

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 April reports:

2022 Military Evangelism Observation(MEO) Program to be Held Face-to-Face

MSO invites military Christian men and women from countries where an MCF has not been established or where MCF activities are weak, and provides them with an opportunity to observe the Korean military evangelism on the ministry spot, and has been conducting discipleship training for them. MSO decided to conduct the 2022 MEO Program face-to-face at the P&P on April 7th. It was unable to conduct the program due to COVID-19 in 2020, and 2021 MEO-P was conducted online using Zoom.

- ① Period: June 20 (Mon) to 27 (Mon), 2022, (8 days and 7 nights)
- 2 Venue: Naval Central Chapel (Seoul, Korea)
- 3 Participants: 5 from Africa (Ghana 2, Nigeria 1, Equatorial Guinea 1, Cameroon 1);
 2 from Asia (India 2); 1 from Europe (UK 1); and 2 from the Middle East (Lebanon 1, Iraq 1)

2 Request for Intercession for Wartime Military Chaplaincy Service in Ukraine

Currently, Ukraine is suffering from more than 10 million refugees, 30,000 casualties and tens of thousands of civilian casualties. Despite these circumstances, Ukrainian military chaplains continue to carry out evangelistic and humanitarian service activities for the salvation and care of the souls of soldiers on the battlefield, and for their families and civilians. On behalf of the chaplains, the Chief Chaplain Vasily of Ukraine, sent a deep appreciation for prayer and support to MSO and the sponsoring churches. He also sent a ministry film on the battlefield in UKraine and requested prayers for the following:



Kneeling Prayer for the Ukrainian War Refugees and for the End of the War (at a Church in the vicinity of Romanian Border)

- For the safety of the soldiers who are fighting on the front line under fire, and for the soldiers to know the Lord
- For the safety and the ministry of the chaplains who are serving in the military
- That the materials needed to preach the Lord's word and other necessary items for the chaplains are well supported through the chief chaplain Vasily
- That the Protestant chaplaincy system will be firmly established in the Ukrainian military through this war
- For the protection of 10 million refugees, 30,000 military casualties, tens of thousands of civilian casualties and their families
- For the war to end and the Russian army to withdraw as soon as possible.

3 Indochina Cornelius Discipleship Training

In the Indochina region where ministerial activities were cut off due to COVID-19, each country is praying and making an effort focusing on the recovery of MCF activities. In Indochina, each country's Omicron quarantine system was being strengthened until March, but Cambodia is expected to fully open from April regaining the pre-COVID status, and Vietnam and Laos are expected to gradually open. In Myanmar, access to personnel is restricted due to the domestic situation caused by a military coup rather than Omicron. However, MSO intends to normalize Cornelius training in Indochina in 2023 by strengthening MCF visits and discipleship training in available countries in the second half of this year.

From April, Cambodian MCF (CMCF) intends to establish a dialogue channel between its 17 chapters by conducting online meetings. CMCF online meeting will be held every Sunday evening for two hours by Zoom video conference in the order of the 1st week (worship service), 2-3 weeks (Bible study and special lectures), and 4th week (MCF monthly meeting). To this end, MSO will support the its Zoom system to the cooperative missionary Rev. Lee, Jaeyoul to Cambodia. MSO will also support instructors for Bible study and special lectures. Through this, the Cambodian MCF members who have been cut off for two years will rebuild a mutual consensus and a network among them. CMCF's efforts are expected to serve as a model for the normalization of Cornelius discipleship training in Indochina countries in 2023.

4 Discipleship Training in the Former Soviet Union Countries

The Russian invasion of Ukraine also led to a change of MSO planned ministry. The Kyrgyzstan MCF president and an MSO cooperative missionary will conduct nurturing and training courses for Christian soldiers and their families in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from April to June. In June, MSO will expand fellowship and nurturing gatherings in Tajikistan through visits to military churches in some regions and meetings with military Christians there.

5 AMCF Activities

1) From March 20th to 26th, an event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of ACCTS, a Principal Support Organization (PSO) of the AMCF, was held at the OCF Retreat Center in White Sulfur Springs, Pennsylvania, USA. About 70 people attended, including the AMCF President General Weerasooriya and Mrs Weerasooriya, 3 PSO representatives, regional VPs, and ACCTS staff members. MSO Chairman General Park, Nam-pil and Mission Director Col. Lee, Jang-song attended to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ACCTS and further strengthened the cooperation between ACCTS and MSO.







2) AMCF World Conference 2024 Dates and Venue Finalized
On March 31st, the 2024 AMCF WC Pray & Plan was held
in the presence of AMCF President General Weerasooriya.
Representatives from the AMCF World Conference Preparatory
Committee, the Brazilian MCF (UMCEB) and 3 PSOs were participated.
The P&P decided that the conference would be held from October
14 (Mon) to 20 (Sun), 2024, and that the venue would be the
Taua Hotel in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



3) Central Asia Regional Conference (STARN-DART) Schedule Confirmed

The Kazakhstan MCF President confirmed that the 2022 Central Asian Regional Conference will be held both offline and online from 09:00 to 17:00 on May 21, hosted by the Kazakhstan MCF. MCF members from Central Asian countries are encouraged to attend in person as much as possible, while MSO members and the instructors supported by MSO will attend online to support and collaborate together.

4) First Half Year AMCF East Asia Regional Meeting Held Online On April 2nd, the first half year East Asia regional meeting was held with East Asia VP Andrew Tzeng as the moderator. MCF leaders from Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Japan and Korea attended. Each country MCF reported its ministerial activities. Discussions on the East Asia Interaction to be hosted by the Korean MCF and on Brazilian World Conference 2024 preparations were followed.



5) Participated in the MMI Special Prayer Meeting

On April 2nd, a special prayer meeting was held online under the host of General Roddy Porter, Chief Executive of MMI. The Military Christian Leaders of the regions of Africa East, Africa Francophone,

Africa West, Africa Southern, and Europe participated. From MSO, Col Yoon, Moon-soo, East/Francophone Africa team leader, attended. The participants prayed earnestly for peace and stability to come to Ukraine as soon as possible. They also prayed for stability and God's guidance and protection for the Christian soldiers around the world who are suffering from natural and man-made disasters such as war, terrorism, famine, and floods.



6 MSO Education and Training Bureau Dedication Worship Held Online.

On March 31 (Thursday), with 42 MSO members attending, the Division of Education and Training hosted the dedication service and ministry report. In the worship service and prayer meeting, General Kim, Kyoo, the Vice Chairman for Missions, prayed for the vision of world military missions, and Rev. Lee, Il-woo, Chief Chaplain of the Korean Military Chaplaincy, preached a sermon under the title of "Resolving to do God's will," emphasizing that we should all become co-workers obedient to God.

Next, the attendees watched a video film about the wartime support ministry activities and intercessory prayer requests sent by a Ukrainian military chaplain on the battlefield. In Part 3, General Yoon, Young-soo, the Director of the Education and Training Division reported the 2022 ministry plan for the MSO Education and Training. Although the COVID-19 situation will continue in 2022, General Yoon stressed that all the planned education and training programs must be conducted online or

face-to-face, and all the members of the Division pledged to do their best with a high sense of mission for the development of MSO education and training in 2022.







Sermon-Rev. Lee, Il-woo

Prayer-MajGen Kim, Kyoo

Ministry Report-BG. Yoon, Young-soo

7 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.
- (§) 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.
- To 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.
- 3 The FMC-K Interaction plan is well established and prepared so that foreign military officers and cadets studying in Korea participating in the program be nurtured as reliable military Christian leaders.
- Pray that Ukrainian chaplains will do their best in the battlefield ministry activities; that the Protestant chaplain system will be established firmly in the Ukrainian army through this war; and that MSO discipleship training in the former Soviet Union will be resumed in Ukraine.
- 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-yul and his wife to recover quickly from COVID-19 infection.
- **6** To ensure that the MEO-P and FMC-K Interaction instructors will well review and supplement the contents of their programs through the Education and Training Division's Jeju Workshop.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead all MSO members in peace in 2022 and give them physical and spiritual strength.
- ® Pray that the number of regular sponsoring churches and individuals for MSO ministries will be doubled.

