

Dear Prayer Partner,

I would like to share with you this month a letter that OC's president wrote recently. It is a testimony of the greatness of our God, who is all-wise and all-knowing (Jer. 29:11). May you be blessed from reading it!

On March 11, 1951, an event took place in Hong Kong which would have a tremendous impact on the worldwide ministry of OC International. On that day, 59 years ago, there was a tragic plane crash in Hong Kong that took the lives of all the passengers on the plane. As a young 8-year-old Chinese boy read about the plane crash the next day in the Hong Kong newspaper, he was fascinated to read that included in the baggage on the flight was a rare and extremely valuable Chinese jade seal that had been used by one of the Chinese emperors to stamp his official court documents.

This 8-year-old boy was raised in a Christian home where he trusted Christ as his Savior. As he grew up it was obvious that God had blessed him with various skills and talents which he developed through university and postgraduate studies in the United States. Throughout many years, as God wonderfully blessed his professional and business endeavors, his interest in the jade seals used by the Chinese emperors continued to deepen. Eventually, he began to acquire a collection of jade seals from one particular Chinese dynasty at various auctions. His purpose for purchasing these seals was not as an investment, but just because he found the intricacy of the craftsmanship so fascinating.

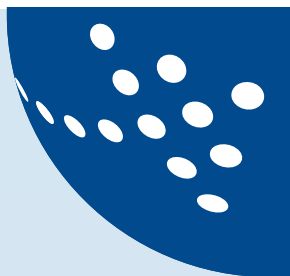


Twelve years ago this man had a serious stroke, leaving him partially paralyzed and severely impacting his vision. As a result, he could no longer fully enjoy the intricate beauty of the seals. A year ago a major international auction company asked the man if he would be willing to put his collection (which by this time numbered 10 items) up for sale. No longer being able to fully enjoy the seals, and realizing that the proceeds from the sale could benefit various Christian ministries, the man and his wife agreed to sell his collection. With a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the collection, in December (2010) this godly Christian couple gave a \$2,000,000 contribution to OC for the support of 26 ministry projects around the world!

At this unique time in OC's history, we have more strategic ministry opportunities than ever before in OC's 60-year history. Yet, as the U.S. economy is slowly recovering, many of our missionaries are struggling with their financial support. At this exact time, our sovereign Lord used a process that he began 59 years ago with an 8-year-old boy (and actually hundreds of years earlier through a series of Chinese emperors) to provide the funds needed to greatly accelerate OC's role in the global harvest. When I heard this story, which only God could have written, all I could say was TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

With a thankful heart to the ONE we serve,

Sylvia Lambert



From the President...

In recent weeks the news has been filled with reports about the turbulent developments in North Africa and the Middle East. The following is a report I recently received from one of our OC missionaries serving in that dynamic and challenging region ...

Did You Know?

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Our Vision

Healthy churches working together to disciple all nations.

“The past few weeks have been filled with news of events we could not have imagined taking place even a couple months ago. What is happening in Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, and other Muslim countries—even Europe’s Albania—is reminiscent of another shaking that took place 20 years ago which brought down the Iron Curtain.

“The BBC comments: ‘The Arab order is crumbling. But whether it will collapse or somehow re-invent itself is far from certain. Arab rulers, from North Africa to the Gulf, in rich countries and poor, find themselves in essentially the same boat. Virtually without exception, they preside over corrupt autocracies with little or no legitimacy in the eyes of their people.’



*Protesters flee from tear gas fire during clashes in Cairo.
(Photo by Reuters)*

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in political and social structures in the Arab world, perhaps the result of years of the Global Church praying for the region. No one knows what is going to replace the current governments—Islamists, moderates, the military—and very different dynamics are at work in each country. But those we work with in these regions believe this is a God-given opportunity to share the gospel, and believers are moving with boldness to take advantage of the greater freedom the circumstances are providing.

“Please join the Global Church in asking God for His will to be accomplished, and that His Kingdom would expand in the void left by the collapse of autocratic rulers across the region. Pray for:

- Peaceful transitions of power in North Africa and the Middle East ... wisdom and revelation for leaders in these nations to make genuine, righteous change.
- For greater freedom, true peace, and security to fill these nations. The most specific and strategic prayer request we are being asked to pass on is that the religious registration required of Arabs by their totalitarian governments would be dropped, allowing citizens to change religion without government permission.
- For the Church to speak and act prophetically at this critical time, responding with boldness and love in sharing Jesus, the only source of ultimate freedom and peace people are longing for.
- For the restraint of radical Islamists.”

Praying with you for the coming of His Kingdom,