



I WAS PROUD OF THESE GIRLS!

As I began my devotional talk with the girls I realized what an outstanding testimony they were having in this large (20 high school teams) Far East Volleyball Tournament. We had flown into Guam at 5 a.m. Sunday morning. The girls attended the opening ceremony and banquet that night. They began playing at 8:00 the next morning and went on to win their pool of four teams. This put them in the championship bracket of winners. The girls made it to the semifinals, in which they played the number 1-ranked team, Seoul American School from Korea. Faith was ranked number 4. Everyone was stunned as our girls beat them two straight. Seoul looked like they should easily overpower us, but our girls played together and hustled on every spike and dig. Our granddaughter Kelly was able to block their big girl, and it psyched her out. Truly David had slain the giant!

In the other bracket Christian Academy of Japan (CAJ) also played a very strong team and won. For the first time, two Christian teams played for the championship! I saw it as a super opportunity to show the world how Christians play the game. Before the game our team joined in a circle with CAJ's team for a time of prayer.



It was a fierce battle. We won the first game (3 out of 5) pretty easily, but then they woke up and beat us three in a row, all by only 2 points each! In a great show of sportsmanship our girls crossed over to their side of the net and hugged all the CAJ team members. I'm sure no one had ever seen that happen.

Our girls were fantastic! That is the best any Faith volleyball team has ever done in the Far East Tourney. Our granddaughters, Liz and Kelly, are pictured blocking a ball in the championship game.

Jan and I are so happy to be here at Faith supporting the students. You are helping to make this possible. Bless you for your faithful prayers and support.

Your servants for the King,



From the President...

2010

THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DECADE

Did You Know?

For the first time in OC's history, more than half of our missionary personnel are non-US citizens!

Our Vision

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Warmest New Year greetings in the wonderful name of our precious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us the tremendous privilege of being collaborators with Him in the carrying out of His eternal plan for the nations!

I trust that you experienced a blessed and meaningful Christmas as you celebrated the birth of our wonderful Savior, and that your New Year is off to a good beginning. As OC begins this new year, which also marks the beginning of a new decade, I am more excited about the worldwide ministry of OC than at any previous time in my eight years as president of the mission. I am excited about this new year and new decade for the following three reasons:



Greg Gripentrog
OC President

1. **The Lord has blessed OC with more ministry personnel than ever before...** During the past seven years, the Lord has enabled OC to grow by more than 85% with the result that, as we begin this new decade, there are more OC missionaries serving on more ministry teams than at any previous time in the history of the mission. I am particularly excited about the fact that, for the first time in OC's history, more than half of our missionary personnel are non-US citizens!
2. **The Lord is opening up increasing numbers of strategic ministry opportunities...** As the Lord has been growing the Mission over the past seven years, He has also been greatly expanding the impact of OC's ministry with the result that, on an annual basis, our OC missionaries are serving more than one million national church leaders in over 90 countries of the world! As exciting as the current ministry of the mission is, I truly believe that, with the growing number of strategic ministry opportunities the Lord is bringing to OC, we have the potential to see even greater impact in the years ahead!
3. **The Lord has graciously provided for the financial needs of the Mission...** In the midst of the most severe economic downturn since The Great Depression, through the faithfulness and generosity of our donors, the Lord enabled us to end our fiscal year the end of September in the black! In addition to this, as these January prayer letters are being prepared for printing and mailing, it appears that there is a very real possibility that our December 2009 income will be the highest month of income in OC's history!

I trust that this brief summary will help you to see why I am so excited about OC's ministry as we begin this new decade. All of us in OC are very aware that this is only possible because of our more than 40,000 prayer and financial partners who undergird this ministry with their prayers and financial support. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for your continued partnership as we launch into this new decade.