

Dear Friend,

Another summer internship is behind us. Five couples, five single women, and a young single man along with observers from Korea, Kiev, and two sister organizations here in the U.S. participated in this year's 33 days of internship. Four couples, including us, were asked to be mentors during this year's internship activities. Our average tenure as missionaries is over 30 years.



Internship has a very high value within OC. It is a time when OC's interns have the opportunity to begin discovering, as Steve Aldrich, who has been directing this annual summer event for the past seven years, takes them through a variety of modules to help them realize how unique they are. It is a time when the interns are helped to begin to understand how their training, experiences, passions, gifting, etc. will fit into an assigned missionary team and into a cross-cultural setting. Besides being mentors, Steve asked us to be presenters—to take the interns through a day-long series of modules that hopefully will help them as they begin their integration into an OC missionary team.

Being mentors for the past five years has allowed us the opportunity to get to know personally OC's new missionaries. Most of the veteran missionaries who have

the responsibility of helping a new missionary acclimate to his or her missionary team and new country, as well as ultimately helping them into ministries that compliment a new missionary's training, experiences, passions, gifting, etc., have never gone through the kind of self-discovery activities that Steve takes each intern through. They have not heard what is being said at OC's internships to the interns about their entrance into a missionary team. Because of this, the OC leadership would very much like us to begin to travel to the different countries where an intern has been recently deployed. We would act as a bridge for an intern to carry what is being said at internship to the veteran field missionary who has been assigned to help the intern make the adjustment to a missionary team and to a strange country and a new way of life. This is something that we would very much like to begin to do as soon as we can.

The one thing that is stopping us from beginning to spend time with the missionary teams that have a recently deployed missionary unit is the money to do it. We would like to ask you to make it a matter of prayer to pray about how you can help us do what OC would really like us to begin doing—and what we think is something that really would be invaluable for a new missionary. As we know that we will need to do more traveling in order to personally talk to you about our need for additional support, as we have not been able to keep up with our increasing annual budget needs. If you can set up a time when we can talk to a group in your church or with a group of acquaintances about our continually growing role within OC, we would really appreciate it. If you can set up a time for us, please let us know so that we can work it into our travels. Thank you.

Sincerely,