

# 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 March reports:

#### MSO and CMC Supported Ukrainian Military Chaplains' Battlefield Ministry.

MSO has been sponsoring 16 Ukrainian military chaplains since 2020 with the support of private churches (Haneuldameun Church, Dongrae Central Presbyterian Church, Koinonia Mission Church) and individuals. After the Russian military invaded Ukraine, on February 25, an emergency aid of \$8,000 was provided to the military chaplains to continue their ministry activities on the battlefield. Then, an additional \$2,000 was provided to help Christian soldiers and their families cared by the chaplains as the war escalated in Ukraine. Responding to the request of ACCTS, MSO and MMI decided to join in this cooperative ministry. MSO additionally donated \$2,000.

The Central Military Chapel(CMC) prayed for "discipleship training activities in the former Soviet Union" at the intercession prayer meeting on March 4. Afterward, it decided to support the ministry activities of Ukrainian military chaplains who are fighting for victory in the spiritual fight in the Ukrainian battlefield. The CMC also decided to support the Ukrainian military chaplains through MSO, which has maintained close relationship with them. On March 7, the CMC Senior Pastor Son, Bong-ki and Mission Director General Wee, Seung-ho paid a visit to MSO and donated 10 million won, corresponding to 8,500 US dollars. We pray that MSO and CMC's rather small amount of support will be of



great help to Ukrainian military chaplains and the Christian soldiers and their families whom they are taking care of. The military chaplaincy of Ukraine was established in 2016, and has played a pivotal role in spiritual fighting in this country.

## $oldsymbol{2}$ MSO and KWMA Signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

On March 8th, MSO and the Korea World Missions Association (KWMA) concluded an MOU at the KWMA office with the purpose of establishing an organic cooperative system between the two organizations. Chairman Park, Nam-pil and Secretary General Chung, Bong-dae of MSO and Chairman Lee, Kyu-heon and Secretary General Kang, Dae-heung of KWMA attended representing respective organizations. The two organizations agreed to conduct joint research for global military missionary work, exchange manpower, programs and information, and expand cooperation for the mobilization of their lay missionary resources. After the signing ceremony, the representatives of both organizations decided to cooperate closely to establish and strengthen the MCFs around the world, and to promote the support of AMCF ministries, including the sponsoring of Ukrainian military chaplains.







#### 3 The Executives of the Middle East Team Visited MSO.

On February 21, the executive officers of the Middle East Team, Secretary General Hong, Gye-hyun, General Manager Kim, Eun-su, and Secretary Park, Eun-ha visited MSO to discuss the mutual

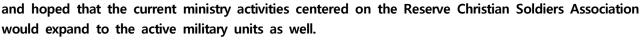
cooperation of the two organizations. They reached an agreement that the Middle East Team would help MSO promote cooperation with Korean missionaries and churches working in the Middle East, and that they would work together to establish an organic cooperative system between the two organizations. MSO expects to be able to approach the difficult task of helping establish and grow MCFs in the Middle East more effectively through close cooperation with the Middle East Team.



### 4 MSO World Missions Division Hosted Devotional Worship (Online).

On February 24 (Thursday), MSO held the World Missions Division Dedication Service on line with its 51 members.

- ① In the first part of the worship service and prayer meeting, Senior Advisor General Lee, Kap-jin prayed for the vision of MSO's military missions, and Rev. Choi, Hee-chul, the MSO cooperative missionary to Nepal, delivered the message under the title "For the reward of the calling" and emphasized that we all become co-workers racing toward God.
- ② In the second part, Rev. Choi, Hee-chul reported on the Nepal MCF ministry activities



③ In Part 3, World Missions Director Col. Chang, Yong-kwan reported the ministry plan of the World Missions Division. He said that despite COVID-19 situations, communication and cooperation with overseas and domestic mission agencies increased in 2021. He also announced a plan to continue the efforts to find points of contact for the establishment of the MCF, and to promote an active ministry in which the World Mission Team leaders and deputy team leaders actively participate in regional meetings, prayer meetings, interactions, and other AMCF conferences and meetings in 2022.



Representative Prayer by General Lee, Kap-jin



Sermon by Rev. Choi, Hi-chul, the Cooperative Missionary to Nepal



Ministry Report by Col Chang, Yong-kwan

#### **5** AMCF Activities

- 1) French-speaking Africa Prayer Meeting (March 12/Online)
- 2) ACCTS 50th Anniversary Celebration (March 20-27)
- 3) P&P for AMCF World Conference 2024 (March 31/Online)

#### **6** Prayer Requests

#### For AMCF

- ① Pray that MCFs will be established as soon as possible in 45 countries which have no MCFs yet (especially Brunei in Southeast Asia, Micronesia in the Pacific, Israel in the Middle East)
- ② May God's wisdom be with the AMCF President General Weerasooriya, the Vice Presidents, the Preparatory Committee, and the Host Country MCF (the UMCEB), which are preparing for the Brazilian World Conference.
- ③ Pray that God will guide General Essel Soriano, who has been appointed as the next AMCF president, to be prepared as a faithful worker for the AMCF ministry.
- 4 Pray that the MCF presidents and leaders will be given the wisdom and power of God so as to establish and revitalize MCFs of their own.
- ⑤ Pray that 3 AMCF PSOs (ACCTS, MMI, and MSO) will effectively support and closely cooperate for world military missionary ministries. Pray also that the 50th anniversary of ACCTS will be prepared by God's grace.
- ⑥ May the war caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine end and peace may come soon; May God's grace be filled with AMCF and national MCFs that help Ukrainian soldiers, their families and refugees.
- Pray for Sumya and Undra, the chairman of the Mongolian MCF, who have been receiving treatment for COVID-19 since last January, to recover quickly and to resume the activities of the MCF.
- (8) For the safety of Christian soldiers and their families in countries where social unrest and suffering are exacerbated by civil wars, military coups, and the threat of war (Myanmar, Palestine, and Afghanistan, to name a few).

#### For MSO

- ① Pray that in 2022, as a principal supporting organization for the world military missionary ministry, MSO will overcome the COVID-19 Pandemic and fulfill the AMCF missions graciously.
- ② Pray for the participation of many Christian soldiers in the MEO-P in 2022 from countries where MCFs have not been established and from countries with weak MCF activities so that many dedicated leaders will be nurtured to serve their national MCFs. (application deadline: March 31)
- ③ Pray for the expansion of Ukrainian military support and world military missionary activities through the MOU signed with the Korea World Missions Association (KWMA) and MSO.
- 4 Pray that the conflict between Ukraine and Russia will be resolved peacefully and that many good workers will be nurtured through discipleship training in the former Soviet Union countries in 2022.
- ⑤ Pray for the Indochina Cornelius discipleship training to be conducted as scheduled with the Cambodian MCF assuming pivotal roles. Pray for Rev. Lee, Jae-youl and his wife to recover quickly from COVID-19 infection.
- ⑥ Pray that the MSO Education and Training Division dedication service scheduled for March 31 and its workshop in Jeju (Apr 5~7) will be prepared under God's guidance and proceeded with grace.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead all MSO members in peace in 2022 and give them physical and spiritual strength.
- 8 Pray that the number of regular sponsoring churches and individuals for MSO ministries will be doubled.

