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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 April reports:

**MSO NEWSLETTER** 

- 1. The 2021 MEO Program (MEO-P) Postponed from June to October.
  - MSO discussed through the online P&P on March 18 whether or not the 2021 MEO-P could be conducted from June 21 to 28 as scheduled.
  - Despite the worldwide vaccination, the COVID-19 Pandemic situation continues. In addition, the World Health Organization (WHO) analyzed that the pandemic will not end until the end of this year, and the vaccination in individual countries will continue until 2023.
  - Entry bans, quarantine measures, and quarantine reinforcements are continuing in almost all countries around the world including the 17 countries of the MEO-P expected participants. Moreover visa issuance and free travel around the world are still strictly restricted. Considering these facts, MSO drew the conclusion that it would be impossible to hold this year's MEO-P in June, and it should be postponed to October.
  - Accordingly, MSO notified this decision to the participants. Whether to implement MEO-P on October 11~18 will be decided through P&P in June.
  - In case that face-to-face MEO-P is not possible in October, MSO will pay much attention to preparing for the online MEO-P with praying continually.

#### 2. MSO World Mission Bureau Devotion Service Held

- MSO is to have devotion worship services Bureau by Bureau this year in order to establish a creative work system following the recent reorganization.
- The World Missions Bureau's devotion service was held online on March 25 in the following order: part 1 prayer meeting, part 2 weekly ministry report, and part 3 P&P. Col(R) Chang Yong-kwan, director of the World Missions Bureau, reported the bureau's missionary activities so far and a plan to help establish an MCF in a country that does not have one.



- For this year, the World Mission Bureau established 10 major projects, including close cooperation with domestic and international mission agencies, active communication with MSO cooperative missionaries who are working around the world, and participation in regional and national MCF conferences.
- In order to effectively promote the planned activities, the World Mission Bureau decided to strengthen the cooperation with the AMCF Regional Vice Presidents and the presidents and leaders of national MCFs, and to encourage its regional teams to actively communicate with their counterparts.
- The team leaders of World Missions Bureau are expected to actively participate in MCF conferences and mission-related meetings held in respective clusters and countries.
- In addition, to help establish an MCF in a country that still does not have one, the World Missions Bureau decided to focus its efforts on finding contact persons among the past MEO-P participants and Korean civilian missionaries dispatched to the respective countries.

#### 3. MSO Central Asian Team Attended a Central Asian Regional Meeting.

- On March 13, a regional meeting was held online with MCF leaders from Central Asian countries and MSO representatives.
- The meeting was attended by Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan MCF Presidents and other leaders, MSO's Standing Advisor LtGen Lee Kap-jin, Mission Bureau Director Col Chang Yong-kwan, and Central Asian Team Leader Col Ahn Dae-hee.
- Kyrgyzstan: its MCF continues to meet regularly once a month, and although the COVID-19 situation is still serious, it continues the online



- Bible study and mutual information sharing every two weeks.
- Tajikistan MCF: Since there has not been a confirmed COVID-19 case since last December, the church has been conducting normal worship services since February. The four branch leaders of its MCF were selected to help conduct its ministerial activities.
- Preparation for the Central Asian Regional Conference: Due to the uncertain COVID-19 situation, various alternative plans for the Central Asian Regional Conference were proposed such as a plan to hold it in Kyrgyzstan in early September, a plan to proceed it online, and a plan to carry it out by each country. The participants decided to make a final decision in early June after holding two more online meetings while continuing to pray to find the best way.

#### 4. East Asia Interaction Will Be Conducted Online on September 25th.

- On March 20th, an online meeting organized by Col Andrew Tzeng (Taiwan), AMCF Vice President for the East Asia Region, was held to discuss this year's East Asia interaction.
- The MCF presidents and leaders from the countries in East Asia, including Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, and MSO representatives attended.
- The meeting decided to conduct the East Asia Interaction online on September 25th.
- In addition, MSO was asked to support two instructors to the Interaction.

## 5. The Theme for AMCF World Conference 2024 was Selected: Isaiah 60:1 (Arise, shine, for your light has come!)

- A preparatory meeting for Brazilian World Conference 2024 was held online on March 26 hosted by General Weerasooriya, the AMCF President.
- This meeting adopted Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come" as the theme for the Brazilian World Conference 2024.



· Considering the still threatening COVID-19 situation, the Brazilian World Conference Preparatory Committee proposed 14 prayer topics and requested that all Christian soldiers around the world pray together for the conference.

### 6. MSO Participated in the South Africa Regional Prayer Meeting and Sought to Promote Cooperative Ministry in the Region.

• The South Africa Prayer Meeting was held on March 10 with the participation of MCF leaders from South African countries and representatives of MMI and MSO under the chairmanship of Captain Peter Louwrens, AMCF Vice President for the South African Region.

• This prayer meeting is held on monthly basis to revitalize MCFs in South Africa. African Team

- Leader Yoon Moon-soo and Deputy Lee Hyun-chul of MSO participated to solidify the communication to and enhance the cooperation with MCFs in Africa.
- The participants agreed to closely cooperate for overcoming the COVID-19 Pandemic situation, for establishing an MCF in Zimbabwe, where the MCF is not yet established, for assisting Zambia and Malawi where MCF activities are weak, and for the South African Regional Conference to be held in October.



# 7. Prayer Requests

### ♦ For the AMCF

- Pray that MCFs will be established as soon as possible in 46 countries which do not have their own MCFs yet.
- Pray for Brazil preparing for the World Conference 2024:
  - For AMCF President General Weerasooriya and his Presidential Bench, Brazilian MCF (UMCEB), the World Conference Preparatory Committee and 3PSOs to cooperate closely as one in Christ. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and to guide them.
  - Pray for the quick improvement of the COVID-19 Pandemic situation in Brazil.
- Pray for the ACCTS, MMI and MSO Combined Preparatory Committee working to resume AMCF Global Interaction this year.
- Pray for the European Military Christian Meeting (EMCM) to be held online on 24 April.
- For Myanmar: For the safety of the civilians and soldiers, especially Christian soldiers, policemen and women, and their families in this country; for the situation to be stabilized quickly.
- For Tajikistan: For ensuring sufficient funds for the MCF's Taj Mahal Mission Center construction and for veterans' meetings, seminars, and mission trips to be secured to continue their military ministerial activities.

## • For the MSO

- Pray for 2021 MEO-P to be conducted satisfactorily in October as planned; May the Lord give wisdom to the lecturers of each subject who are preparing face-to-face and online education for MEO-P simultaneously.
- Pray for the MCFs of the former Soviet Union and Indochina countries to find effective ways to carry out the planned discipleship trainings in the COVID-19 Pandemic situation.
- Pray for the Education and Training Bureau's devotion service (May 27) and the Domestic Operations Bureau's (June 24) to be properly prepared.
- Pray for the MSO to actively promote the AMCF missionary activities at the World Korean Missionary Conference to be held from July 13 to 16.
- Pray for the MSO staff to find committed and capable contact persons in the countries where MCFs are not yet established among the personnel who participated in the MEO-P in the past or the local Korean missionaries and Korean churches.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the MSO "Education Team for the Foreign Soldiers in Korea" when they are preparing for discipleship training to foreign soldiers in Korea and foreign cadets studying in Korean service academies.
- Pray that preparations for the Central Asian Regional Conference postponed to September and the East Asian Interaction scheduled for September 25 are smoothly carried out.
- Ask the Lord to double the number of regular sponsor churches and sponsors for MSO ministry.

