



Dear Friend,

As I am writing this letter, Nancy is finishing the second Introduction to OC orientation that she has taught in and moderated the last two months. An Introduction to OC orientation is done over a two and a half day period. There are now three new OC missionary candidates learning more about OC. There were two new OC mission candidates in the first orientation that Nancy taught in and moderated.

An Introduction to OC orientation happens right after scheduled interview sessions where a couple or a single person is accepted by OC to be an OC missionary. These orientations are now being scheduled almost every month. OC has been experiencing a dramatic influx of potential missionary candidates. Nancy has the responsibility of tracking and encouraging each new missionary candidate for the first months after they have been accepted and after they have gone through an Introduction to OC orientation.



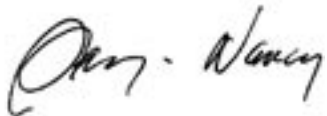
Nancy with the newest additions to OCI.

We will probably be in Guatemala again when you receive this letter. We are joining the short-term youth ministry team from our daughter and her husband's church that is scheduled to spend eight full days in Guatemala. This team will spend time in communities on the Caribbean side of Guatemala as well as in communities around Lake Atitlan. Don and Connie's youth team will be involved in almost daily children's activities, visiting local schools and participating in evening church programs.

As we continue to settle into the responsibilities that have been assigned to us by OC, we are very grateful for your thoughts and prayers. Nancy is being asked to do more and more here at OC's International Mobilization Center (IMC, formerly known as Headquarters). She is on interview committees and has been asked to be the liaison between the Resource Development Department, Personnel Department, and the Finance Department for the new OC candidates. As much as Nancy is looking forward to being back in Guatemala, she now has to leave behind something for a week at a time that she very much enjoys doing and which is completely filling up her time.

Thank you again very much for your generosity. We really are very thankful to be here in Colorado Springs at this time. There is the sense of this being the right time for us to be here. God bless you.

Sincerely, in Christ,



The Open Secret to Reaching the World

What's the best way to reach the whole world for Christ? As colossal as that question is, we've given it a lot of thought at OC. And here's what we've decided:

- *In order to reach the whole world, reach nations.*
- *In order to reach nations, mobilize the churches in those nations.*
- *In order to mobilize those churches, impact their leaders.*

That's why, if you survey OC missionaries, you will find an unusually high commitment to the church and to training church leaders.

Come with me for a moment to the Philippines for one of a thousand examples of how our missionaries have followed this strategy. In 1989, Pastor Judah Cantoria



Pastor Judah

attended one of OC's church growth seminars held in Lucena, Quezon. There, Judah and the other pastors heard statistics which revealed that 500 villages in their region of the Philippines did not yet have a gospel-preaching church. The attendees received instruction on the basics of planting a church and were then challenged to share the burden of seeing a church planted in every village.

Judah was embarrassed that his church, which had existed for 35 years, had only planted four daughter churches. But he had caught the vision and went back to his congregation and shared the need, encouraging the believers to work with him to plant churches in the many unevangelized villages. The people heard their pastor's heart and over the next 12 years they planted 70 churches, each in a different village! *When you impact church leaders, you mobilize churches. And mobilized churches reach nations.*

Now it gets even more exciting: Today, OC missionaries are actively impacting church leaders like Pastor Judah all over the globe, in more than 50 countries. To be sure, not every pastor maximizes his training like Judah did. Some do less, but some do even more! Consider the impact of our ministries in 2003:

- *More than 200,000 leaders participated in seminars and conferences that OC personnel helped provide.*
- *More than 48,000 people made decisions for Christ and 440 churches were planted through ministries that OC missionaries were directly involved in.*

Can you imagine more than 200,000 "Pastor Judahs" going back to their churches with renewed vision for church planting, missions mobilization, and discipleship? The power of multiplication is at work expanding the Kingdom!

If you'd like to see all 17 measuring sticks of our 2003 ministry results, please write me and request a copy. Or check out our website at www.oci.org/results. While you are there, why not explore other ways you can get involved in our ministry? Our need for your partnership is another one of those open secrets.



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