

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 February reports:

MSO New Year's Retreat Graciously Held.

On January 28, from 09:00 to 14:00, the MSO New Year's Retreat was held in the second chapel of the Armed Forces Central Military Chapel (CMC) with 75 MSO members attending.

In the worship service, the first part of the retreat, Senior Pastor Son, Bong-ki of the CMC encouraged the audience in a sermon titled "The Lord's Inescapable Command" to do their best to make the world military missionary activities commanded by the Lord to MSO in 2023 be a ministry that bears abundant fruit to glorify the Lord.

In the Special Lecture, the second part of the retreat, Professor Ahn, Kyo-seong of the Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary proposed a diverse, ambivalent, and realistic mission plan that can adapt well to the rapidly changing mission conditions of each region of the world, in his memorable lecture delivered under the title of 'Mission, the Task of the 2000-year-old Church'.

In the Discussion Session, the last part of the retreat, the direction of mission development of each of MSO Bureaus was discussed while reviewing the ministry plans to be carried out in 2023 by each Bureau of the MSO, the World Mission Bureau, the Education and Training Bureau, and the Domestic Operations Bureau.

The 2023 MSO New Year's Retreat, attended by many of its members, served as an opportunity to pledge MSO's dedication and service to the world military missionary ministry. In addition, the participants readily offered sincere offerings for the ministry of 2023 and determined to support its ministry for this year by donating their share of offerings promised at the retreat.



Sermon: Senior Pastor Son, Bong-gi of the CMC

Special Lecture: Prof. Ahn, Kyo-seong of the Presbyterian Univ. and Theological Seminary



Group Photo



Discussion, Education and Training Bureau

MSO Invited and Encouraged the Prospective Military Attachés.

On February 9, from 18:00 to 20:40, a special invitational event was held at the Seminar Room of the CMC hosted by MSO Chairman General Park, Nam-pil for 6 military officers who are to be dispatched as military attachés to 10 countries within 2023.

Part 1 of the event proceeded in the order of introduction of the participants, welcoming remarks by General Park, Nam-Pil, introduction of AMCF and MSO, and provision of information on the activities of Christian soldiers in the respective countries.

Part 2 was an encouragement dinner for the invited prospective military attachés.

In this invitational event, Pastor Han, Choonghee of Onnuri Church, a long time diplomat who served as the Deputy Ambassador to the United Nations, and is now assuming the head of the Tyrannus International Mission of Onnuri Church, encouraged and prayed for the prospective military attachés.

In addition, Senior Pastor Son, Bong-ki of the CMC and MSO executives attended and encouraged the military attachés with whom the MSO would continue to cooperate in world military missions to expand the kingdom of God.



3 An MSO Representative Attended the AMCF World Conference P&P.

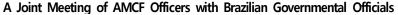
From January 26th to 30th, the 2024 AMCF World Conference preparatory meeting was held under the auspices of the AMCF President, General Essel Soriano, and the Brazilian Military Christian Fellowship (UMCEB), with the representatives of the 3PSOs attending.

From the MSO, Army brigadier general (ret.) Choi, Nag-jung, Overseas Mission Director, attended face-to-face.

At this meeting, discussions were held to determine the venue and period of the convention (Anhembi or Taua; October or November, 2024). Also the 3 PSO representatives visited the São Paulo Military Police Headquarters, the main Governmental organization supporting the Conference.

In addition, the MSO also reviewed the travel route for the Korean delegation to the 2024 World Conference, cooperation with Korean churches in Brazil, interpretation support, lodging, worship service, and other necessary matters together with its representative to the P&P.







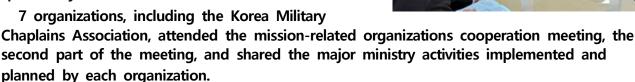
Visit to the São Paulo Military Police Headquarters

A Joint KVMCF/KMCF Breakfast Service and Cooperation Meeting Held.

On February 1st, at 05:30, the KVMCF/KMCF joint breakfast service and cooperation meeting with related organizations were held

face-to-face and via YouTube at the Armed Forces Central Military Chapel (CMC).

In the worship service, Pastor Lee, Jae-seo, the President of Chongshin University, delivered a message under the title of "My grace is sufficient for you." He emphasized that we have not only the physical eyes that see the world, but the eyes of the heart that see beautiful and true things, and the spiritual eyes that look at God.



5 The New Secretary General of the MSO Took Office.

On January 28, Chairman Park, Nam-pil presided over the take-over ceremony of MSO Secretary-General, where Rev. Chung, Bong-dae, the out-going Secretary General, handed over the duties to the incoming Secretary General, Army Major General (ret.) and Elder Yang, Byung-hee.

Pastor Chung, Bong-dae has successfully served as Secretary General for three years since 2020, and will continue to carry out overseas-related ministries, such as MSO standing vice chairman, Pacific region team leader, and 2024 World Conference Preparation Committee Chair, Korea Mile even after the handover.

The succeeding Secretary General Yang, Byung-hee will assist the Chairman, oversee MSO affairs in general, coordinate MSO overseas and domestic ministries, and conduct the role of MSO's representative at diverse meetings of mission-related organizations.



Majer General(ret.) Yang, Byung-hee

- Korea Military Academy graduate
- Commander, 26th Mechanized Infantry Div.
- · Sec. Gen, KMCF
- Leader, MSO FMF-K Team
- Currently, Professor at KAIST/ advisor to Joint Chiefs of Staff

Prayer Requests

- MSO would cordially ask you to pray for AMCF:
 - ① that MCFs will be established as soon as possible in 45 countries which have no MCFs yet (especially in Iraq, Equatorial Guinea and Djibouti);
 - ② that the AMCF president, regional vice presidents, and three principal support organizations (3 PSOs: ACCTS, MMI, MSO) cooperate to faithfully fulfill the mission of world military missions;
 - 3 that Brazilian Politics and economy will be stabilized where the 2024 AMCF World Conference is to be held and that the WC preparation committee and the Brazilian MCF (UMCEB) will decide the conference schedule, venue, and budget for the World Conference as soon as possible;
 - 4 for national MCF presidents and leaders;
- (5) that the Lord may protect and guide Ukrainian chaplains and Christian soldiers who are serving on the battlefield;
- 6 for the speedy recovery of Türkiye and Syria, which are suffering the catastrophe of the earthquake, and for the safety of rescuers participating in the rescuing and the restoration.

For the MSO

- 1) that all the efforts the MSO exerts for the AMCF ministry will be well ochestrated;
- ② for the vitalization of the ministry activities of the World Mission Bureau centered on team leaders/assistant team leaders through its dedication worship service and workshop (February 23);
- 3 that many Christian soldiers from countries where MCF has not been established and countries with weak MCF activities are recommended for the 2023 MEO-Program (June 19~26), so that many reliable and capable world's Christian military leaders are trained and nurtured:
- 4 that the discipleship training in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries hosted by Tajikistan MCF will be well prepared and implemented so that the MCFs of this region will be further vitalized;
- (5) that Indochina Cornelius discipleship training (March in Laos, April in Vietnam) will be well implemented and the MCF leaders there will renew their calling from the Lord;
- 6 that all MSO members and executives faithfully fulfill the AMCF mission with health and the fullness of the Holy Spirit so as to devote themselves to the world military missionary ministry;
- that the number of regular sponsoring churches/individuals doubles to ensure that MSO
 has no shortage of handling the entrusted world military missionary ministry.

