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Looking back over our last year of ministry together,

we can't help but recall and reaffirm our commitment to praise and proclaim the goodness of our Lord through His great work among the worldwide military community. Whether it was an Old Testament judge, prophet, or psalmist, all knew and practiced the spiritual discipline of public proclamations. These proclamations were done to inspire remembrance of God's favor. They were also declared to affirm their responsibility as a faith community to align their hearts to rejoice as they sought His face, sang His praises, and shared the Good News of His Savior, Jesus Christ!

This past year has thrown some of the most intense challenges this ministry has faced since the Lord established this work over 50 years ago. Yet despite the challenges, our committed family of ministers, staff, and volunteers have used this most arduous of environments to propel each of us closer to the Lord. We delight to have the privilege to proclaim His calling on our lives and His great work among those in uniform whom we are honored to call "our people!" This reality has helped us set our sights squarely on our WIN-BUILD-SEND work throughout the year as we have indeed "proclaimed his salvation day-after-day."

In Philippians, the Apostle Paul reminded the early Church, which was dealing with its own challenges, of the enduring reality that, "...being



Daryl & Martha Jones, Interim Executive Directors Military Ministry of Cru

confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6 NIV). This is the powerful, good work we have embraced as Military Ministry of Cru (Cru Military) these past months. Our focused proclamation of Christ and His Good News is one we intend to pursue with every fiber of our being as we seek God's favor for the servicemen and women we have been called to reach for Christ.

As you take the opportunity to read our annual report, we invite you to join us as we all proclaim Christ's clear commission to us to make Him known among the nations both for our good and for His glory. As recipients of such a calling upon our time, talents, and treasures, we can do no less! Thank you for your steadfast partnership in this great adventure for and in Christ!

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"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always... Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day." 1 Chronicles 16:8–11, 23 NIV

Spread Background—U.S. Army Soldiers from the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) low crawl while negotiating an obstacle course during their first week of Basic Training in Ft. Benning. U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade/ Released

MEASURING IM PACT

Quarter 4, 2021



At Military Ministry of Cru, we focus on these "Key" metrics: Connection, Evangelism, Reach, Power, Leverage. These are the core numbers that allow us to measure the success of our ministry in relation to our strategic goals and our past performance. Many things affect these numbers, and we are constantly evaluating them to develop greater resources, programs, and "connection" efforts to maximize our ministry reach, and bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the unreached men and women in the military.

National

Connection: 4083 Evangelism: 729 Reach: 50 Power: 57 Leverage: 483 On Ramps: 70

Global

Connection: 2365 Evangelism: 73 Reach: 32 Power: 55 Leverage: 200 On Ramps: 5

Ministry Support Team

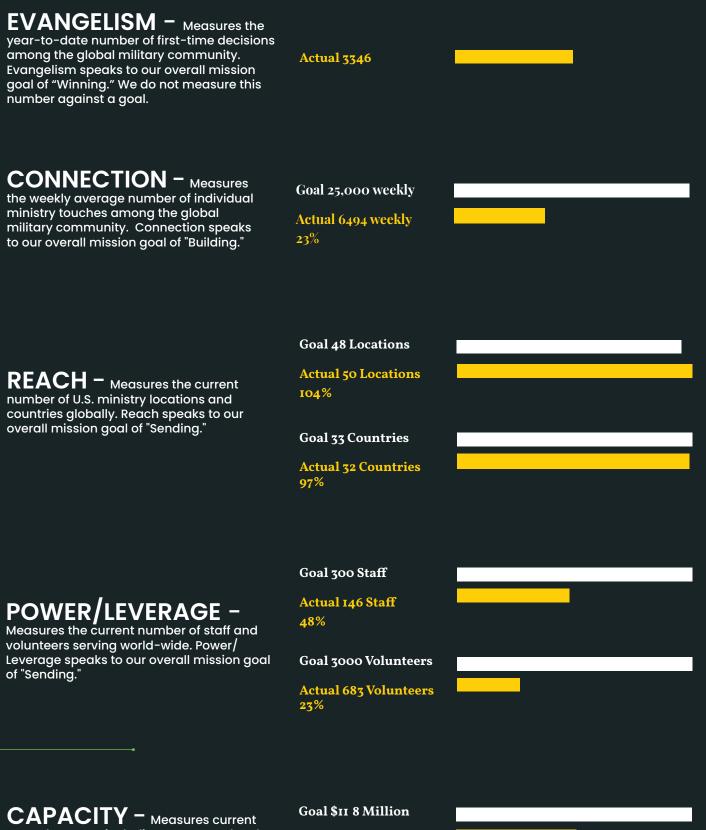
Power: 34 Leverage: 29

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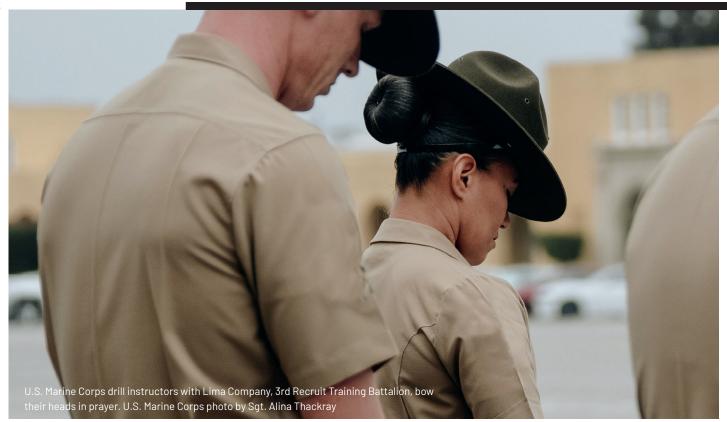
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EXPANDING OUR REACH LOCALLY

Prior to COVID, our San Diego team had very limited ministry to Drill Instructors. However, recently the Lord opened that door as only He can. Hear how He did this through the testimony of our MCRD San Diego Director, Glenn Westburg:

he Drill Instructors (DIs) have been on my heart ever since I started volunteering at Marine Corps Recruiting Depot, San Diego (MCRD SD). Since they work 112 hours every week there is no room to minister to them in any conventional fashion, so I was excited when, a few months ago, the depot chaplain asked me if I would help him and his wife remodel the DI lounge! After repainting, shampooing the carpet, hanging things on the walls, and providing 4 new recliners among other pieces of furniture, we transformed it into

a welcoming place for the DIs to rest and recoup on those rare occasions they have a few minutes to do so.

Among the improvements to the lounge were crates of bottled water, baskets of snacks, and a Keurig coffee machine. I was asked if I would consider keeping the lounge stocked with these supplies which I was glad to do. However, when putting my operational budget together this past year, the DI lounge was not on my radar, so I didn't anticipate the monthly cost of providing this service to the DIs. So, after watching the budget decline over the last few months, I realized this ministry just isn't financially sustainable.

I began asking God to help me by providing me with options, either through local churches, small groups, or organizations who would help defray the monthly cost of this ministry.

On a recent trip to San Antonio to connect with ministry partners there about

the ministry at MCRD SD, a man pulled me aside and said, "If there's any special project you need help with, just let me know." I wasn't planning on asking for anything on this trip. My only goal in going to San Antonio was to thank my supporters face to face, but since he asked, I brought up the DI lounge and my desire to find help in defraying the monthly cost. Upon his request, I shared the monthly financial need. He glanced at his wife and said; 'we'd like to be the first to donate a month's supply.' Needless to say, I thanked them and was inwardly very grateful to God for this unexpected gift.

The next morning after church this man called my cell to tell me he wanted me to bring 'something back to San Diego' and proceeded to inform me that after talking with his wife, he would like to cover the first 12 months of the cost to stock the DI lounge!

WORKING WITH CHAPLAINS

I can't wait to see what God does through these efforts...

Because of the partnership Cru Military has with the chaplains in the Marines, our ministry teams are able to be a witness for the gospel of Jesus Christ to recruits and military members at both MCRD San Diego and MCRD Paris Island. This partnership is crucial for the success of our ministry. Continue to pray that Cru Military finds favor with chaplains.

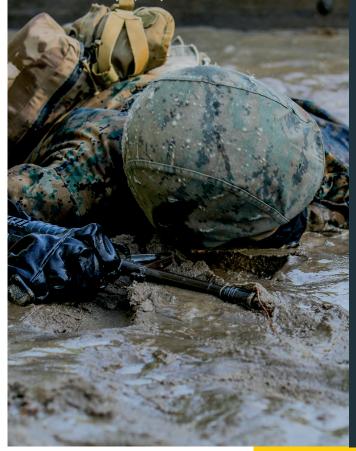
> And if that wasn't enough, he proceeded to tell me since talking with me the night before, he'd already been working on family and friends who he seemed confident would cover the following 12 months!

> My only goal of this trip to San Antonio was to meet these ministry partners in person and thank them for their faithful support, but apparently, God has something more in mind. It's just like God to do above and beyond what we could even imagine!

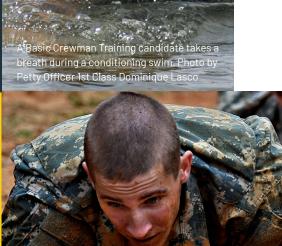
> I can't wait to see what God does through these efforts to expand His kingdom among the DIs at MCRD!"

U.<mark>S. Marine Corps Pvt.</mark> executes the "Eyes Right" drill movement. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Alina Thackray

U.S. Marine Corps recruits run the Day Movement Course during Basic Warrior Training, at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. Photo by Capt. Bryan A. McDonnell



BASIC TRAINING



ing across the nation. To God be the glory! Our Marine Corps boot camp ministries in Parris Island and San Diego are back in full swing. Army ministry is flourishing at Ft Benning, Ft Sill, and Ft Leonard Wood, with Ft Jackson poised for a restart at the first of the new year. While we continue to pray for the Air Force basic training ministry to reopen at Lackland, we praise God for reopening the door recently at Navy basic training in Great Lakes: In the four Sundays in December, 180 recruits in our Alpha class heard the gospel, with four making decisions to follow Christ. In addition, 37 Recruits returned to our Bravo classes to study about what it means to be a disciple.

After having most of our Basic Training ministry efforts paused due to COVID, we

are finally beginning to see doors reopen-

We praise God for His faithfulness in preserving this strategic gospel opportunity at our basic training locations across the nation.



SPIRITUALLY FIT-READY TO SERVE

Not long ago, Kyle, an active-duty Army Staff Sergeant stationed at Ft Campbell, Kentucky, submitted a Team Member Inquiry Form through our crumilitary.org website.

BUILDING Movements



During a trip to Ft Campbell, we contacted Kyle and invited him to lunch. We learned that he had attended the Spiritual Fitness classes held for trainees during his time in Basic Training at Ft Benning, GA, five years earlier. Kyle shared "I still have my little (Spiritual Fitness Guide) book and notebook. I refer to them often to remind myself of who I am in Christ." He went on to say that he wants to use Cru Military materials to hold a Bible study to share that same message of hope to the soldiers in his unit.

We encouraged Kyle to connect with his unit's chaplain and tell him what he wanted to do. The chaplain was excited to have a young soldier eager to lead a Bible study and published the plan throughout the Brigade. Kyle also attends a local church whose lead pastor is an Army veteran himself and gives Kyle their full support. This is a great example of the gospel partnerships we seek to create between Cru Military, the local church, and the Chaplain Corps. We're all on the same team and can work together to WIN, BUILD, and SEND Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements in the global military community.

REBOOT Recovery is a partner ministry. Find out more about them at www.rebootrecovery.com teve and Karen Dorner are Cru Military's Ministry Team Leaders of the San Antonio, Texas, combat trauma, REBOOT, and posttraumatic stress (PTS) ministries. In 2021, they saw God move in the hearts and lives of those seeking healing from combat trauma. After leading a Virtual REBOOT Advance class as a follow-up discipleship course for REBOOT graduates, they experienced both REBOOT team members and REBOOT graduates stepping up to serve others. As a result, the local in-person ministry as well as their virtual outreach expanded.

After attending Steve and Karen's Spring 2021 REBOOT and REBOOT ADVANCE courses, five couples felt called to host or lead REBOOT in their local communities or a virtual setting. Two individuals were

BUILDING MOVEMENTS THROUGH REBOOT RECOVERY OVERCOMING TRAUMA TOGETHER

What the REBOOT course has done is strengthen my belief that if you keep God in your life, anything is possible.



The environment created by the whole team including Karen and Steve Dorner affirmed my belief that faith is the answer to most of the problems in my life.

inspired to launch a small group in their local area using Cru Military resources. The Dorners worked with training, coaching, and assisting these leaders in planning the initiatives. During the summer of 2021, three of the Dorners' REBOOT team members, Matt Soileau and Jack and Yolanda Fliss, expanded their trauma care footprint in San Antonio, by leading REBOOT Combat Recovery and REBOOT First Responders groups in partnership with Cru Military and a local church. While these groups are not directly sponsored by Cru Military, Matt and Jack have been trained by Cru Military. On September 16th, Matt and Jack launched a new rotation of REBOOT Combat Recovery, hosted by Fellowship of San Antonio Church, who provided meeting space, dinner, and childcare.

On June 16, the Dorners launched a 5-week virtual training course for those with a heart to serve veterans affected by trauma. This course is called Overcome Academy and is a REBOOT course that helps participants overcome barriers to serving others and equips the extended REBOOT graduate community in responding to others who have also experienced trauma. The Dorners' June-July Overcome Academy class had members from seven states, many of whom were Steve and Karen's own REBOOT graduates. Out of the course participants, REBOOT grads Jenny & Luke Thurmond joined the Dorners' local ministry team as REBOOT volunteers in San Antonio and served at their Fall Virtual REBOOT. One began volunteering with the Cru Military Ministry Support Team, and individuals from other states began working toward launching REBOOT in their own local churches and communities, with support of Cru Military.

On November 29, Steve and Karen again graduated nine participants from their 12week Virtual REBOOT Combat Recovery course. The course began on September 12 with seven team members including the Dorners, two of whom are REBOOT graduates themselves from a previous course led by the Dorners. The graduates of the fall 2021 course include seven currentera veterans and two spouses. As the course was virtual, it opened the door to allow military members and their families to participate from all over the U.S., including Washington, D.C., Texas, Tennessee, North Carolina, Iowa, and Connecticut.

It is amazing to witness the transformations and close ties made in just 12 weeks of a virtual class. Karen and Steve are continuing the fellowship with these graduates through another REBOOT Advance course beginning in 2022.



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FROM AROUNDTHE MINISTRY

LATIN AMERICA

In-person ministry throughout Latin America has been a difficult obstacle to navigate around these past months. We proclaim God's abundant favor in what we readily acknowledge as His divine favor of "increase upon increase." There are over 500 Latin American cadets engaged in weekly discipleship studies in Honduras, Panama, Guatemala, and the Dominican Republic. God's favor has extended to the over 80 Christian generals, admirals, officers, chaplains, and volunteers from 12 nations regularly praying God's blessing on their nations' military members.

We also declare God's goodness in the power of one. It only took one committed volunteer, surrendered to the Spirit, to inspire 14 additional volunteers to begin the foundational work of Cru Military Colombia in 2021. Finally, we declare the Lord's favor upon the plans our entire Latin American team is prayerfully bringing before the Lord that they might receive guidance on continuing this work among our Latin American leaders in the coming 12 months!

Honduran Fuerza Especiales Naval (FEN) candidates use teamwork to perform physical training exercises. U.S. Navy Photo by ITC Gino Rullo, Naval Special Warfare Unit-FOUR

ASIA

In Mongolia, God continues to move in powerful ways to advance the knowledge of Christ among the military and uniformed servicemen and women there. The addition of essential volunteers in the northern and southern parts of this nation has mobilized concerted prayers and the inclusion of local leaders who have fully embraced our WIN-BUILD-SEND hearts! Despite "on again and off again" COVID restrictions, Centurion Ministry (Military Ministry in Mongolia) has shown impressive perseverance to which we can only give praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord. Our "Cadet Leadership Seminar"' in October saw over 120 cadets attend this virtual gathering. From this outreach, over 80 cadets responded to learn more about the ministry, while 20 of those attending the optional in-person meeting accepted Christ as their Savior the following day.



The reality of God moving among the border troops in remote locations and the distribution of Bibles to officers around the country have opened a way to their hearts with the Gospel message. We can only point to the enduring goodness and favor that continues to rest upon our families serving in Asia.

Centurion Ministry is the Military Ministry in Mongolia.



MAX (UKRAINE) – ROMAN PIKULIK

A couple months ago Max decided to leave the university and enlist in the Army because he had lost a close friend in the war. Max is a Christian and his home church objected and condemned his decision to join the army. His friend (a close acquaintance of mine) gave me his contact details so I could support and encourage him. I talked with Max on the phone and we communicated through text messages. Finally in November we met in person after I contacted his chaplain and was allowed to visit him at the training ground. I was able to share my personal testimony and the gospel with Max's fellow servicemen. Now Max is doing well and takes the initiative to share his faith in Christ with other Ukrainian soldiers. Our ministry is trying to help him be more effective. Max may soon be sent to a combat zone. Pray, for the preservation of his life and the courage to share the gospel with those around him.

AFRICA

This year we hosted our second African Leadership Summit in September when we brought together CCCI Regional and Africa National Team Leaders, Military Ministry Directors, volunteers, and brothers and sisters from other like-minded ministry organizations. Our own Eddy Amponsah (Area Operations AOA, Military Ministry Global) moderated scores of attendees from several nations for a beautiful time of prayer, encouragement, and training. While combat operations in the country of Chad have decreased for the moment, our ministry's efforts included discipleship training preparing soldiers to minister to their peers, greatly extending our Director's reach and impact throughout the military.

A very impressive evangelistic outreach held in a Cameroon training center witnessed almost hundreds of non-commissioned officers and about 200 NCOs receiving Christ. The success of this new outreach opened the doors for significant penetration among emerging leaders in the coming years. Our hope and prayers are focused on encouraging our leaders on the ground in the coming months. We believe God's favor will go before us as he opens the doors of effective ministry! Finally, the ministry in Nigeria has been engaged in Women's Discipleship through in-person gatherings through small group sessions for uniformed women and those married to the ones who wear the uniform.

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EUROPE

Despite wrestling with numerous COVID restrictions and access issues, our team members refocused their efforts on maximizing every in-person ministry opportunity the Lord made possible. They are still connecting with cadets in Romania and seeking out Ukrainian veterans as this nation

> God is moving in Europe as He uses the local, national staff to reach the military.

recently celebrated its independence during their "Undefeated" patriotic festival. (Their 4th of July and Veterans Day combined!) One-on-one lifechanging opportunities were the focus of our work throughout Europe last year. With the recent CCCI global reorganization, we hope the stage is set for even greater depth and scope of outreach in the months He has already prepared for us.

God is moving in Europe as He uses the local, national staff to reach the military. Roma and their team began the spring with online talks on suicide for active military and veterans. Thousands of Ukrainians watched the video, showing the team how serious this subject was, creating excellent visibility, and connecting many contacts. The team used veterans' holidays and a retreat for veterans to make face-to-face divine connections. They planned a Christmas outreach in December, along with a retreat in the western Ukraine region. These activities could be timely events, as Ukraine has been on high alert with the recent build-up of Russian troops along their border. In Romania, God allowed our Military Ministry Director, Vali, to continue discipleship of firstyear cadets in the military academy with every first-year cadet having the opportunity to join their Bible study! Many other beautiful opportunities are opening up for the spring of 2022 in academies in three countries. Pray that God uses this to build a spiritual future for officers at the beginning of their military careers.

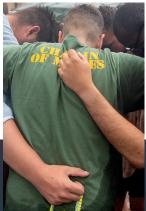


Watch an inspirational TV show or movie together. There are several platforms that allow you to do this by creating a "viewing party," including Apple TV, Netflix, and Prime.



Write handwritten letters or cards. We live in a digital age where most communication is online, however, most people enjoy receiving something they can touch and hold in their hands. It will be something tangible both parties can each look forward to. Often, handwritten letters create a bond that is not as developed through online communication.

5 WAYS YOU CA **STAY CONNECTED**



HERE ARE 5 WAYS THAT YOU CAN STAY CONNECTED TO MILITARY MEMBERS AROUND THE WORLD, WHETHER THEY ARE A SPOUSE, FAMILY MEMBER, FRIEND, OR DISCIPLE.

Long-distance relationships are hard. but when you add military assignments and deployments, they can become even harder, especially for military couples and family members. Often, this is most apparent during holidays. While it's not the same as inperson, here are five ways to stay connected with military members (spouses, friends, family, disciples, etc.) who are deployed.



A battalion chaplain says a prayer with U.S. Marines after being baptized during Exercise Sea Breeze 21 in a nondisclosed location on July 4, 2021. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Elijah J. Abernathy



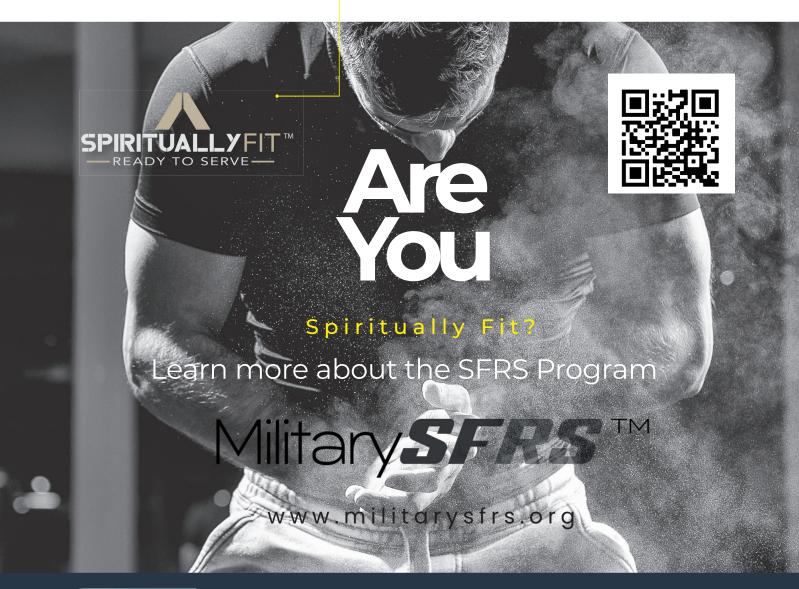
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Go through the same devotional together, through an online website or on a mobile app. For example, going through the same devotion together on YouVersion will allow you to leave comments so you can see what each other is thinking about that day's devotion.





Read to each other over the phone, Facetime, Google Chat, or Zoom, or discuss a book that you've mutually agreed to read. This can work for those discipling a military member or for a couple reading a book to each other.







Plan a trip or experience together. Military tours end and deployed military members eventually come home. Planning a trip is a great way to look forward to time together. You can read "Our Connection," a one-of-a-kind 40-day devotional to help couples connect during military deployment separation, here:

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For Military Ministry of Cru (Cru Military) ealendar year 2021 was a year of moving forward. While our nation and many other world leaders reacted to pandemic and political fears, God was faithful in positioning Cru Military for the future, by reopening many doors to ministry, and even opening a few new ones! We continue to build on new ministry opportunities we established with Drill Instructors, military spouses, and expansions at several current locations.

In our fund development efforts, we are faithfully moving forward with the Retain/Regain/Recruit approach with ministry partners. Travel restrictions began to relax, making our partner and relationship building efforts more effective with in-person visits. God brought increased year-end funding, giving us margin for the ministry expansion that He is positioning us to provide!

We believe 2022 will begin our three-year plan of "ministry advancement." Cru Military's average weekly ministry connections increased by well over 100% from 2020 to 2021! God began providing new Nearly 90% of our annual budget directly supports our ministry operations and missionary teams. The remaining 13% is used for administration and corporate

Direct Missionary Support = 47% Critical Ministry Operations = 40% Administration Costs = 13%

overhead.

2022 budget goal is \$5,500,000

volunteers to help meet this future expansion and growth. With our full ministry advancement team onboard, our reach and connection with financial partners saw a significant increase and impact. We are a remote team located in four different states, and we know any successful ministry advancement team is built upon positive relationships—with each other and with financial partners. Understanding this truth, we have a virtual prayer and praise time together each week which continues to be foundational to our team cohesion and capacity.

Our funding challenge continues, and these blessings from God are but stairsteps to the global ministry God has for Cru Military. As you can see from the graphic our 2022 Budget Goal is \$5.5 million. Nearly 90% of our annual budget directly supports our global missionary staff, who daily take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the military community ... winning them to Jesus Christ, building them in their faith, to send them as multiplying disciples for Christ.

As you read the stories and measures of success throughout this report, you can see 2021 proved to be our year of moving forward, and 2022 begins our three-year-plan of ministry advancement! Please pray every day for our staff, financial partners, but mostly the global military community we serve... many who are in harm's way, every day.

Accepting the Call to Serve

The Jones' accepted the call to serve as the ministry's Interim Executive Directors in July 2021. Prior to this, they served as missionary pastors in Asia, then as Military Ministry volunteers and pastors in Virginia, before coming on as full-time staff in 2009 as our ministry's Global Directors. We hope you'll join our entire ministry team to welcome the Joneses and pray for them as they help lead and guide this ministry moving forward.

diligent in their work, but joyfully engaged in this ministry to which God has called them. The Joneses know their call into ministry leadership squarely rests upon divine and sovereign grace.

there was one verse that could accurately

Directors, Daryl and Martha Jones, it would be Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." On any given day, you'll find Daryl and Martha active and

GETTING TO

Their lives and marriage totally changed after committing themselves to Christ while attending chapel services at Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. Afterward, they felt the Lord calling them as missionaries while still on active-duty, and God's hands have directed and sustained them into many ministry opportunities where they can give back, fully aware of all the Lord has given them! They understand that it is the Lord who has allowed and blessed them to be part of Cru Military, with its global and eternal impact for Christ among their "military people group," whom they have devoted their lives to serving for over 20 years.

"Team Jones," as they are frequently called, are both graduates of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and retired aviators, with over 40 years of combined service flying for the Air Force. Daryl (aka "Bones") served as a



command pilot (F-15) in several command assignments with numerous distinguished graduate awards and honors. Martha is a highly accomplished aviator as a Master Navigator, and has made several history-making achievements, including being among the first ten black women to graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and is a multiple wing-level award winner throughout her career. In their 39 years of marriage, the Lord has blessed them with three amazing children—all now adults living on the east coast.

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