

## THE TWIN TOWERS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IN KUALA LUMPUR



Six volleyball teams from international schools in Southeast Asia came to International School Kuala Lumpur for this event. Singapore American School was the largest, with 3,000-plus high school students. Faith was the smallest, with only 200. All of the teams played each other in pool play followed by the championship games.

It is rare that you have three sophomores who are better than the upper-class players. But that is the way it turned out when our Faith Academy boys went to this tournament. Two senior players couldn't go, so that left three sophomores and five seniors. They met the challenge and were the only team to take Singapore to three games.

In the championship series Faith took the first game 25-21; in the second game the boys fought their way to a 24-21 lead. SAS got the serve and ran off five straight points to win 26-21. In the tiebreaker Faith lost 13-15 in a breathtaking final. You would have been thrilled to see our six players take the tall 6'6", 6'4", 6'4" team down to the wire for the trophy.

But I think you would have been even more thrilled to see how our boys conducted themselves on and off the court. Let me quote one host family:

*Hi! My name is Dawn Keogh and it was my privilege to host two of your young men this past weekend when they visited the International School of Kuala Lumpur for the Twin Towers Volleyball tournament. I want to thank you for bringing the light of Christ to our school. Everyone was impacted in a positive way by the presence of your boys and their behavior on and off the court. ISKL is a secular almost anti-Christian school and the joy and energy that the boys brought with them was very refreshing. I really appreciate that the students remind each other during the games that they are playing For Him! I think most of the crowd assumed they were calling a play but I know what they were doing and it was very encouraging to my soul. Thank you for sharing your exceptional young men with us, I look forward to hosting them again when you return in two years.*

We are pleased that one of the boys she hosted was our grandson. Two of the sophomores made the all-star team. The other one played like an all-star, but only two were allowed. Thank you for helping to make this possible.



Bless you,

*Tine & Jan*

# From the President...

## OC GLOBAL ALLIANCE WORLDWIDE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 21-26 the *OC Global Alliance Worldwide Leadership Conference* was conducted in Iguazú Falls, Brazil. For OC, this was a historic conference because it was the first time in our 59-year history that we conducted one of our worldwide leadership conferences for OC leaders in a country outside of the United States. With the establishment in May 2010 of the OC Global Alliance, and as a reflection of the fact that around 60 percent of the Global Alliance's worldwide ministry personnel are non-U.S. citizens, we felt it was timely and appropriate to conduct this conference outside the United States. We chose Brazil as the location for the conference in response to the dynamic growth of our Brazil Mobilization Center, which now has deployed more than 100 Brazilian missionaries to serve with OC ministry teams throughout Brazil and in nations around the world.



### Did You Know?

*“Over half of the OC Global Alliance’s worldwide ministry personnel are non-U.S. citizens.”*

### Our Vision

Healthy churches working together to disciple all nations.

The conference brought together around 150 OC leaders representing our 10 mobilization centers and all of our ministry teams for eight days of worship, fellowship, training, and interaction about how we can most effectively partner together as a multinational and multiethnic movement to accelerate the carrying out of the Great Commission. By God's grace we are currently experiencing the greatest ministry impact in OC's history. However, I am convinced that the establishment of the OC Global Alliance provides us with the opportunity to see our current impact multiplied manyfold. This conference laid the foundation for what I believe will be a dramatic expansion of OC's worldwide ministry in the years ahead.

As our leaders have now returned to their places of ministry in nations around the world, would you please pray with me that the Lord will bless and use the results of the conference to accelerate his work through OC in the months and years ahead?

With deep gratitude for your partnership,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Greg Sipe".