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Dear Friend of OMSC:

As you will see in this issue of *The Hearth*, our community is once again replete with men and women from all over the world. We had hoped that four church leaders from Myanmar could have been a part of this, but all were denied U.S. visas. While their appeal inches its way through the bureaucracy, the furnished apartment that had been reserved for them has been made freely available to a young New Orleans family uprooted by Hurricane Katrina.

On my desk are the applications of scores of would-be residents for 2006–2007. Seventeen of these are from men and women whose credentials merit one of our coveted scholarships. Before the year ends, this number will easily have doubled. Unfortunately, fiscal constraints restrict us to nine scholarships annually, and of those, five have already been committed for next year, leaving room for only another four.

I wish we could provide for more! To that end, two years ago we appealed to churches and individuals to contribute annually to a scholarship fund. We are approximately two thirds of the way toward our goal of \$100,000 in regular annual donations. This amount would cover the full cost of seven scholarships, including roundtrip air fare, housing, a monthly allowance, tuition, and medical insurance. As you read this issue of *The Hearth*, we think you will agree with us that this is an excellent investment.

Many of you—churches, businesses, and individuals—are already helping us to make significant progress toward this goal, and we are grateful. Your new or continuing contribution will enable OMSC to serve missionaries and church leaders from around the world.

Thank you!


Jonathan Bonk

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Enclosed is my gift for the Scholarship Fund for future Overseas Ministries Study Center residents.

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