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“THE MOST INTERESTING TWO WEEKS OF MY LIFE!”

Interaction-Rocky Mountain High '07



Participants

Czech Republic:

Lt. Pavel Jager

2nd Lt. Ludek Pokorny

Hungary:

Cadet Peter Csatlos

Ivory Coast:

Major Herve Menan

Major Vincent Kouame

Korea, South:

ROTC, Kim, Kwang-in

ROTC, Yoo, Chang-woo

Lithuania:

2nd Lt. Aiste Žeromskyte

Question: What would a young military officer describe as “the most interesting two weeks” of his life?

Answer: Interaction-Rocky Mountain High, a combination of OCF’s outdoor adventure program and ACCTS’ Interaction leadership training program.

Eight young international officers from five countries gathered in late July for this Interaction-RMH, and their two weeks together were characterized by an eagerness to learn and a desire to share Christ with their co-workers.

As you read the report below, please pray that their excitement for military ministry will continue and that they will grow into strong leaders in their military units, military Christian fellowships, and in every aspect of their lives.

What was Taught:

The Importance of Small Groups: “If ACCTS thought that preaching was what grew a military Christian fellowship, we would talk to you about preaching. We don’t teach you to be eloquent, because that’s not what’s important. We believe that small groups are how the body of Christ usually grows. That’s why ACCTS wants to equip you to lead Bible studies. This is how we reach the world for Christ – real growth comes through our interaction with people, and helping them apply God’s word to their lives.” – **Harry Argo, ACCTS staff**

Helping Others Pray Confidently: “Conversational prayer – sentences of prayer using everyday language – is a good way to model and teach prayer to new or young Christians.” – **Russ Hammerud, ACCTS staff**

A Young Officer’s Influence: “Don’t be discouraged if there is only one of you who wants to do military ministry. The military Christian fellowship of Brazil, which is now the world’s largest MCF, started with just one man praying for God’s help. It’s important for people who are just starting their military career to realize that God

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ETHICAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In China and Beyond



A new ACCTS co-worker, Dr. Larry Donnithorne, has taken two ACCTS-related trips this year to teach ethical leadership. Colonel (USA, Ret.) Donnithorne served for 27 years in the Army Corp of Engineers, with 13 of those years spent at West Point as a staff and faculty member. He is author of the book, The West Point Way of Leadership, which has been published in Chinese in both the PRC and Taiwan.

After retiring last year from the presidency of Colorado Christian University, Dr. Donnithorne felt God calling him to foster ethical leadership at home and abroad. "I want to give priority to regions of the world where folks are not able to afford expensive consultants," he says. "I felt that China would be especially strategic in light of its economic revolution." The following report is from his most recent trip to China.

In July ACCTS co-worker Dr. Larry Donnithorne presented a series of lectures on ethical leadership to an audience of business CEOs and board chairpersons at China's Tsinghua University, which is sometimes called "the MIT of China." The three days of lectures focused on several topics in leadership and ethics. Near the conclusion, Dr. Donnithorne discussed stages of moral justification and the reasons that motivate people to act ethically. Of four developmental stages, the highest, Donnithorne suggested, is to please or obey one's Creator and to emulate His character. After introducing these stages, the Chinese business participants were invited to vote electronically (and anonymously) to indicate which stage motivated their moral conduct. While the majority said they were at the third stage, Dr. Donnithorne was especially pleased to see that one-fourth of the participants said that their relationship with God was the motivator of their ethical conduct.

ACCTS staff member He Gang assisted Dr. Donnithorne in preparing for and delivering his lectures. Dr. Donnithorne noted that He Gang's help was especially valuable in using Chinese military customs as examples and in translating case studies and Power Point charts. "He Gang was also able to make sure participants understood what was said, and he was able to get reactions from people that I could not hear myself," Dr. Donnithorne notes.

After the presentations, He Gang remarked that Dr. Donnithorne's presentations were very well received. "Larry's ethical leadership lecture successfully and fruitfully ended with long, warm applause by the participants. A professor, who is very well-known in China, made a closing remark. He said, 'Dr. Donnithorne gave us not only the knowledge of leadership but also a message from God!' One other Chinese professor stated, 'You could change China with this!'"

Discussions of ethics and spirituality are particularly useful in China because "the cultural revolution created a breach in the transmission of China's traditional values," states Dr. Donnithorne. "As a result, people all over China are searching for something to believe in." The spiritual hunger in China is notable, as evidenced by the rapid growth of both Christianity and Islam in this traditionally Confucian and Taoist culture.

Dr. Donnithorne concludes, "**I see ethics as important not only in itself but also as a vehicle for provoking conversations about the hard questions that lead ultimately to spiritual issues and answers. As Christians we believe that the best life that a human can live is one that is being transformed by relationship with God through Christ. Ethics in leadership is, for me, a starting point that can lead others to eternal life in Christ.**"

Please pray for Dr. Donnithorne as he pursues ethical leadership opportunities with ACCTS in China and other nations. Pray, too, that military Christian fellowships will be able to use this pertinent topic to engage their military co-workers in discussions about ethics and, ultimately, a life that can be transformed by Christ.

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has given you influence to help people go in a certain direction.” – **Dell McDonald, ACCTS staff**

The Importance of Trying, Despite Doubts: “Do you think all the people who’ve ever started Bible studies felt like they knew what they were doing? You don’t have to know everything; just try!” – an international participant, encouraging another participant who felt unqualified to lead a Bible study group

Setting Goals: Participants learned to “set goals and objectives to share with others in their MCFs for consideration and further prayer. They also considered how they will similarly apply pray and plan to their personal lives, families, and professions.” – **Russ Hammerud, ACCTS staff**

What Was Learned

“I’ve learned that even small progress is good progress in an MCF... I’ve [also] learned to search for God’s presence everywhere, in every activity.” – **Czech Republic**

“I learned Bible study leadership skills and how to witness.” – **South Korea**

“I learned what a testimony is, and how to give mine.” – **Lithuania**

“I think that, when I left my country, I loved my girlfriend better than God. Now I love God better than my girlfriend.” – **Hungary**

That people can “start fellowship groups even if there will be only two or three of them meeting in Jesus’ name.” – **South Korea**

“Meeting Christian military people from a lot of different countries and hearing about the work which is done [in military ministry] is amazing!” - **Ivory Coast**

“Listening to one officer tell how a friend of his was verbally harassed for showing interest in the Bible, I was reminded how difficult it is for many officers and soldiers to be Christians. It renewed my respect for those who continue following Christ despite the difficulties.” – **Elizabeth Humphrey, ACCTS staff**



The ACCTS website contains more photos and information on I-RMH! Please visit www.accts.org.

20 DECISION FOR CHRIST IN UKRAINE

After attending an English language camp in Ukraine this summer, more than 20 Ukrainians indicated that they had accepted Christ as their Savior. The event, which is held annually by the MCF of Ukraine, included 78 campers (who were active-duty military personnel and their dependents and friends) and eleven American team members (including ACCTS staff members Paul Neu, Dell McDonald, and Norris and Lois Webster.) Paul Neu reports, "According to the Ukrainian camp director, Vasily Khimich, 80% of the campers were non-believers. This year we used the Bible study series entitled The All Sufficient Savior, written by Chaplain (Col. Ret.) Norris Webster. The morning hours were spent in Bible and conversational English studies. In the afternoon the campers were involved in team activities such as skit planning and games. Please continue to pray for these people, that the decisions made will be meaningful and have an impact on not only their life, but on the lives of those around them."



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