

## God leads me with His words.



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I'd first like to send greetings to brothers of MCF Kazakhstan in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. As I browsed through the internet, I found out only 2% of Kazakh population are Christians. Here in Republic of Korea 20% population are Christians; freedom of religion is guaranteed; and religious activities are allowed without any restrictions. But I can only guess that Kazakh MCF brothers are living their Christian life within various restrictions around.

Although my testimony will not be enough, I'd like to share my experience of God's blessings on me throughout my 30 years of military career, hoping it will bring comfort and joy to my brothers. I graduated from the ROK Naval Academy in 1994 and commissioned as a Marine Corps officer. While I was still a cadet in the Naval Academy, when reading the Bible, thanks to the God's blessing I acknowledged and believed that the Bible's words are the God's words, that the God from the Bible is the one who created this entire universe and he still looks after me. Not only that but also Jesus Christ our Lord has died on the cross for our sins and he still is with me at all time after he has risen from the dead. On my senior year of cadet, I took a midshipman cruise for 3 months period with 3 Naval ships and sailed through 14 countries. Christian cadets gathered together everyday to share the God's words despite we had limited time and space. This became an opportunity for me to realize that God will open up the environment if we wish to do so.

Earlier in my officer year later on, I trained to learn about the Bible's word and to become a closer child to the Jesus. It was 4 hour tripevery Saturday from Pohang to the place called Navigato Missionary Society in Daegu. Even though it was hard during the time it became a root to my Christian life.

While I was taking a role of Company Commander in charge of coastal guard operations, I prayed that I could deliver the faith of Jesus to every memberwhom I met in the Company. Now that I look back he has given me opportunities to bring faith to almost every one of them through guard patrol, interviewing with newly enlisted soldiers, consulting with soldiers having problem adapting the new environment.

I've been working as a KMCF interaction step member since 5 years ago to interactusing the Bible in every unit and command I have worked for. And now while I'm working as an instructor for Naval & Marine field officers (O4 and above) in the Naval College, I share the Bible and God's grace in my office with student officers through MCF interaction every week. Also I am maintainingthe relationship with the brothers who graduated through social media.

I know it will be tough for Kazakh MCF brothers to maintain Christian life in the military. But I have no doubt that our Lord GodAlmighty will lead us to the best way possible if you continue on good works of sharing the Bible's word and gather together. I shall continue to pray for that so as well.

"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."(Joshua 1:8)Shalom!