

# 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.

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## A SPECIAL ACCTS CHAPLAINS INTERACTION REPORT

**WHO:** 4 international chaplains, 2 chaplains wives, ACCTS staff, & other volunteer teachers

**WHEN:** 29 April – 11 May 2007

**WHY:** to provide professional training for chaplains as they direct religious programs and as they assist the national military Christian fellowship.

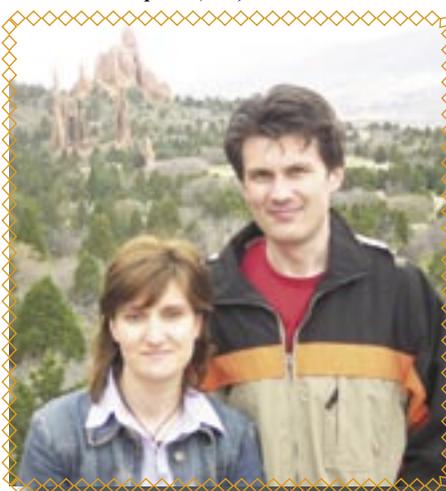
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**MINISTRY TECHNIQUES** International participants learned about and discussed many ministry ideas and techniques, including inductive Bible study and conversational prayer methods. In addition, the participants and staff spent invaluable time exchanging ideas, discussing lessons learned, and mentoring each other.

**INTERACTING WITH U.S. PERSONNEL** Participants met with chaplains and military Christians at Fort Carson and the Air Force Academy and toured five AFA campus ministries. A highlight for the international chaplains was spending an entire day with a U.S. chaplain, seeing how that chaplain carried out his duties.

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*ROMANIA Chaplain (Col.) Gabi and Mrs. Pali Gheorghias*



*SOUTH KOREA Chaplain Major Lee, Hyunsik*

**LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER** Chaplains Interaction was a learning event for the international and the ACCTS staff who were involved. Frank Cole reports, "A big revelation was the fact that many countries provide no chaplain training to pastors who are called to military chaplaincy. Our chaplains from Brazil, Jamaica, and Romania were pastors who signed up to be chaplains, were handed a uniform, and that was the extent of their training. They were eager to learn any and all ideas from the Korean and U.S. chaplains, who had received formal training."

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR** Led by a Focus on the Family teacher, this seminar helped chaplains on a personal level and gave them resources to counsel married service personnel.

**COMMANDER/CHAPLAIN RELATIONS** Col. Jim Brown spoke eloquently on commander and chaplain relations, reports ACCTS staff member Frank Cole: "The personal sharing of an active-duty officer with recent experience of commanding a war fighting unit was gripping for our guest chaplains."

**RESOURCES** International participants received a variety of take-home ministry resources and literature from ACCTS and Focus on the Family.

**PLAN OF ACTION** Each international chaplain wrote out an action plan of ideas to implement in their home countries.

**Post-Interaction Participant Comments:**

"[Since Chaplains Interaction] *I have been working to form small Bible study group for soldiers. Some of them will be formed in the next days.*" **Brazil**

"*I have already begun to revise my existing programs and to write new ones aimed at enhancing the lives and fellowship of the Force.*" **Jamaica**

"*Your love, time, financial sacrifice which you invested in us, are very much appreciated.*" **Romania**

"*Chaplains Interaction 2007 challenged me in many ways.*" **South Korea**

*BRAZIL Major (Chap.) Ivan and Mrs. Talita Xavier*



*JAMAICA Rev. Capt. Denston Smalling*

