

# 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 June reports:

- 1. "The Foreign Military Christians in Korea" Interaction (FMC-K Interaction) to Be Held in Aug and Sept
  - FMC-K Interaction, hosted by MSO, will be held twice, respectively in August and September for foreign Christian officers and cadets studying in the Korean Armed Forces.
  - FMC-K Interaction will be conducted online for 2 days (at home) and face-to-face training for 2 nights and 3 days (in Jeju Island).
  - The online part will focus on nurturing world Christian military leaders by providing such subjects as AMCF/MSO introduction, leadership and military ethics, and the development of Korean Christianity and military missions. The face-to-face interaction will be conducted with the aim to develop the participants so that they can work as small group leaders.
  - Upon completion of this course, the participants are expected to be nurtured as AMCF junior leaders, and to greatly contribute to the activities of the Military Christian Fellowships (MCFs) of their own countries after returning home.
- 2. The Education and Training Bureau Held a Dedication Service and Strengthened its Missionary Capability through it
  - The Education and Training Bureau held a dedication service on May 27th with MSO officers and members participating online. It was followed by the Bureau's ministry reports.
  - In the dedication service, Elder Jong-gu Lee, the Education and Training Planning Team leader, prayed for the Bureau's team leaders and deputies to be God-centered and faithful servants.
  - In the sermon, Senior Pastor Gwang-sang Lim of Suncheon Dream Church put an emphasis on the importance of AMCF missionary work, which is expanding the boundaries of the God-given promised land.
  - The dedication service gave the Education and Training Bureau an opportunity to strengthen solidarity among its co-workers and enhanced the capacity to plan and prepare major MSO education and training programs and thus actively support MSO ministries.
- 3. Missionary Ministry News from the Eastern European and Central Asian Countries
  - MSO cooperative missionaries working in the Eastern European and Central Asian Countries conducted online Christian military discipleship trainings for the Kiev and Nur-Sultan teams from January to May. It was also reported that the training for Christian soldiers in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan would start in June.
  - It was asked to pray for MSO cooperative missionaries who are striving to nurture military christian leaders through online and/or offline education in the field, and to pray that COVID-19 cases be decreased rapidly in the region so that church meetings can be held freely and ministries can be done safely.



### 4. 2021 Central Asia Regional Conference (STAN-DART) to Be Held in Kyrgyzstan on July 24

- The 3rd Central Asian Regional Online Meeting on May 21 decided that the 2021 Central Asian Regional Conference would be held on July 24 (Saturday) at the Pentecostal Church in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- The Kyrgyzstan MCF in turn decided to make it a face-to-face meeting for its own members. MSO and other national MCF members will be allowed to attend the convention online, making it a regional one.
- The conference will proceed in the order of opening worship, sermons, special lectures, inductive Bible studies, interactive prayers, individual testimonies, communion, and closing worship.
- The conference will be regarded as the first regional conference to be held simultaneously online and offline, overcoming the COVID-19 Pandemic.



- From July 13 (Tue) to 16 (Fri), the 2021 Korean World Missionary Conference, a meeting of Korean missionaries active in 200 countries around the world, will be held online and offline at Handong University in the port city of Pohang, Korea, hosted by the Korean World Missionary Fellowship (KWMF).
- MSO decided to install a promotion booth to introduce AMCF and MSO ministerial activities to
  the participating missionaries. MSO, incessantly seeking the effective ways to establish MCFs in
  countries where MCFs are not established yet, and to revitalize MCFs in countries where their
  activities are weak, hopes to cooperate with Korean missionaries overseas to achieve these objectives.
- At the conference, Elder Phil-sup Lee, retired Army General and former President of AMCF, will
  introduce AMCF and MSO ministry activities face-to-face. Yong-kwan Chang, Director of World
  Missions Bureau, will be in charge of the operation of the promotion booth.
- The promotion activity is expected to bring MSO a good opportunity to find committed and able
  missionaries who are willing to co-work with MSO in the military missionary ministry, and will help
  revitalize its MCF establishing endeavors around the world.

6. MSO Presented its Women Ministry Policy to the Central Military Chapel (CMC) Branch of the Korean Veteran Christian Women's Fellowship (KVCWF)

- On May 20th, MSO Secretary General Rev. Bong-dae Chung briefed on the current status and the women ministry of MSO to the 15 executive officers of the Central Military Chapel branch of KVCWF at their monthly service.
- Among the attendees was Deaconess Song-gi Baek, the President of the association, who has also served MSO as the deputy leader of the women operation team from this year.
- The Secretary General suggested a desirable direction of MSO's women team ministry, expecting a more expanded cooperation with KVCWF, specially with its CMC branch, in the world military missionary ministry.

## 7. MSO Officers Paid a Visit to the Korea World Missions Association (KWMA)

 On May 6, MSO Secretary General Rev. Bong-dae Chung, Director of the World Mission Bureau Yong-kwan Chang, and Director of Overseas Missions Office Jang-song Lee visited the Korea World Missions Association (KWMA), the largest mission organization in Korea which includes more than 140 missionary organizations of 15 denominations.

Secretary General Rev. Dae-heung Kang of the KWMA
welcomed the visitors on behalf of KWMA and proposed a cooperative ministry with MSO. They
agreed to further discuss the matters concerning the mutual cooperation.





 MSO has opened a good way to contact KWMA missionaries who are currently working in the countries where MCFs are not established yet.

### 8. Prayer Requests

- For the AMCF
  - ① 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 where the AMCF World Conference-2024 will be held.
  - 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 well prepared and implemented without disruption.
  - ⑤ Pray for 3 PSO officers and leaders to carry out the AMCF ministry with the wisdom and power of the Lord.
  - 7) Pray that the Myanmar situation will be resolved as soon as possible so that Christian soldiers and police can overcome difficult times well.

#### For the MSO

- 1) Pray that the visit of KWMA executives to the MSO office will help promote the cooperation between the two organizations significantly (Jun 10).
- 2 Pray for the team leaders and deputy leaders to be united as one through the dedication service of the Bureau of Domestic Operations (Jun 24) so as to perform their assigned missions wisely.
- ③ Pray that MSO will actively promote MSO/AMCF ministerial activities at the Korean World Missionary Conference (Jul 13~16).
- 4 Pray that the Interaction for the Foreign Military Christians in Korea (FMC-K; August and September) is well prepared and will be implemented without disruption due to COVID-19.
- ⑤ Pray for many Christian military leaders to attend the Central Asian Regional Conference Online (Jul 24).
- 6 May God's wisdom be with the instructors who are preparing for 2021 MEO-P (face-to-face and / or online; Oct 11~18).
- 7 Pray that the number of regular sponsoring churches and supporters for the MSO ministries will be doubled.
- For the Evangelization of the armed forces of the Eastern European and Central Asian Countries
  - 1) Pray that conferences and Bible schools will be held as scheduled at the Oka River Training Center in 2021.
  - 2 Pray that the COVID-19 cases will be so reduced in this region as to make various church activities free and safe.
  - 3 Pray for the smooth operations of online/offline meetings for Christian soldiers in Bishkek.
  - Pray that many Christian military leaders will be nurtured through Bishkek discipleship training.
- For the Central Asian Countries
  - ① Kyrgyzstan: to prepare well for the 2021 STAN-DART Conference and to conduct it graciously
  - ② The conflict between Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan is to be terminated early and to maintain stability.
  - 3 Turkmenistan: that economic difficulties will be overcome and that the country will be reborn as a just country
  - (4) Kazakhstan: that the MCF will be further revitalized through the publication of the Bible and the events planned to comfort war veterans
  - (5) Uzbekistan: To overcome the difficult environments caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, and to normalize MCF activities

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)