; “sympathy” means feeling the sorrow of another person and desiring to help alleviate it.) Such concern for one another unifies a body of believers.

The ACCTS program is a cross cultural ministry. We believe that it is vital that ACCTS staff are culturally sensitive and understanding of the military peculiarities of the military host in order to be effective in ministry. When the Holy Spirit works in believers’ lives (yet another core value), fruit is produced (Galatians 5:22-23), the kind of fruit that makes for being “people-centered.” ACCTS staff strive to exemplify this “people-centered-ness” through our many ministries around the world.

SPIRIT-LED ADVENTURES IN CHINA

ACCTS’ delegation at Beijing University



“What an amazing trip!” reports Cal Dunlap, ACCTS’ executive director, after his March trip to China. “To be Spirit-led is such an adventure.”

Cal was accompanied to China by two U.S. professors -- Dr. Sam Zhao (the director of the China Center at the University of Denver) and Dr. Larry Donnithorne (author of The West Point Way of Leadership).

The ACCTS team met with members of the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) and China Institute of International Studies, which is part of China’s Foreign Ministry. Cal reports, “At each

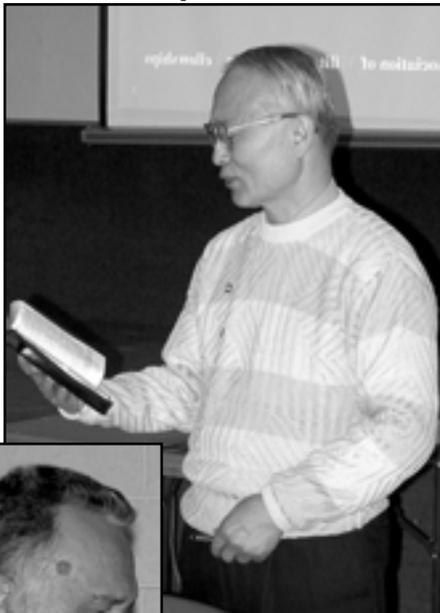
of those meetings I led off with the three things ACCTS does in China (educational/cultural exchanges, development in two peasant villages, and medical assistance to People’s Liberation Army hospitals). Professor Donnithorne addressed the topic of ethical leadership, and Professor Zhao led discussions on international relations and current aspects of Sino-USA relations.”

The group also met with other Chinese academic leaders, including the dean of the Academy of International Studies, Nankai University; the associate dean of the School of International Studies at Beijing/Peking University; and the deputy dean and other professors from the Institute of International Relations, Yunnan University. In Yunnan, Cal reports, “We had cross-table discussions with the dean and several Chinese professors, one of whom had been a PLA officer for 15 years. The visit led to an invitation for ACCTS to hold international relationship discussions between USMA cadets and Chinese students during the Academy Exploration Asia ‘07 visit to China in June.”

“We sensed your prayers and appreciate your financial help which made this spiritual engagement in China possible,” Cal concludes. “We are excited about all the new Spirit-led possibilities that seem to be before us.”

MARCH MEETINGS FOCUS ON FUTURE MINISTRY

General Lee, Pil Sup, AMCF



Nestor Ogilvie of Grenada



Homfray Vines, Accts MMI



March was a busy month for many staff members, some of whom participated in up to four different meetings relating to future ministry events.

ACCTS staff members met in Denver from 19-22 March. Tom Capps presented sessions on pray-and-plan and the concept of "business as missions." Staff discussions and prayer time focused on upcoming English language programs, situations facing individual military Christian fellowships, and the three Interaction leadership programs to be held this year.

On 22 March the ACCTS board met by teleconference. They approved the nomination of Captain David Chang (USA) to the ACCTS board and Chaplain Steve Morgan to the ACCTS staff.

From 22-23 March the directors of four international military ministries met to coordinate future outreach around the world. Among other discussions items, the four executives discussed activities which they carry out together (such as English language programs) and agreed to develop crisis response teams to allow for efficient joint outreach during times of major disasters (such as the 2004 tsunami). Participants were General Lee, Pil Sup (Association of Military Christian Fellowships); General Lee, Kap Chin (Mission Support Organization, Korea); Homfray Vines (Accts MMI, U.K.); and Cal Dunlap (ACCTS).

And finally, several ACCTS staff attended the annual Fellowship of Christian Military Ministries (FCMM) meeting in Colorado Springs from 26-28 March. This gathering focused on ministering to service members who experience post-traumatic stress disorder. Staff members from several U.S.-based and international military ministries, including Campus Crusade for Christ Military Ministry, Navigators, OCF, and Olive Branch, participated.

AROUND-THE-WORLD MISSIONS TRIP

Before attending the March staff meeting, ACCTS' Australian staff members, Russell and Helen Bielenberg, used their vacation time to encourage military Christians in Spain who are going through a difficult time both in their personal lives and in terms of military ministry.

After their ministry trip to Spain the Bielenbergs stopped in Norway to meet with several KBS (the military Christian fellowship of Norway) members, including the KBS traveling secretary Steinar Hoyland and his family.

In recent years the KBS has had less activity among its

members, and military downsizing has reduced the numbers of active-duty KBS members even further. After the Bielenbergs' visit, Steinar (who is also a former ACCTS intern) wrote, "The support from a couple with very long experience working with MCFs was very important and helpful for me in my job with KBS as the traveling secretary...it gave great hope for the future when we could share and talk about possibilities and challenge. The fact that Russell has been doing this for about 45 years and Helen about 35 gives them much experience, which has been a great resource to benefit from...."

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Stan and Doris Mincks! ACCTS staff member Doris Waldrop wed ACCTS board member Stan Mincks in a March 26th civil ceremony in the U.S., followed by a church ceremony on 12 April in Czech Republic.

Seeing Ministry Fruit

“The fruits of our ministry are not often seen in the first, second, or third years of outreach...we see the fruits over time, in the long run. That’s why developing extended, personal, lasting relationships with military Christians is so important.”

— an ACCTS staff member at the March '07 meeting

OUR CORE VALUES



- Biblically-based
- Spirit-led
- Prayer-centered
- People-focused



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