

# 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 March reports:

# 1. Preparing online curriculums for MSO World Military Missionary Ministry

- In order to overcome the COVID-19 situation and adapt to the changing educational environment, the curriculum and instructor arrangements have been renewed so that all curriculums planned by MSO can be taught on-line.
- The main lecturer and the assistant lecturer were newly organized in each education subject. They will be able to participate and support the education and training programs of MSO and other institutions throughout the year. The instructors in charge are also preparing for face-to-face lectures and on-line ones.
- When the preparation for education is completed by the end of March as scheduled, these lecturers will be committed to the MEO Program which invites representative Christian soldiers from countries where MCFs are not yet established or their activities are weak, and to the discipleship training for MCF leaders of Indochina and Central Asian countries.
- In addition, they will be actively utilized in various educational programs planned by MSO, such as the discipleship training programs for foreign military officers and cadets studying at Korea National Defense University, Service Staff Colleges, and Service Academies.

## 2. The modified articles of incorporation of MSO approved

- Article 5 on the six functions of MSO's ministry activities was revised with redefining them as ① Prayer and Worship ② Evangelism and Visits ③ Meetings & Conferences ④ Communicating and Fellowship ⑤ Teaching and Encouraging ⑥ Cooperating and Supporting.
- Paragraph 5 of Article 5, Education and Encouragement, newly specifies that MSO will invite the MCF leaders of the relevant country to help or revitalize the establishment of MCFs in that country, or will invite foreign military students and officials in Korea to educate them, if necessary, for the same purpose.

# 3. Election of the new MSO auditor

• Elder Song, Ko-sung who served as the Director of the MSO Audit Office for 8 years retired, and Pastor Shin, Dong-taek was approved as the new auditor at the MSO General Meeting on January 30. He began his work as of January 30, 2021.



• The newly elected auditor Pastor Shin expressed his resolution that he would perform his job with prayers and do his best to develop the ministry of MSO under God's guidance.

## 4. AMCF Presidential Bench Meetings

- On February 20 and 27, online conferences were held to discuss current issues of each national MCFs and AMCF Regions under the chairmanship of the AMCF President, General Weerasooriya.
- The February 20 meeting was attended by the representatives of 3 PSOs and the regional Vice Presidents (VPs) from the clusters of Africa, Asia, Europe and the Pacific. The February 27 meeting was attended by the VPs of North, Central and South America, the regional VPs who were unable to attend the first meeting, and the representatives of the 3 PSOs.
- During the meeting, the President expressed his gratitude for continuing missionary ministries and sharing information through the on-line meetings even in the COVID-19 situation. National MCFs we



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- The President also invited active participation of military Christian leaders around the world including VPs to the committees for the preparation of the 2024 World Conference in Brazil.
- In addition, as the COVID-19 vaccines began to be distributed around the world, all the participants prayed to God in unity so that it would be a year for normal ministry activities such as face-to-face meetings for Christian soldiers from around the world.

# 5. MSO's Major Ministry Activities in March

- Confirmation of 2021 MEO-P participants, instructor training preparation, and Sending out MEO-P basic plan Final decision on whether MEO-P will be held in June 2021 (by MSO P&P on March 18)
- Participating in the theme discussion for the 2024 AMCF World Conference: at 15:30, March 6 (Zoom Meeting)
- AMCF Interaction P&P 4th Meeting at 22:30, March 15 (GoToMeeting)
- East Asia Regional Meeting (2nd) at 13:30, March 20 (Zoom Meeting)
- MSO Bureau of World Mission's Devotion Worship at 06:30, March 25 (Zoom Meeting)
- 6th P&P for 2024 AMCF World Conference at 21:00, March 26 (GoToMeeting)
- · Discipleship training in Ukraine: to be continued on-line

#### 6. Prayer Requests

#### ♦ For the AMCF world military missionary ministry

- Pray that national MCFs will be established as soon as possible in 46 countries where MCFs have not yet been established among 196 countries around the world.
- Pray that there will be filled with the wisdom of God in the P&P for the 2024 World Conference conducted by AMCF President Weerasooriya and his Presidential Bench.
- Pray for more Christian military leaders to participate in the Brazilian MCF (UMCEB) and the Preparatory Committees preparing for the 2024 World Conference.
- For ACCTS, MMI, and MSO who are planning, preparing and cooperating to cultivate world Christian military leaders through AMCF Interaction.
- For the regional conferences and interactions including the European Military Christian Meeting (April), Central Asia Regional Conference (July), South American Regional Conference (July), East Asia Interaction (October), and Africa Regional Conference (October) to be held smoothly and as scheduled, overcoming the still threatening COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Pray that the situation in Myanmar, where democracy is threatened by the military coup, is quickly normalized.

### **♦** For MSO ministry activities

- Pray for MSO' major 2021 educational and training programs including MEO-Program, English Camp, and various discipleship trainings such as Indochina Cornelius Discipleship Training, those in Ukraine, Russia, and Central Asian Countries, and those for foreign Christian officers and cadets in Korea to be conducted as planned.
- Pray for the instructors of all the subjects planned by MSO to be well prepared for the on-line education and training.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide MSO to the best decision when it will make the final decision on the date of the 2021 MEO-P implementation and will confirm its participants through P&P.
- Pray for the director of the Bureau of World Mission and his regional teams when they prepare for their devotion service via on-line on March 25.
- Pray for the participants and instructors of the discipleship training which will be conducted on-line for the MCF members of Ukraine.
- Pray for MSO to actively promote its world military missionary activities at the "Korean Missionary World Conference" to be held at Handong University in July, 2021.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help double the number of regular sponsoring churches and individuals for the MSO ministry.