

Dear Friends,

Today as I sat and waited for our weekly Monday morning chapel to begin at 8:30, I began to think about what I could write for this April letter. And as a colleague began to share from the Word, it hit me. I can share with you the privilege we have to pray for our fellow OC missionaries around the world ... and here at home.

Each week, prayer requests are submitted from OC's various fields of service. A section is for **Praising God** ... thanking him for answered prayer. One such praise today was from Guatemala, a missionary wife and mother who is giving thanks for her ability, in the midst of chemo, to carry on with life—that God is YAHWEH—Provider. Another praise came from one who has finished his MBA and is trusting that God will use this in a great way in his area of service. Another is one's recovery from surgery. And still another is a great day trip to visit and encourage 20 Brazilian workers. And the list goes on.

The next section on our prayer sheet is **Petitioning God**. God has invited us to come before him and lay our requests at his feet. So we take this opportunity to lift up our fellow colleagues and the many issues they face on a daily basis. Travel, aging parents, the loss of loved ones, new fields of ministry being considered, strategic leadership meetings, financial needs so that ministries may continue, guidance and wisdom as new projects are formed, and for those people who faithfully stand with us through prayers and finances.

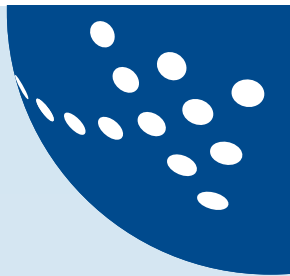
We here at headquarters do consider it a great privilege to pray for those we work with. Though thousands of miles may separate us physically, we are truly united through our prayers. Prayer changes things!

We know that because you pray for us, things do change. As I asked you to pray for me in our February letter, God has heard your prayers, and the database transition and work in general are moving along at a smoother pace. I am encouraged. Thank you for praying.

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father ...  
We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you ...  
We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers ...  
Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored ...*

Praise to the One who hears and answers,

*Sylvia Lambert*



# From the President...

## 2010 – ANOTHER INCREDIBLE YEAR OF MINISTRY!

In 2010 OC International continued to experience the Lord's favor in unprecedented ways. In spite of the continued global economic downturn, by the end of the year OC had grown to the largest size in the 58-year history of the mission, with over 575 ministry personnel serving on our various teams around the world.

I recently received a summary of the quantifiable results of OC's ministry last year for a number of key ministry areas. Following are some of OC's 2010 ministry highlights ...

**NATIONS IMPACTED** – Last year OC carried out strategic ministries in **100 countries** of the world (the most ever!) with an estimated population of over 5 billion people!

**LEADERS TRAINED** – In 2010 over **275,000 church leaders** participated directly in leadership training ministries carried out by OC missionaries. An additional **9,500,000+ leaders** were served through OC's field publications and the various Internet resources and online training courses which were made available through **55 OC websites**.

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS** – In 2010 we strategically leveraged our financial and personnel resources through participating in over **475 strategic ministry partnerships** with various church and missionary organizations around the world. In over a third of these strategic partnerships, our personnel served in key leadership positions, thus increasing our opportunity to serve and influence these ministries.

**PEOPLE REACHED AND CHURCHES PLANTED** – Although OC is not primarily an evangelistic or church planting organization, in 2010 **40,000 people indicated decisions for Christ** and **640 churches were planted** as the result of ministries we helped facilitate or direct. This impact was multiplied many times over through the national church leaders our missionaries trained in 2010.

**SHORT-TERM TEAMS** – Last year our U.S. Mobilization Center helped deploy and/or our field teams received **65 short-term ministry teams** that were composed of **730 individuals**.

**MK'S TAUGHT** – One of the strategic ways OC supports the carrying out of the Great Commission is through providing teachers and staff for schools around the world that provide quality education for missionary children (MKs). Last year OC personnel served in various capacities at **14 MK schools** around the world which taught over **2,925 missionary children**.

**Overall, 2010 was the most productive year in OC's history!** Thank you for the critical role you played in making this global impact possible through your prayer and financial support. I trust that these ministry highlights are an encouragement to you as you see that your partnership with OC is having a significant impact on reaching the nations for Christ.



Greg Gripenrog  
OC President

### Did You Know?

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### Our Vision

Healthy churches working together to disciple all nations.