



## A Multi-Faceted Approach in China

ACCTS strives to be culturally sensitive to the needs of each country in which we minister; thus, what ACCTS does in countries around the world varies by their cultural and spiritual needs. ACCTS' work in China now has three major thrusts: first are the cultural and educational exchanges and building of peaceful relationships; second is our developmental work in a small village; and third is our medical education exchanges. In all of these activities, ACCTS staff members are attempting to build dialog and friendship.

In March ACCTS' executive director, Cal Dunlap, led an educational exchange delegation to China. In addition to Cal, the team consisted of:

•**General Lee Jun**, former Republic of Korea Defense Minister and director of Mission Support Organization in Korea;

•**Retired Lt. General Lee Kap Jin**, former ROK Commandant of the Marine Corps and PhD student in international relations; and

•**Dr. Greg Moore**, a professor who is an expert on China-USA-Korea relations.

The ACCTS delegation visited several different universities and met with various professors and academic leaders who specialize in international relations and ethics. Cal reports, "At the military academy we were joined by

Dr. Lois and Norris Webster of the ACCTS staff, who remained for several days after we left to provide technical assistance to the academy's English program. The academy has over 50 English teachers. The next day being Easter, we went to a Three-Self Church for a wonderful gospel message. It was a joy to hear a powerful sermon on the meaning of the resurrection." *We appreciate your continued prayers for wisdom and financing of ACCTS' China ministry.*



*Former Korean Defense Minister Lee Jun and ACCTS/ Mission Support Organization delegation visit the China Institute for International Strategic Studies in Beijing*

# THE FINAL AWAKENING:

## GENERAL IAN DURIE WITH THE LORD

*Is death the last step? No, it is the final awakening. – Scotsman Sir Walter Scott*



Major General (Ret.) Rev. Ian Durie, born in 1944 and raised in Scotland, was killed on April 21, 2005, in an auto accident in Romania. General Durie was the executive chairman of ACCTS' partner organization, Accts MMI, in the United Kingdom.

At the time of his death General Durie was in Romania helping lead a conference for European military cadets. Two Romanian officers, including General Nicolae Uscoi, the commandant of the Romanian Land Forces Academy, were also killed in the accident.

During his military career General Durie commanded the artillery regiment in the Commando Brigade Royal Marines, and the Divisional Artillery of 1st (UK) Armoured Division in the Gulf War.

General Durie joined Accts MMI in 1990 and was an associate minister at St Francis Church, Salisbury. He and his wife Janie had been married since 1968; they have a married daughter and two grandchildren. He was a great leader, a loving husband and father, and a true friend in Christ.

## LOVE, ETHICS, AND LIFESTYLE

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:27-29*

"Love has been weakened in our culture. And U.S. culture has made *tolerance* the paramount form of love. It is supposedly the foundational ethic of all cultures in Western civilized pluralistic society. But tolerance is

an insipid and limp form of what Jesus calls his followers to do. So I'm asking Christians to reconsider making love the centerpiece of Christian ethics and lifestyle. I define love of God as yearning for, praying for, and working for what glorifies God, and love of others as yearning for, praying for, and working for what God wants for another person. It is easy to practice tolerance, and very difficult to practice love." A *Christianity Today* interview with Scott McKnight, author of The Jesus Creed: Loving God, Loving Others

# ACCTS IN ACTION

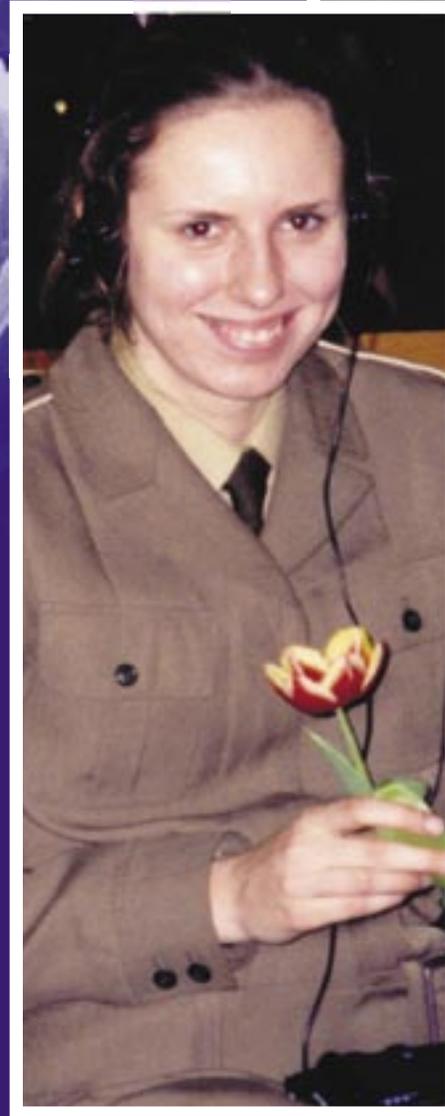
## THE MISSION FIELD AT OUR DOORSTEP:

### REACHING INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STUDENTS IN THE U.S.

Every year thousands of top military professionals from other nations come to U.S. military installations for professional education and English language training. Through the dedicated efforts of ACCTS staff members, many of those men and women also learn about Christ's love for them and the salvation He offers.

ACCTS staff members befriend international military students (and their families, who often accompany them to the U.S.) and help them in a variety of ways, including:

- teaching English through Bible studies and informal conversations
- helping them navigate the complexities of life in the U.S.
- securing housing, furniture, and other day-to-day necessities for them
- taking them to chapel, church, or other Christian ministry events
- introducing them to other Christians, including active-duty military personnel
- arranging cultural trips, such as visits to museums and historical sites
- mentoring them and including the students in their lives and activities



*"[The Lord] gives justice to orphans and widows. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing. You, too, must show love to foreigners..."*  
Deuteronomy 10:18, 19

### CURIOUS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY

Many international military students have heard that the U.S. is a "Christian" nation, and some of their commanding officers have even warned them against accepting Christian teachings; yet most students who come to the U.S. are interested in all aspects of our culture, including Christianity. By hosting Bible studies for these students, ACCTS staff members help them satisfy their hunger for knowledge about Christ

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while also helping them with their conversational English language skills.

One staff member shares the experiences he had with a Chinese research scientist at a U.S. military university: “We were able to express God’s love to Lin in a way he had never experienced before. I taught him to drive, we shared meals and shopping experiences together, and we went for walks on the beach where we often discussed life and relationships on a deep level, including his relationship with God and Jesus. We read and discussed the Bible together regularly. Before he returned to China he told me that he was an atheist when he came to America but, while he hasn’t come to a conclusion yet about Jesus, he now believes in a God who loves him.”

## **NOW RECRUITING!**

God is calling international military students to Himself, and you can be a part of His work in their lives. Financial and prayer support is vital so that ACCTS’ staff members can continue their ministries to these students. Additionally, more Christian workers are needed in this important area of ministry. Please contact ACCTS if you are interested in supporting ACCTS’ international military student teams or want information on ministering to military students across the U.S. Your involvement can make the difference in bringing these students to a full knowledge of Christ and His salvation.



*International military students in San Antonio*

## **A FAMILY ATMOSPHERE FAR FROM HOME**

Since international military students in the U.S. will return to positions of leadership in their nation’s military forces, they must meet their government’s extremely high academic expectations. Yet while their time is often consumed with studying, most also long for opportunities to meet Americans and experience U.S. culture on a meaningful level.

“We work hard to establish a family atmosphere for international military students from Central Asia, sharing joys and tragedies alike,” states ACCTS staff member Mary Jane Ahmann, who, along with her husband Jim, was once a missionary in Central Asia. “We seize every opportunity to share Christ. For many it’s the first time they’ve heard anything about the gospel.” The love our staff members share with these students is heartfelt, and the students appreciate their concern and efforts.

## **ACCTS’ INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STUDENT MINISTRY TEAM**



**Jim and Mary Jane Ahmann**

Central Asian students at the Defense Language Institute, Texas



**Vic and Marsha Grazier**

Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio



**Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin**

Fort Sam Houston, Texas

*Others on the ACCTS staff, including Russell and Helen Bielenberg in Australia, also minister frequently to international military students in their areas.*