



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:

**MSO NEWSLETTER** 

#### 1. 2021 MEO-P finally decided to be conducted online in October

- MSO decided to cancel the face-to-face MEO Program and conduct online as the COVID-19 situation has not improved sufficiently for the face-to-face meeting despite each country's vaccination development. It was decided through P&P on June 17th. The program will be conducted twice in October.
- The first online MEO-P will be held from Oct 11 (Mon) to 13 (Wed) for 11 people from 7 African countries.
- The second round will be from Oct 14 (Thu) to 16 (Fri) with 17 people from 11 countries in other regions in consideration of the time difference.
- Its detailed schedule and implementation method (Zoom or YouTube) will be determined and notified later. After considering local conditions and listening to diverse opinions, MSO will make preparations without any setbacks so that an effective online program can be implemented.

## 2. MSO had the first half of the year's ministry thanksgiving service and conducted the half year ministry report.

• The first half of the year's MSO ministry thanksgiving service and the ministry report were held on Saturday, July 3rd, at the 100th Anniversary Memorial Hall of the Korean Church. 87 people, including MSO officers and representatives of related organizations, attended with observing the COVID-19 quarantine rules. The service was conducted face-to-face.



- The 1st part, the thanksgiving service, was led by Secretary
- General Chung, Bong-dae with the representative prayer by Elder Moon, Sung-chul, Assistant of the Foreign Military Christians in Korea Team, and a sermon by Senior Pastor Kim, Jeong-guk of Immanuel Church. The MSO Men's Quartet and the Solideo Men's Choir offered special praises to the Lord.
- In the second part, the MSO Chairman Park, Nam-pil delivered a welcoming speech where he asked for active prayers and participation in the second half of the year mentioning that the first half was a preparation period for upcoming ministries.
- Secretary General Pastor Chung, Bong-dae reported that despite the COVID-19 situation, the MSO carried out its ministry in the first half without any setbacks, and suggested that all the officers and members of the MSO do their best in the second half of the year to carry out the global military missionary ministries with concerted efforts.
- The 3rd part was reserved for breakfast and fellowship in which each Bureau reviewed what they did and discussed what they should carry out in the second half of the year.

### 3. Pray & Plan in preparation for the Brazilian AMCF World Conference 2024 (online)

- The Pray and Plan in the preparation for the Brazilian World Conference 2024 was held on June 25 online hosted by AMCF President General Weerasooriya. The delegates of the WC Preparatory Committee, the Brazilian MCF (UMCEB), and 3 PSOs (ACCTS, MMI, and MSO), along with the South American VP, participated in the P&P.
- From the MSO, Chairman Park, Nam-pil, Senior Advisor Lee, Kap-jin, Secretary General Chung, Bong-dae, and Mission Director Lee, Jang-song attended. Through the P&P, the Preparatory Committee reported on the venue of the Conference and the approximate cost per person at an appropriate level.



• The Preparatory Committee's report was followed by the COVID-19 situation and vaccination status reports by Brazilian MCF (UMCEB), MSO, MMI, and ACCTS. Then, they prayed together that the Holy Spirit would guide the preparation of the World Conference 2024 in the midst of COVID-19.

#### 4. First FMC-K Interaction Schedule (online and face-to-face)

• In order to nurture world Christian military leaders, MSO conducts the first round of interaction for foreign officers and cadets studying at the service colleges and academies of Korea Armed Forces, with 24 officers and cadets from 12 countries participating.

	Time	Contents	Attendees
On-line	10:00~15:00, Jul 24. (Sat)	ICE Break, Welcoming Address, Introduction to Christianity, Opening service, Introduction to AMCF/MSO	From National Defense University (21 persons/ 10 countries) From Naval Academy (3 persons /2 countries)
	10:00~15:00, Jul 31. (Sat)	The developments of Korean Christianity and Military Missions, Establishment and Growth of MCF, Military Ethics and Leadership	
face-to -face	09:00~20:00, Aug 6 (Fri)	Arrival, Cultural Tour (Jeju), Fellowships	
	09:00~18:00, Aug 7 (Sat)	Interaction(Prayer Meeting and Lectures and Practices on IBS, CP, Personal Evangelism, Personal Testimony) MCF Activity Case Presentation, Graduation Ceremony, Closing Service	
	09:00~17:15, Aug 8 (Sun)	Cultural Tour, Fellowships, Departure	

• For this purpose, 14 instructors and support personnel work together at the MSO. The Youth Department of the Externl Cooperation Bureau of the Central Military Church also participated in the Interaction to develop future leaders of AMCF as well as to experience the activities of world military missionary ministries.

## 5. The Domestic Operations Bureau reorganized its internal structure and offered a dedication service.

- The dedication service and ministry report were held online on June 24 by the Domestic Operations Bureau in charge of MSO's domestic and administrative ministries.
- In the first part of the dedication service, the planning team leader Elder Nam, Gi-ha emphasized in his prayer that it was thanks to the endless prayers of its members and officers that MSO was able to stand firm even in the midst



officers that MSO was able to stand firm even in the midst of the corona crisis.

- In his sermon, Senior Pastor Hong, Eun-hye (former head chaplain of the Army) of Bupyeong Hope Church exhorted the MSO to pray fervently in God's will to save the nation and become a true worker loyal to the Lord in the world military missionary ministries.
- Elder Lim, Chul-soo, Director of the Domestic Operations Bureau, pledged to reorganize and strengthen the weakened organization by supplementing the ministry plan and to actively support the MSO's ministry activities by deriving feasible tasks.
- 6. The MSO to promote its World Christian military ministry at the Korean World Missionary Conference held by Korean World Missionary Fellowship (KWMF) (July 13 (Tue) ~ July 16 (Fri) / Handong University)
  - The 2021 Korean World Missionary Conference will be held online and offline at Handong University (Pohang, Gyeongsangbuk-do), where Korean world missionaries who are active in missions in about 200 countries will strengthen their missionary passion and strategy.

- The conference is from July 13 (Tuesday) to July 16 (Friday), 3 nights and 4 days, and is jointly hosted by the Korean World Missionary Fellowship (KWMF) and Handong University under the theme of "Reflections on Korean Missionary Work in the Post-Covid Era."
- The Conference will conduct seminars and evening meetings with daily themes of "Reflection, Insight, Suggestion, and Hope."
- To enhance the cooperation with Korean missionaries from around the world, Elder Lee, Phil-sup, a MSO Senior advisor, introduces the AMCF and the MSO, Chang, Yong-kwan, Director of World Missions Bureau, is in charge of the publicity activities including the operation of the MSO exhibition booth at the conference.
- Throughout the conference, the MSO aims to find proper MSO international cooperative missionaries who will play a pivotal role in the global military missionary work in order to establish MCFs in countries where MCFs have not been established and to revitalize MCFs with weak activities.



# 7. The Central Asian Regional Conference (STAN-DART) to be held on July 24 (10:30~15:30/ On-line, Off-line)

- Overcoming the COVID-19 situation, the 2021 Central Asian Regional Conference will be held on July 24 at the Pentecostal Church in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- Hosted by the Kyrgyzstan MCF, the conference will be attended by 4 Central Asian country MCFs and MSO. Kyrgyzstan MCF members will participate in-person, and others will participate on-line.
- The conference will start with opening worship, then will be followed by such subjects as leadership in crisis (Thomas Kang), IBS and CP practice and special lectures, personal testimony, praise, prayer of thanksgiving, and closing worship.
- The Central Asia Regional Conference is expected to serve as an exemplar case for the AMCF regional conferences and for the activities of a national MCF which have contracted due to the COVID-19 crisis.
- 8. World Mission Bureau promoting communication with international Korean missionaries by sending a letter of cooperation
  - MSO has been sending a letter of cooperation to Korean international missionaries working around the world since June of this year.
  - This project aims to find a contact point for Christian soldiers of a target country through cooperative missionaries who are currently working in the country to promote the establishment of MCF if the country does not have its own MCF yet and to revitalize its ministerial activities if its MCF is weak.
  - Regional team leaders and deputy leaders of the MSO World Mission Bureau share information on the military missionary activities of each country through organic communication with 73 local cooperative missionaries.
  - For reference, the MSO works with partner missionaries to invite Christian soldiers to the MEO Program from countries where MCF has not been established or whose activities are weak. After finishing the program, they return to their countries and have contributed greatly to the establishment and revitalization of the MCFs of their countries.

#### 9. MSO sent a letter of support for 2021 MEO Program and, 2021 FMC-K Interaction to its supporters.

- MSO has been conducting MEO-P every year since 2005, and from this year, it plans to implement the FMC-K interaction program for foreign Christian military officers and cadets studying at the National Defense University, each Service College and Service Academy.
- MSO sent a letter requesting support for these programs to 10 civilian supporting churches and 10 military chapels in June.
- Despite the COVID-19 situation, MSO expects these churches and individuals to actively participate in the MSO ministry programs which are designed to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission through military ministries and to contribute to world military evangelization.

#### 10. 2021 Cambodia Military Mission Seminar held on July 10 (Saturday, 10:30-12:30/Online Google Meet)

- Cambodian MCF (CMCF) co-hosted an online military mission seminar with MSO on July 10 to wisely overcome the MCF activity restrictions due to COVID-19 and to explore future directions.
- CMCF Chairman Lieutenant General Kep Korn, Vice President Brigadier General Chan Dara, Secretary General Col. Mom Saman, Vice Secretary General LTC Rithy Nora, Phnom Penh Branch President Major Sithet Him, and staff of Mahanaim Missionary Center attended from the Cambodia MCF. The MSO Standing Advisor General Lee, Kap-jin, Southeast Asia team leader, Rev. Park, Jae-hyun, the overseas mission director Col. Lee, Jang-song, and the education and training director Col. Choi, Sang-bok attended from the MSO and Rev. Moon, Kwang-shik of the Adelaide Korean Church of Australia was invited as a special guest. Rev. Lee, Jae-youl, a MSO cooperative missionary and the head of the Cambodia Mahanaim Mission Center, arranged and presided the seminar. CMCF President delivered the welcoming address and MSO senior advisor Lee, Kap-jin gave the encouragement remarks.
- At the seminar, CMCF President General Kep Korn presented "The Vision of CMCF," Vice Secretary General Col Lithy Nora, "The Establishment of Local CMCF," and Phnom Penh Branch President Major Sithet Him, "The Direction of CMCF Discipleship Training." From the MSO, the senior advisor Lee, Kap-jin presented "A Biblical Perspective on COVID-19" and "The Role of CMCF in the Post-COVID Era," and the mission director Lee, Jang-song read his paper on "The World Mission Ministries of MSO."

#### 11. Korea World Missions Association (KWMA) Secretary General Rev. Kang, Dae-heung visited MSO

- On June 10th, Rev. Kang, Daeheung, Secretary General of the KWMA, and Rev. Jeon, Shin-geun, Director of External Cooperation Office, visited MSO.
- The senior advisor Elder Lee, Phil-sup, Secretary General Rev. Chung, Bong-dae, the World Missions Bureau Chief Chang, Yong-kwan, and the Operations Director Park, Baek-man,



welcomed them. The KWMA and MSO agreed to actively cooperate in the field of world military missions.

 The two organizations also agreed to cooperate in discovering and nurturing qualified reserve/retired military personnel as contact points for the countries where MCFs are not formed yet, through domestic multi-cultural ministries.

#### 12. Support for Lao Bible shipping cost for the Korean church in Russia

• A Korean missionary in Siberia made a request to MSO to send Lao Bibles for Lao military students who are attending some Russian military institute there. MSO, which could not purchase Lao Bibles in Korea, cooperated with a cooperative missionary in Laos to send the Bibles to Russia with paying the expenses.

#### 13. 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 where the AMCF World Conference-2024 will be held.
  - **(**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 well prepared and implemented without disruption.
  - **(6)** 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 MSO will actively promote MSO/AMCF ministerial activities at the Korean World Missionary Conference (Jul 13-16).
  - ② Pray for many Christian military leaders to attend the Central Asian Regional Conference Online (Jul 24).
  - ③ 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.
  - (4) May God's wisdom be with the instructors who are preparing for 2021 MEO-P (face-to-face and/or online; Oct 11~18).
  - (5) Pray that the number of regular sponsoring churches and supporters for the MSO ministries will be doubled.

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!

