

MSO NEWSLETTER



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MSO extends a heartfelt appreciation to her members and her supporters who are carrying out our Lord's Great Commission in their global military ministerial works. Below are the MSO's January reports:

1. East Asia Regional Zoom Meeting

 From 13:30 to 15:30 on Saturday, December 12th, Colonel Andrew Tzeng, AMCF VP for the East Asia Region, held a videoconference to discuss matters concerning the AMCF 2024 World Conference. This type of conference was held for the first time in the EA.



- AMCF President, General Weerasooriya, and 17 MCF representatives from Japan, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, and Taiwan participated. From MSO, 5 representatives including its standing advisor Elder Kap-jin Lee participated.
- The meeting was proceeded in the following order: AMCF President gave an opening speech and prayer; the MCF representatives from each country reported on the latest activities; a joint prayer was followed for the missionary works in Mongolia and Central Asia; lastly all the participants discussed ministry activities in the East Asia Region.
- The followings were decided in the conference: (1) the East Asia region will hold a videoconference quarterly (four times a year). The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2021; (2) the final decision about the East Asian regional interaction scheduled for October 2021 will be made around May 2021, taking into account the COVID-19 situation. In addition, a proposal was raised which suggested that taking into account the burden and cost of the host country, the East Asia Interaction be conducted on a biennial basis separately in the East Asia and the Central Asia Regions. A integrated conference would be held once every three years according to this proposal.
- It is tentatively estimated that approximately 20 representatives from the East Asia Region except South Korea would attend the 2024 AMCF World Conference at São Paulo, Brazil. Some 20 representatives from South Korea including MSO, KVMCF, and KMCF members are expected to attend. It was also decided to further discuss financial support for the representatives in need of it.

2. 2020 Closing Worship Service



- On Thursday, December 31st, at 06:30(Korea Standard Time, KST), 2020 Closing Worship Service was held via Zoom video-meeting due to COVID-19, which was usually held as a face-to-face meeting at the Central Military Chapel every year.
- The service was opened by the prayer of the Director of Education Rev. Young-soo Yoon, Chief of the Education Division, which was followed by

the preaching of Rev. Chang-moon Son. Rev. Bong-dae Chung, the Secretary General of MSO presided the service. Rev. Yoon gave in his prayer the thanks to the Lord for guiding MSO to fulfill all the ministerial works planned for this year despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

- In his sermon, Pastor Chang-moon Son emphasized that the mission of the Lord given to MSO to establish MCFs in all countries of the world through the guidance of the Lord must be continued even in the COVID-19 pandemic, like the Israelites making a way in the wilderness and crossing the desert without stopping.
- All MSO officers and members thanked God for completing the missions entrusted to MSO in 2020, and prayed for God and for the country, and for the world military mission as well as for the national military evangelization.

3. 2021 New Year Worship Service

- MSO, despite the Corona 19 pandemic, gave a New Year Service to God through Zoom Meeting, at 06:30, January 7th, with its officers and members, marking the energetic launching of the year 2021.
- The service was presided by Rev. Bong-dae Chung, the Secretary General, with a prayer by the former AMCF Chairman and the MSO standing advisor Elder Phil-sup Lee, and a sermon by Rev. Sung-dong Jeon. Lastly, an introductory film to anghwajin Foreign Missionary Cemetry was broadcasted.
- Elder Phil-sup Lee said, in prayer, that the COVID-19 pandemic would continue in 2021, but all MSO members should pray and preach the gospel together to achieve God's vision and mission, remembering the lives of missionaries buried in Yanghwajin.
- Rev. Sung-dong Jeon preached in his sermon that the Lord's commandment could not be stopped, so in 2021, all MSO officers should go forward with the faith and courage with which Moses and his mother foresaw the future and advanced bravely.
- Annually, MSO officers and members had visited Yanghwajin to have a new year service and begin their ministry of the year. However, this year, due to the corona situation, they instead watched Yanghwajin introductory film, reflecting the difficult modern history of Korean people. With the heart of the debtor, all the attendees pledged to perform the MSO's ministerial tasks for 2021.

4. News from Russia and the former Soviet Union Countries



- The air route was opened last October, and we visited the Russian Churches co-working with us to exchange the Word and the experiences of it with each other. The discipleship training in the former Soviet Union countries also began with mutual encouragement. The Russian congregation was in constant meeting even in the pandemic situation and we could happily confirm on the site that they were preserving their faith in the hope that COVID-19 would pass soon.
- From mid-November to December 18th, using one-on-one discipleship training textbooks in Kiev for the first time, 6 MCF leaders completed the nurturing course, heralding the birth of local MCF leader training graduates. We hoped that the leaders who received discipleship training would become the preachers of the Gospel to revitalize MCFs in this difficult situation.

• We decided to start the online leader training course from January to March 2021 with the purpose of delegating the ministry training course to local MCF leaders in order to overcome the COVID-19 situation. In addition, we are planning visits and encouragement, discipleship training, and assembly activities at the training centers in Russia and Central Asian countries for the first and second half of the year, respectively. We are anticipating a lot of encouragements and prayers from you.

5. Appreciation for Sponsorship

- The Division of Military Missions of Immanuel Church (Chief Pastor Jeong-guk Kim/located in Songpa-gu, Seoul) has decided to provide regular support of 900 dollars (one million won) for "Cambodia MSO Cooperation Missionary Mahanaim Mission Center Operation."
- MSO's officers and members appreciated Immanuel Church for its decision. This support will be a great help to MSO's ministry in carrying out the Lord's Great Commission through establishing MCFs in all countries in the world, especially in a situation where mission support is severely limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. MSO Major Activity for 2021

	Major Activities	Remarks
Jan.	 06:30, Thu, 7 Jan.: New Year's Worship Service (Zoom Meeting) 10:30, Sun, 10 Jan.: MSO's World Military Mission Ministry Thanksgiving Worship/Ministry Report (Central Military Chapel/Online) 10:30, Sat, 30 Jan.: MSO New Year's Retreat 	■ Prayer Meeting (10:00, every week) ■ MSO Thursday Prayer Meeting / P&P(06:30) ■ Joint Breakfast Service/ Related Organizations ■ Coordination Meeting (First Wednesday of every month /05:30) ■ KMCF/MSO Joint Service (last Thursday of every month /06:00)
Feb.	■ Jan~Mar: Discipleship Training in the former Soviet Union Countries (Ukraine /on-line)	
Mar.	■ MEO program 2021 participant final confirmation/invitation letter sent	
Apr.	 Apr~Jun: Discipleship training in the former Soviet Union countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan) 	
May	 May~Jun: Discipleship Training in 4 Indochina countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) 	
Jun.	 Mon, 21 Jun~Mon, 28 Jun: MEO (Military Evangelism Observation) Program 2021 Thu, 24 Jun~Sat, 26 Jun: KMCF National Prayer Convention in remembrance of the Korean War 	
July	■ Central Asia Stan-Dart Competition	
Aug.	 Cambodia English Camp (Central Military Chapel / Australian Adelaide Church) Foreign Cadets' Battlefield Visit and Cultural Tour programs (Military, Naval, Air Force Academies) 	
Sep.	 MSO officers' special prayer meeting and interaction Discipleship training in the former Soviet Union countries, the 2nd half of the year 	
Oct.	■ ACCTS Staff Meeting ■ East Asia Interaction (Taiwan) ■ AMCF World Prayer Day	
Nov.	 MSO World Military Mission Ministry Thanksgiving Worship/Ministry Report Discipleship Training for Foreign Military Christians in Korea (FMC-K) (Army/Naval/Air Force Colleges, National Defense University) 	
Dec.	■ Thu. 30 Dec. : Closing Worship Service 2021	

7. Prayer Requests

- Pray for God's compassion and prompt recovery for the people in Korea and other countries suffering from COVID-19.
- Pray for the Lord's guidance in the World Military Mission Thanksgiving Service and MSO Ministry Report (10:30 Sunday, 10 Jan. / Central Military Chapel)
- Pray that all the MSO officers will participate in the MSO New Year's Retreat (Saturday, 30 January 2021) and will pray to the Lord that the activities of the AMCF planned for 2021 will fulfill God's will.
- Pray that the COVID-19 pandemic will disappear, so that discipleship trainings planned for the first half in the former Soviet Union countries and the four Indochina countries, and MEO programs in June will be normally planned, prepared, and executed.
- Pray for the close cooperation among and between the AMCF President General Weerasoorya, the Presidential Bench, Brazilian MCF and the Preparatory Committee, and 3 PSOs (ACCTS of USA, MMI of UK, MSO of Korea) when they prepare for the 2024 AMCF World Conference in Brazil.
- Pray for the MSO cooperative missionaries in Cambodia, the former Soviet Union, Central Asia, and the Middle East, who are facing difficulties in missionary work abroad because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Pray that the Japanese Self-Defense Forces Military Mission Church will be established this year to revitalize its MCF.
- Pray for the 2021 MSO's world military mission ministry and its members to carry out the Lord's Great Commission.
- May the Lord bless both churches and sponsors who pray for and support the ministry of the MSO.



But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world(Acts1:8)

Until the Military Christian Fellowship (MCF) is established in the armed forces of every country in the world, MSO ministry continues!

