

ACCTS PRAYER REMINDER

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There are a hundred touches of kindness that come to us every day to tell us that we are not orphans or outcasts upon the earth. Every trace of order, every gleam of beauty, every provision of bounty in the natural world, is an evidence that it is God's house.

---- Henry van Dyke in *The Upward Path*



Note: Staff member names are printed in bold print.

1 Today is the second-to-last day of ACCTS' annual leadership program, Interaction USA. Pray that the participants will formulate effective plans to use what they have learned in their military ministries in their home nations.

2 Today is the last day of Interaction. Praise God for the international military Christian leaders who participated, the ACCTS donors who sponsored their participation, and the ACCTS staff who volunteered so much of their time and resources for this program.

3 During these economically challenging times, pray that ACCTS will be guided by the Holy Spirit as we wisely use the resources God gives us. Pray that supporters will continue to remember ACCTS in their year-end giving and monthly giving.

4 ELECTION DAY (USA) Today, pray for citizens of the U.S.A. as we choose our new president.

5 Pray that God will give the new U.S. president wisdom and guidance as he leads our nation. Please also consider signing up as a presidential prayer partner at www.presidentialprayerteam.org.

6 Today is an Armed Forces Day of Prayer in the United Kingdom. Please join with Christians in the U.K. as they pray for the spiritual well-being of their armed forces.

7 Give praise, and pray for, the ongoing ministry of new ACCTS staff member **Dickson Ogwang** in Uganda. Pray for him as he helps military Christians follow Christ's call to reconciliation.

8 This week **Bob and B.J. Reifsnnyder** are helping train chaplains in the island nation of Trinidad and

Tobago. Pray that these chaplains will be encouraged and equipped for ministry during this week.

9 Pray that the military Christian fellowship in El Salvador will grow stronger spiritually and numerically and experience the Holy Spirit's unity between its members.

10 **Jim and Mary Jane Ahmann** report that there are over 160 Saudi Arabian students in San Antonio, but it is very difficult to find Amigo sponsors for them. Please pray that Christians in the San Antonio area will be willing to befriend and sponsor these students.

11 VETERANS DAY (USA) Praise God for the military men and women who have fought for the U.S.'s freedom! Today, remember in prayer those veterans and serving members of our armed forces whom you know.

12 Praise God that 350 delegates from 30 countries of Africa attended September's AMCF Pan-African Conference! Pray that those delegates will now move forward in God's leading as they minister within their nations.

13 Pray that participants at this week's PWOC Fall Conference in Texas will be refreshed and inspired by God to carry on ministry to our military forces. Pray also for **Bill and Suzanne Lumpkin** and other ACCTS representatives who will staff a booth at this conference.

14 Accts MMI, our sister organization in the U.K., has staff members who will be in Nepal and Bangladesh in the next week. Pray that their journey will be led by God and be a blessing to each military Christian with whom they meet.

15 Pray that ACCTS' new staff members, **Capt**

(USCG, Ret.) Pete and Jacki Prindle, will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their work with ACCTS. They will be Norfolk/Hampton Roads Area Coordinators and will work with churches for the 2009 AMCF North America Regional Conference.

16 In January 2009 the following ACCTS board members will step into these leadership positions: Ed Lorenzini, president; Philip Lewis, vice president; Ward Bursley, treasurer; and Stan Mincks, secretary. Additionally, Ward and Jody Bursley and Steve and Molly Hoffman will become board members. Give praise for the willingness of these people to serve, and pray for them in their new roles.

17 Staff members **Rick and Melissa Ryles** report that the military Christian fellowship of Malaysia has approximately 15-20 members. The nation is in turmoil, however, which could negatively impact the political and religious environment. Pray for military Christians in this nation, and pray for the Ryles' ministry to them.

18 Pray with **Stan and Doris Mincks** as they work with chaplains, counselors, and others who are helping military personnel with PTSD and other traumatic injuries.

19 The military Christian fellowship of Thailand wants to open a fellowship house and office in downtown Bangkok. Pray for them in this endeavor, and for their overall witness for Christ in a nation which is 95% Buddhist.

20 At the September staff meeting, **Dick Barnes** reported on five Eastern and Central European military Christians he considers "heroes of the faith": Gabi and Flori G. in Romania, Vasily K. in Ukraine, Eduard R. in Moldova, and Oleg A. in Russia. Praise God for these five men and women, and pray for God's continued blessings on their ministries.

21 Praise God for the strong military Christian fellowship in Kenya, and the links it has with the nation's chaplaincy program. Pray that the MCF will be salt and light for Christ in their nation.

22 Give thanks for the service which these outgoing ACCTS board members have given: Emanuel Williams, outgoing board president; Keon Lindsey,

outgoing board secretary; and Shawnda Lindsey, outgoing treasurer.

23 The military Christian fellowship of Swaziland currently has approximately 200 enthusiastic Christ-followers as members. Pray that this group of Christians will have a large impact on their small nation.

24 In August **Bill Lumpkin** and former Chaplains Interaction participant Michael visited ten installations and five chapels together in Michael's home nation of Madagascar. Praise God for the confidence and enthusiasm which Chaplains Interaction gave Michael, and pray for military Christian fellowship members as they distribute camouflage-designed Bibles to their co-workers.

25 **Don Snow** reports that persecution of Christians – either civilian or military – is rampant in Vietnam, especially in the smaller cities and towns. Pray that God will continue opening doors for military ministry in this nation.

26 Pray for Warrant Officer Christopher, a native of Pakistan who is currently studying theology in India. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help WO Christopher to set up a chaplaincy when he returns to Pakistan.

27 THANKSGIVING DAY (USA)
"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Ephesians 5:19-21

28 The military Christian fellowship in Jordan is a small but spiritually strong group. They can meet in homes and in church,

although there seems to be less religious freedom in Jordan than there was in the past. Pray for wisdom for our Jordanian brothers and sisters in Christ.

29 Military Christians in Bolivia ask for our continued prayers as their nation faces extreme unrest and war. Pray that they will continue to seek God with all their being during this difficult time.

30 In the tiny African nation of Eritrea, military Christians who have actively expressed their faith have been persecuted and imprisoned. Pray that God will enable them to stay faithful and be as "the voice of one calling the desert," preparing the way for spiritual renewal. Pray for **Harry Argo** as he ministers in this and other nations.



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We worship to enlarge our sense of the holy, so that we can feel and know the presence of the Lord, who is with us always.

-- from the novel, "Home," by Marilynne Robinson