

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!

Two children were abducted near Faith Academy. The 6-year-old girl had attended Faith's A4J program. An urgent call for prayer was sent out, but the situation seemed hopeless. But God intervened. The children had been missing eight days when a grandmother who lived near them spotted the children being led down the street by a man. She confronted the man and he took off.

What an incredible answer to prayer! God chose to answer our prayers with a resounding yes, intervening on the children's behalf. Our Faith chaplain shared the following in chapel:



What do you think? If a city owns around 9.2 million children under the age of 14, and every year 4 million more are born into it, and if two are lost, will they leave the 9.2 million on the hills and go off to look for the two that are lost? They will not.

The police are without adequate technology and funding and personnel and they cannot—probably they do not even know the two are lost. The parents are poor and ... frightened and cannot. The city is huge and in amongst the 9.2 million, the two are so small as to be impossibly, irredeemably ... unfindably ... lost.

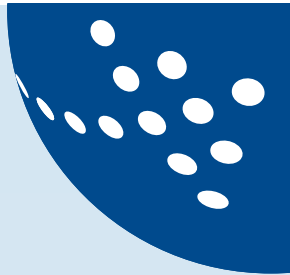
And yet there is one—a good shepherd who cares for the sheep ... He leaves the 9.2 million on the hills to search for the two that are unfindably lost. And when He finds them, ... He is happier about the two that were lost than about all the 9.2 million who were not lost. In the same way, my Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be impossibly, unredeemably, unfindably lost.

“What do you think? If a man owns 100 sheep and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the 99 on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the 99 that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost” (Matt. 18:12-14).

When the man who lost a sheep finds it in Luke 15:6, he calls ... his friends and neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me, I have found my lost sheep.” And when the woman who lost a coin finds it in Luke 15:9, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, “Rejoice with me, I have found my lost coin.” And I say, friends and neighbors ... rejoice with me—He has found the two who were lost.

Praise the Lord for answered prayer!

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God is on the Move!

As You Pray

Nearly four billion people don't even know to call out to the One who died for their sins. They are still waiting to hear the good news for the first time. Pray for additional workers for all of our fields.

Pray

for health and safety for our personnel and their national counterparts. There are still many unsafe places in the world for followers of Christ.

Pray

for our furloughing personnel seeking to connect with family and friends, for restoration and strengthened financial support.

Pray

for our 12 appointees seeking the support needed to get to the field, for pre-field training and transitions.

In 2012 OC International is celebrating our 60th anniversary as a mission agency. By the grace of God, beginning in 1952 with just three American missionary couples, OC's ministry has grown and expanded into a worldwide ministry which last year served more than 1,000,000 national church leaders.

To celebrate these 60 wonderful years, throughout this year we will be highlighting various aspects of OC's worldwide ministry. As we begin this year of celebration, I want to share with you the amazing story of four Chinese believers, apart from whose sacrifice there never would have been an OC International. Their story is below ...



Dick Hillis, OC Founder, was fond of saying, **"It's amazing how much gets done when no one cares who gets the credit."**

President, OC International



Dick Hillis as a young missionary.

The year was 1950. The city was Shanghai, China. The Chinese Communists had taken over the city. Four American missionaries, Dick and Ruth Hillis and Paul and Madra Holsinger, were under house arrest because of an anti-Communist tract Dick had written. Over recent months Dick had repeatedly been charged with being an American spy or an agent of the Nationalist army. A number of missionaries had already been executed by the Communists, and Dick knew that at any moment the dreaded knock on the door might come ... the march into the street ... then a bullet in the back of the head.

The knock did come. However, the Communist leader did not bring a word of judgment and death, but rather a word of release and freedom. Two Chinese couples had approached Communist officials and offered to give their lives in exchange for the two missionary couples. Their offer was accepted, and within five hours the missionaries were on a boat leaving Shanghai. Within a year Dick Hillis was in Formosa sharing the gospel with 400,000 Nationalist troops who had fled the mainland, and the next year OC was born!

As a mission we owe our very existence to the sacrifice of these two Chinese couples. I am looking forward to meeting them one day in heaven and recounting to them the incredible things the Lord has done in nations around the world as a result of their sacrifice.

Did You Know?

Sixty years ago OC began with one team of three couples on the island of Formosa, with no intent to become an international mission. Today we are:

- 10 mobilization centers (sending countries)
- 34 nations where we have resident personnel
- 74 teams
- 675 ministry personnel (60% non-U.S.)