



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 May reports:

**MSO NEWSLETTER** 

- 1. Confirmation of the schedule for the discipleship training for Foreign Military Christians and Cadets in Korea (FMC-K 2021)
  - The MSO will conduct discipleship training for foreign military officers and cadets studying at ROK service colleges, National Defense University, and service academies.
  - This discipleship training is intended to help the participants to establish their MCFs and act as leaders after returning to their countries equipped with missionary enthusiasm and MCF leader qualifications.
  - The discipleship training was decided to be conducted concurrently online and face-to-face for the first time in consideration of the COVID-19 situation.
  - Firstly, the discipleship training to National Defense University and service academies (Military, Naval, and Air Force) students will be held during the summer vacation period, two days of on-line training (July 24 and Jul 31) and 3 days of face-to-face meeting (Aug 6~Aug 8).
  - Secondly, the discipleship training for service colleges' (Army, Naval, Air Force) foreign students will be conducted online for 2 days (Aug 21 and Aug 28) and for 3 days of face-to-face meeting (Sep 3~Sep 5).
  - Detailed plans for training time schedules, subjects and instructors will be further developed, separately for online and face-to-face training.

# 2. East Asian Interaction Online Scheduled on September 25th

- The East Asia Interaction, which is being prepared by the Taiwanese MCF, is scheduled to be held from 12:30 to 17:00 (Taiwan Time) on September 25, as decided by P&P last month.
- During the period, the education and training programs will be conducted in the order of personal testimony, inductive Bible study (IBS), conversational prayer (CP), biblical leadership, and country-specific reports.
- All participants are expected to watch the designated lecture videos in advance, and participate in the group discussion for each subject on Sep 25.
- The MSO will provide some instructors to the interaction, and will select KMCF, KVMCF and MSO participants by the end of May.

# 3. The 2021 Central Asian Regional Conference (STAN-DART) Being Held in Kyrgyzstan in September

- On April 10, the MCF leaders of Central Asian countries and MSO representatives held an online conference.
- It was decided that in case the Kyrgyzstan National Conference is held in September, the Central Asian Regional Conference would be held at the same time and place.
- In this case, it was suggested that representatives of the countries who could participate should participate face-to-face, and if unable to participate, participate online.
- Image: Sector sector
- It was also decided that the President of Kyrgyzstan MCF, the host MCF, would develop the detailed plan for the conference which will be discussed and refined at the next meeting on May 21.
- It was agreed that the theme for the conference would be also selected at the next meeting.

## 4. A MSO Representative Participated in the European Military Christian Meeting (EMCM)

- From 17:00 to 22:00 on Saturday, April 24, the European Military Christian Meeting (EMCM) was held online with 56 people including MCF leaders from 25 European countries, related VPs and the representatives of 3 PSOs.
- For the MSO, Rev. Shin, Dong-taek, the European Team Leader, attended.
- Held under the theme of the Rest and Spiritual Restoration of MCFs, this conference was presided by Mike Terry, Vice President of South & Central Europe.
- This meeting was proceeded in the order of the current status reports by participating country representatives, education of designated subjects, and Pray & Plan.
- Through this meeting, the cooperative ministry of the MSO with Vice-Chairmen of Europe, MCF leaders of European countries, and MMI has been enhanced further.

#### 5. Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic for MSO ministry

- 1) Despite the global Corona crisis, prayer and worship activities have been conducted online. The MSO Thursday Prayer Meeting and P&Ps (06:30) converted to online meetings from August 27, 2020, the Secretariat Tuesday Prayer Meetings, and other discussions on current issues are transformed into major ministry activities of the MSO in which all MSO executives are now actively participating, thanks to advanced IT technology.
- 2) Many meetings and conferences were canceled in the early days of the COVID-19. However, online meetings and conferences have been increased and diversified. This year, the AMCF Presidential Bench meetings to prepare for the 2024 Brazilian World Conference, preparation of the Central Asian Regional Conference to revitalize the MCFs in the Central Asia, and the preparation of interactions to nurture MCF leaders in the East Asian region have been or will be conducted without a hitch through online meeting program.
- 3) Education and encouraging ministry activities are steadily prepared without giving up. 2021 MEO Program, both face-to-face and online, and the discipleship training for foreign military Christian soldiers and cadets (FMC-K 2021) are being prepared. In a nutshell, more challenging education and training ministries are in progress.
- 4) MSO Cooperation and Support activities, specially mutual visits to the 3 PSOs, were restricted. The restrictions, nevertheless, managed to be overcome, and the mission capacity of MSO is further strengthened by actively cooperating through online meetings whenever necessary.
- 5) Communication and social activities have also increased even more in the COVID-19 situation, and their methods have also been diversified. Mutual ministry activities are actively shared through newsletters, homepages, and SNS. Online communication and fellowship activities are also significantly changing by sharing prayer topics of each country and organization.

#### 6. AMCF Global Interaction decided to be held in Croatia from October 10th to 14th

- On April 19th, the AMCF Global Interaction Preparatory Committee working-level meetings were held online with the representatives of ACCTS, MMI and MSO attending.
- The Global Interaction, AMCF's young leader training program, was decided to be held as a face-to-face meeting where participants directly participate in the interactional activities.
- The Interaction will be held in Croatia from October 10th to October 14th.



## 7. Korean Military Christian Fellowship (KMCF) Online Ministry Activities



- KMCF members hold a monthly combined morning service online at 06:00 on the first Saturday of every month, attended by more than 200 MCF members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to become loyal workers "for God and for the country." At this month's meeting, all of the attendees prayed together so that the military missions, which had been shrunken by the COVID-19, would be normalized as soon as possible.
- On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays, the combined MCF meeting is held at 06:00 on line hosted by one service (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps) at a time. The Saturday Joint Prayer Meeting is a gathering of some 80 MCF members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to pray for the expansion of God's Kingdom through the spiritual activities of Christian soldiers.



### 8. MSO's Major Ministry Activities in May

- Every Tuesday 06:30~08:00: Secretariat Tuesday prayer meeting and discussion on current issues (online)
- Every Thursday 06:30~08:00: Weekly Prayer Meeting and Pray & Plan (Online)
- May 6 (Thu): Visit to KWMA (Korean World Missionaries Association); Secretary General, Chief of World Missions, Director of Mission Office
- May 17: AMCF Interaction Preparatory Committee Meeting (Online)
- May 21 (Fri): P&P (online) to prepare for the Central Asian Regional Conference
- May 27 (06:30~08:00): Education and Training Bureau's Commitment Service (online)
- Continual preparation for 2021 MEO Program and 2021 FMC-K (both online and face-to-face meetings, simultaneously)
- The selection of KMCF, KVMCF, and MSO representatives to participate in the East Asian Interaction by May 31
- Preparation for disciple training in Indochina and in the former Soviet Union countries

### 9. 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 (especially, Zimbabwe in Africa, Brunei in Southeast Asia, Micronesia in the Pacific, Turkey in Northeast Europe).
  - ② Pray 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 for the preparation of AMCF World Conference 2021. Ask the Lord to give them wisdom and to guide them.
  - ③ Pray for the quick improvement of the COVID-19 Pandemic situation in Brazil.
  - ④ Pray for the ACCTS, MMI and MSO Combined Preparatory Committee working to resume AMCF Global Interaction this year.

- **(5)** Pray that the East Asian Interaction Online on September 25th will be prepared and implemented without disruption.
- **(6)** Pray for the safety of the military units of India and its MCF members who are desperately struggling with the COVID-19.
- For the MSO
  - Pray that the MSO will overcome the COVID-19 Pandemic and prepare for 2021 MEO-Program (online as well as face-to-face). Pray for the fullness of God's wisdom and grace to its staff and instructors.
  - ② Pray that many foreign military officers and cadets will participate in the discipleship training program of FMC-K 2021.
  - ③ Pray that the members of the Education and Training Bureau and the Domestic Operations Bureau are united as one and given new strength to fulfill the mission wisely through the dedicated services of the Education and Training Bureau (May 27) and the Domestic Operations Bureau (June 24).
  - ④ Pray that the MSO can actively promote AMCF ministry activities at the Korean World Missionary Conference to be held on July 13~16.
  - **(5)** Pray for the Preparation of the East Asian Interaction Online on September 25th. Please Pray to the Lord to have a large number of people attend the interaction.
  - **(6)** Pray that the September Central Asian Regional Conference (STAN-DART) is well prepared face-to-face and online.
  - ⑦ Pray that Indochina Cornelius discipleship training and the discipleship training in former Soviet countries will be actively implemented.
  - (a) Pray that the number of the regular sponsoring churches and supporters for MSO ministry will increase continuously.

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!

