

*“And all who heard it were amazed at what
the shepherds said to them.”*

Luke 2:18 NIV



May the amazement of Jesus' birth be made fresh in your heart at this Christmas season ...
and throughout the year!

Wishing you a blessed holiday,

Russ & Sylvia

From the President...

Warmest Christmas greetings in the wonderful name of our precious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth we are celebrating this month.

A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of traveling to Brazil to participate in our OC Global Alliance Worldwide Leadership Conference. The conference brought together about 140 OC leaders from around the world. It was thrilling for me as OC president to hear the reports from our field leaders about the strategic impact our teams of OC missionaries are having in nations around the world.



Throughout 2011, OC's more than 675 ministry personnel had the privilege of serving over 1 million national church leaders in more than 100 countries of the world! Through the ministries of these leaders, hundreds of thousands of churches have been equipped for more effective outreach in their communities, countries, and continents. As result, this past year tens of thousands of people have come to Christ and thousands of new churches have been planted.

For many of our missionaries, their ministries this past year have been carried out in the context of greatly increased financial pressures due to the continued impact of the worldwide economic downturn. As we come to the end of 2011, more than a third of our missionaries are behind in their financial support needs!

Because of this, I would like to strongly encourage you to pray about making a generous year-end contribution to the ministry of the OC missionaries with whom you partner. I know that a special year-end contribution from you for their ministry would be a great help and a wonderful encouragement to them. If, as you pray, the Lord were to also lead you to make a year-end contribution to the OC General Fund, that would be a great blessing to the entire mission and have an impact which would be felt throughout OC's entire worldwide ministry.

At the bottom of this letter is a response slip you may use to make a special Christmas contribution for the ministry of your OC missionary and/or the OC General Fund.

May this be an especially meaningful Christmas for you as you celebrate the birth of our wonderful Savior.

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