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 World Mission Bureau Dedication Service Held

On February 23 (Thursday), 45 MSO members participated in the World Mission Bureau Dedication Service in the Gideon Chapel of the CMC (Central Military Chapel), both face-to-face and online (Zoom).

In the first part of the service, an MSO Advisor Pastor, Rev. Son, Chang-moon, delivered a sermon titled "When a grain of wheat dies," stressing that just as a grain of wheat dies and bears much fruit, only the dedication with one mind and one will to the world mission would achieve the will of God.

In the second part of the meeting, the ministry report, COL(r.) Chang, Yong-kwan, director of the World Mission Bureau, analyzed the results of the ministry activities of 2022 focusing the deficiencies in the world military mission activities of 2022, and presented a vision for the ministry activities of 2023. COL(r.) Lee, Hyun-chul, Southwest Africa Team Leader, prepared a reference book containing data on the AMCF VP of the region, the PSO managers, national MCF establishment and activity status of each country of the region, and international cooperative missionaries working in Southwest Africa, to booster the cooperation in the world military missionary ministry in this region. This data book is planned to be used as a standard for compiling a reference book for each regional team of the World Mission Bureau sooner or later.

Through the dedication service, all teams of the World Mission Bureau are deeply aware that they are front-line action workers entrusted to carry out major missionary tasks of the MSO, and are determined to expand missionary activities centered on team leaders. They pledged to make the Bureau capable to achieve the vision of MSO by communicating actively with regional VPs, national MCF presidents, and Korean international cooperative missionaries with a sense that , "We are all missionaries!"



Mission Report (by Bureau Chief COL. Chang)



Mission Activity Report (by AW Team Leader COL. Lee)



Representative Prayer (by Central Asia Team Leader COL. Ahn)

2023 MEO-P Participants Selected

On March 7, MEO Program applicants recommended by the AMCF VPs and the PSOs from January to the end of February were reviewed at the MSO P&P. 20 military Christians from 15 countries were finally selected as MEO-P official participants at the P&P.

Among the 26 people from 18 countries recommended this time, in order to nurture the next-generation world military mission leaders, active Christian soldiers mainly from countries where their MCFs have not been established or their MCFs are weak, were selected first. They will be participating in the 2023 MEO-P from June 19~26.

South Asia (1 from 1 country)	Central Asia (5 from 3 countries)	Middle East (1 from 1 country)	Africa (13 from 10 countries)
Pakistan (1)	Kazakstan (2) Tajikistan (1) Turkmenistan (2)	Iraq (1)	Madagascar (1), Guinea Bissau (2), Mozambique (2), Eswatinii (1), Gambia (1), Liberia (1), Benin (1), Sierra Leone (1), Equatorial Guinea (2), Congo DRC (1)

3 FMF-K Interaction Graduates Actively Working as Faithful Christian Soldiers in their Home Countries

For two years from 2021, the MSO has conducted online and face-to-face training every October to equip foreign military officers and cadets studying in Korean military educational institutions with world military missions and MCF leader qualities. So far the MSO educated 68 people from 21 countries through the Foreign Military Fellowship-Korea Interaction (FMF-K Interaction).

A KMCF member who served foreign military officers at the ROK Air Force University confirmed on-site through Vision Trip that these Interaction completioners having returned to their home countries continue to live their Christian lives there preaching the Gospel to their families, and participating actively in their MCF activities.

Captain J from V country in the Asian region is an officer who received Jesus Christ through FMF-K Interaction during his military training period in Korea and returned home. It was confirmed that he continued his family evangelism and MCF related activities in his home country.

Major(P) W of Country C is also an officer who returned home after receiving Jesus Christ through FMF-K Interaction. Since February of this year, he has been studying again at a military educational institution in Korea. After meeting him in Korea recently, we get to know that he has a great passion for the Word and faith. If he is nurtured further as to 'the establishment and growth of MCF' while he is in Korea, we firmly believe that he will grow into an important leader of the MCF in C Country in the near future. As such, it is confirmed that the FMF-K Interaction conducted by the MSO to foreign military officers and cadets studying at ROK military educational institutions is bearing precious fruits. Considering that FMF-K Interaction is a short-term course, it is advised to supplement the Interaction in the way that the military chapels of the relevant military educational institutes hold more prayer and worship gatherings for the international military Christians. We believe these endeavors will produce greater fruits in cultivation of capable and devoted workers of the world military missionary ministry.

The attached testimony is the testimony of a Korean Christian soldier participant of the 2022 FMF-K Interaction, vividly conveying the experience of the witness who continued to interact with the foreign officers. He is faithfully performing the KMCF activities after the Interaction.

KVMCF/KMCF Joint Breakfast Service and Cooperation Meeting with Related Organizations

March 8th (at 05:30) KVMCF/KMCF joint breakfast service and cooperation meeting with related organizations were held face-to-face and via YouTube at the CMC. In the first part, worship service, Pastor Rev. Kim, Sang-sik, the President of Sungkyul University, delivered his message with the title of "Faith for the Future," in which he said that passing well through the wilderness of our present lives means the future faith that God gives. In the second part, the related organizations cooperation meeting, the plan of the 2023 MEO-P promoted by the MSO and the diverse measures for the revitalization of the related organizations including the Korean Military Chaplains Corps and KMCF were discussed.

5 Major Ministries for March and April

Dates	Major Ministries		
• March 26	MSO Cooperative Missionary Dispatch Service/Shingil Church		
• March 30	 Education Bureau Dedication Service (face-to-face, on-line/Central Military Chapel (CMC) 		
• March~April	Discipleship Training in CIS countries		
 March~May (MEO-P Preparation) 	 Sending Invitation, Issuing Visa, Purchasing Air-tickets Creating WhatsApp Chat Group Room (late March) for Mutual information exchange 		
• April 25~May 4	 Vietnam MCF Cornelius Discipleship Training (Ho Chi Minh, Da Nang, Hanoi) 		
• April 27	Domestic Operations Bureau Dedication Service (face-to-face/on-line)/CFC		

Frayer Requests

- The 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 ministry;
 - (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 will exert for the AMCF ministry will be well ochestrated;
- ② that the MSO will fulfill the mission of AMCF by preparing and conducting its education and training through the dedication worship service and workshop of the Education and Training Bureau scheduled on March 30;
- ③ that the visa issuance and ticket purchase of participants of 2023 MEO-P (June 19~26) will proceed smoothly;
- ④ that the discipleship training in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries will be well prepared and implemented so that the MCFs of this region will be further vitalized;
- (5) that Indochina Cornelius discipleship training (April 25~May 6) will be well implemented and the MCF leaders there will renew their calling from the Lord;
- (6) that all plans and procedures for the MSO to invite a Ugandan Christian soldier who was shot while on duty on September 12, 2022 to operate at Severance Hospital in Korea will proceed smoothly with God's guidance;
- ⑦ that all MSO members and executives will 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;
- (8) that the number of regular sponsoring churches/individuals will be doubled to ensure that MSO has no shortage of handling the entrusted world military missionary ministry.

A Testimony of participation in FMF-K Interaction 2022

Captain(P) Lee, Seong-san (Student, Military Staff College)

Shalom!

I am Captain(P) Lee, Seong-san, studying at the ROK Army College. First of all, I sincerely thank God and Elder Yang, Byung-hee for allowing me to write and share this testimony.



A year ago, as a student at the National Defense Language Institute, I served for foreign military officers attending the 7th Corps Church near the Institute, and this experience led me to the 2022 FMF-K Interaction. At the time, a total of 29 people, including 24 foreign military officers and their families, the pastor of my church and 5 Korean soldiers and their families, participated in this interaction. Through various programs such as 'Jesus story,' 'Gospel education,' 'Bible study and prayer methods in the military,' and 'experiencing Korean church,' foreign military officers had a precious time to make up their minds to live as military missionaries in their home countries. Just after the Interaction I entered the Army College, and found that there were 3 foreign military officers among my classmates of the Army College. Two foreign officers, Major Kilama from Uganda and Major

Marekwa from Botswana, registered at the nearby military chapel named 'Jaun Church.' Major Marekwa and I were assigned to the same class and I have served as a sponsor for him to help with study, life, leisure, etc.



Last Christmas, my wife and I invited these two gentlemen to our home for a meal and fellowship. While enjoying the after-meal conversation, they said that the happiest and thankful time in Korea was the FMF-K Interaction in Jeju Island. They said it was because they got rid of their loneliness of being in a foreign country and the stress of studying Korean, and also because they could learn how to lead a life of faith.

I would like to share how big and important the ministries at the Defense Language Institute is, and how important it is to show continued interest in them and help them enroll in the church and participate in the FMF-K Interaction. The Defense Language Institute is a gateway all foreign soldiers entering Korea must go through. There they get to see Korean Christians for the first time, and through the FMF-K Interaction, they get to

have a chance to be a Christian, to have will to establish an MCF in their country and serve for it. Of course the 7th Corps Church is doing its best helping them, but I believe more diverse channels of interest are needed to help them. I received the great grace of the Lord to enter the Army College and enjoyed the honor of studying with foreign military officers. I am sure that God has given us a special mission, the Lord's Mission, that 'you should serve those closest to you.' It always resonates in my heart. He opened my eyes to world missions through military.

I am now willingly keeping in touch with them deepening the friendship with them and confirming that they don't have any serious difficulties. In addition, I drive to school every school day the foreign officers who do not have cars, and I let them listen to the songs of praise while driving. I participate in the International Christian Student Officers' Meeting every Thursday to help them continue their life of faith. I am confident that they will become key personnel for military missions in their own countries by continuously seeing and learning from Korean Christian soldiers.

I plan to hold a foot-washing ceremony for these gentlemen before they graduate from the Army College. It is because I want them to work as military missionaries who always serve with love for their countries, and never to forget God who has been with them in Korea. From the 7th



Corps Church in Icheon, Gyeonggi-do to Jaun Church in Daejeon, I thank God with all my heart for raising me as a military missionary who works wholeheartedly for the mission of the Lord. Lastly, I would like to thank the MSO which is taking the lead in establishing MCFs in all countries around the world. God bless you all. Thank you.

'Your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.'

- Psalm 67:2

