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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 September reports:

MSO NEWSLETTER

1. The 2nd Round of 2021 FMC-K Interaction completed (Online).

- The 2nd round of 2021 FMC-K (Foreign Christian Soldiers in Korea) Interaction hosted by MSO was held online for 3 days.
- 20 foreign officers from 14 countries who are currently studying at the Army War College, the Naval War College and the Air Force University participated in the interaction.
- The first day interaction was held from 10:00 to 15:00 on Saturday, August 21st, with opening greetings, ice-break, welcoming remarks, opening worship service, and the introduction of AMCF and MSO, suggesting the future direction of military missions.
- The 2nd day interaction provides a basis for activities of MCFs by dealing with military missions and related organizations, establishment and growth of MCF, and



Regional Graduation Ceremonv at the Army War College Chapel (Sept 3)

- leadership for Christian soldiers from 10:00 to 15:00 on Saturday, August 27th.
- On the 3rd day of the interaction, Jesus Story, IBS, CP, personal testimony, personal evangelism, case study for MCF establishment and growth, closing worship, and graduation ceremony were conducted from 09:00 to 17:00 on Saturday, September 4, completing all the courses of the interaction.
- While the first round of 2021 FMC-K Interaction was held partly online and partly offline, its second round was not possible with offline interaction at all, mainly due to worsened COVID-19 Pandemic situations in Korea. However, through 3 days of online education, overseas active duty soldiers attending the interaction had a good opportunity to know the Lord and return to their home countries ready to participate in their MCF activities not only as its leaders, but also as reliable military Christian soldiers to support their MCF leaders.



Participants (the 2nd Round 2021 Interaction)

Online Graduation (Major Ronald from Indonesia, Army War College)

2. Zimbabwean MCF was Established on September 1, 2021.

- AMCF President General Weerasooriya approved and declared the official establishment of the Zimbabwean Military Christian Fellowship (ZMCF) as the 151st member of AMCF as of Sept 1, 2021.
- The establishment of the Zimbabwe MCF is the fruit of long-standing prayers of the AMCF Presidential Bench, 3PSOs, South African MCFs and the Christian soldiers around the world.
- Zimbabwean Christian soldiers have been in a long and enduring relationship with AMCF since 2004, and have been approved by the Zimbabwean Armed Forces so as to up to 4 people to attend regional and global AMCF conferences.

- Zimbabwean military Christians participated in the 2004 World Conference (Seoul), 2006 African Regional Conference (Cape Town), 2008 African Regional Conference (Kenya), 2010 MEO Program (MSO Korea), 2011 Swatini Regional Conference (Swaziland), and 2014 Global Interaction Congress (South Africa).
- ZMCF was launched on September 1, 2021, with 11 members including Army, Air Force, Police, Prison and Correctional Service members. ZMCF will serve for all the national security agencies of Zimbabwe.
- ZMCF plans to develop its ministerial activity plan, form its branches in the four national security agencies, and receive approval for their ministerial activities from the chief chaplain of each agency.
- ZMCF President, Colonel Ashani Bwanali, thanked the national security agencies listed above for allowing soldiers and chaplains to gather and share fellowship with each other. He said that he prayed ZMCF members would become influencers in evangelizing their military colleagues with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- As a result, 151 countries out of the 196 countries of the world have their own MCFs.



ZMCF President Col. Rev. Ashani Bwanali



Founding Members of ZMCF



Establishment Certificate of ZMCF

MESSAGE OF FELICITATION (from Srilal Weerasooriya, the President of AMCF)

My dear Chaplain General Colonel Ashani Bwanali and brothers and sisters of the Zimbabwean Military Christian Fellowship,

I bring you greetings from the family of the AMCF on this momentous occasion as you officially launch the Military Christian Fellowship, in the defence forces of Zimbabwe, on the first of September 2021.

It has been a long journey of nearly two decades for the authorities in Zimbabwe to grant formal approval for the establishment of the MCF and its affiliation to the AMCF. We give praise and thanks to God for opening the doors for this to happen

We also thank God for the bold and courageous step taken by Chaplain General Bwanali to give leadership to the MCF and pray that the Lord will grant him wisdom and guidance, as he shoulders this responsibility. We pray that he will find favour with his superiors and support from those who work with him to accomplish the mission of the AMCF in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the men and women of the defence forces of Zimbabwe.

Congratulations!!You are now a part of the AMCF family and as such you are a member of a body of Christians who are there to support and guide you. Strive to build excellent relations with the MCFs of nations in the Africa South Region. I would urge you to be conversant with the AMCF handbook for further direction.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1;9

It is with a sense of great joy that I send this message to you.

May God bless you. In Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS

(from Lee, Pil-sup, the Former President of AMCF & Park, Nam-pil, the Chairman of MSO) Hallelujah!

With all the members of the MSO, we would extend to you our heartiest congratulations on the establishment of the Zimbabwean Military Christian Fellowship. And thank you and congratulate you for serving as Zimbabwean MCF President.

We are well aware that you have wholly devoted to your ministry in our Lord Jesus Christ and you achieved high results with which He will be very much pleased.

We sincerely hope that the newly established Zimbabwean MCF will grow day by day under the abundant grace and protection of the Lord, serve the Zimbabwean Defense Forces in His Love, and help expand His Kingdom in Zimbabwe.

May God be with you and your MCF from now on to forever!

3. 2021 MEO (Military Evangelism Observation) Program Will be Launched in October.

- The MEO program has the purpose of contributing to the establishment and revitalization of MCFs by inviting military Christian representatives from countries with no or weak MCFs to give them an opportunity to observe Korean military missionary activities on the spot and to have some discipleship training.
- MSO was not able to carry out the 2021 MEO program in June, its usual execution period, but will be conducted online from October 11th to 16th due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- A total of 41 people from 17 countries will participate in 2021 MEO program, organized into two groups considering the time difference.
- Group 1 consists of 25 participants from 7 African countries. The program for Group 1 will be conducted from 17:00, Oct 11 (Korean Standard Time) to 20:00, Oct 13.

Participating Countries	Africa									
	Guinea	Guinea Bissau	Ghana	Nigeria	Cameroon	Liberia	Uganda			
The number of people	1	4	5	12	1	1	1			
Local Time	08:00	08:00	08:00	09:00	09:00	10:00	11:00			

• Group 2 with 16 participants will be in the training from 14:00, Oct 14 (Korean Standard Time) to 17:00, Oct 16. The participants will be from 10 countries in Middle East, Europe, and Central Asia.

Partici- pating Count -ries	Middle East		Europe		Asia					
	Iraq	Palestine	Ukraine	Azerbaijan	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan	Tajikistan	Bangladesh	Kazakhstan	Kyrgyzstan
인원	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2
Local Time	08:00	08:00	08:00	09:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	11:00	11:00	11:00

- On the first day, ice break, opening worship service, introductions of AMCF, ACCTS, MMI, MSO, and KMCF, and IBS and CP (lectures and practices) will be conducted.
- On the second day, personal testimony, MEAK introduction, leadership, personal evangelism, and introduction by country (I) will be conducted.
- On the 3rd day, MCF establishment and case studies, introductions by country (II), closing worship and completion ceremony will be held.

- The 2021 MEO program will be conducted with help of the Combined Assistance and Training Team (CATT) composed of 25 instructors from ACCTS, MMI and MSO.
- For the smooth and effective conduct of the MEO program, MSO plans to organize its own instructor seminars, translate and produce textbooks in English and participants' native tongues, and distribute them to all the participants and instructors in advance.
- In addition, MSO plans to conduct rehearsals twice on Sept 27 and Oct 4 to check the online status of participating countries and prepare instructors for their subjects.

4. Prayer Requests

• For AMCF

- Pray that MCFs will be established as soon as possible in 45 countries where MCF has not been established among 196 countries in the world (specially, Brunei in Southeast Asia, Micronesia in the Pacific, Turkey and Israel in Northeast Europe).
- ② May God's wisdom and power be with AMCF Preident General Weerasooriya, AMCF Presidential Bench, Brazilian MCF (UMCEB) and the Preparatory Committee who are preparing the Brazilian World Conference-2024.
- ③ Pray for the AMCF 2024 World Conference Pray & Plan (9.29).
- ④ Pray that the AMCF East Asia Interaction (Online, Sept. 25) will be prepared without any setbacks and many Christian military leaders will attend.
- (5) Pray that AMCF Global Interaction (Oct 14 ~ 17) will be well prepared and successfully conducted to nurture future AMCF leaders.
- 6 Pray that ACCTS, MMI, and MSO continue to closely cooperate for world military missionary ministries.
- ⑦ Ask the Lord to keep innocent people and soldiers from being harmed by the protests and coups that are taking place around the world (specially, in Palestine, Myanmar, Mali, Sudan, etc.)
- (a) Pray for Christian soldiers and their families around the world who are suffering from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Ask the Lord to comfort them in His love.
- (9) Pray that the Lord will lead and bless the Zimbabwean MCF and its President and members.

• For MSO

- ① Ask the Lord to give the MSO co-workers mental and physical strength to perform the planned ministries for the rest of 2021.
- ② Pray for the 41 active-duty officers from 18 countries who completed the 2021 FMC-K Interaction to willingly participate in their MCF meetings and activities after returning home.
- **③** May God's wisdom be with the 41 participants in MEO-P 2021 (October 11-16) from 17 countries and the instructors preparing for online education.
- ④ Pray that many MCF leaders will be nurtured through the disciple training on the spot in the former Soviet Union countries. Ask for the health of missionaries in charge of the training.
- (5) Ask the Lord to double the number of sponsoring churches and individuals for MSO ministry.

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)

