



His Blessing for Standarts Conference

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My testimony will be focused on the Standarts Conference that I have been serving for last 10 years. God blessed me to be participated in this wonderful meeting with wonderful people.

Following on the 2004 AMCF World Conference in Korea, the Lord led MGen (Ret) Kim Young-Duk, then General Secretary of MSO, to Kazan, Tatarstan, Russia, and let him meet with two Russian military Christian officers from Baikanour. They discussed about military Christian meeting. This incident created Central Asia military Christian conference, and took its first step in Feb 2005, with 28 participants from 7 countries—Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadzhikistan, Turkmenistan, Russia (Baikanor) and Korea. Then the question was, “Can a soldier be a Christian?” The answer was “Yes.” Because God had already prepared His people in military for His ministry. It was amazing God’s providence.

I engaged with Standarts Conference in capacity of AMCF VP for EA. My first tour came to the 6th conference which was held at Almaty, Kazakhstan in Apr. 2010. Military Christian participants came from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Russia and Korea. It was the first time for me to meet with Russian speaking people. Central Asia was totally new to me. I was welcomed by them with warm greetings. They were so kind, so passionate and so charming. At this first meeting, we discussed how to call our meeting. We came up with the name as Standarts Conference. Since then, Lord has blessed this conference for military Christian brothers and sisters in the area to meeting together every year either in Almaty or Bishkek. I’ve become a family-like member of these people. In spite of our language barrier, it doesn’t make any problem for me to communicate with them. I still share the wonderful love in Christ with them. For this unique military mission, God gave us faithful MSO missionary and staff, Thomas Kang, Col Chang Yong-Kwan, and Col Ahn Dae-Hee. Beside them, joined ACCTS members, Rick Ryle, and Lee Gables in 2013 and ’14 respectively. Then in 2016 joined new AMCF VP for EA, Andrew Tzeng from Taiwan who was replaced by Lt Gen Lee.

The Standarts Conference has become more internationalized and world class sub-regional meeting. Those MCFs in the region were remarkably progressed in spite of many hardships for military ministry. By using this Standarts platform many potential leaders could be trained by good education program, such as MEO hosted by MSO, and by regular conferences and interactions in Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Mongolia. God also blessed these Standarts leaders to participate in the 2014 World Conference in Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to this World Conference, the AMCF President encouraged world MCF leaders to give offerings within their capacity. When many other countries didn’t even think of it yet, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan MCFs donated their offerings in the first. I still remember their whole-hearted prayers with tears before collecting the offerings during the Standarts Conference. When I delivered that offering to AMCF leadership, they were very much moved. The amount of money was not the matter. The offering made not only pleased our Lord but also surprised the world AMCF leaders with great thanksgiving.

I give thanks to God who blessed Standarts Conference as one of the most active sub-regional meetings in the world. I feel a strong sense that the Lord is looking forward to seeing our improving and growing. We must fulfil this command. We enjoy many cultural commonalities (language, food, habit, etc.) and a strong family-like bond. There’s no such a meeting in the AMCF world like Standarts Conference. It’s very unique and special. Praise the Lord!

But we have a wilderness to breakthrough. To some extent, we have to endure and overcome the difficult environment around us. Israel people had the wrath of God because they complained and grumbled while travelling in the wilderness. We have to count His blessings instead of troubles and hardship. I salute leaders of Standarts MCFs for their great work for God-given military ministry under this situation. You are good soldiers of Christ Jesus!

We could celebrate our 15th Standarts Conference in 2019. God has given Standarts family an ambition of hosting a regional interaction of Central and East Asia. May this dream come true sooner. We are also looking forward to seeing God's work for 2024 World Conference in Brazil. Pray for your leaders to be participated.

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Th. 5: 16-18). Remember, my beloved brothers and sisters, we're all one in Christ Jesus! (Gal. 3:28)

May the grace and peace of our Lord always be with you. With my love in Christ,

