

# The Hearth

A Newsletter for the Friends of OMSC



Jonathan Bonk greeted Hkaw Sau Mading, a senior pastor with the Kachin Baptist Convention, Myanmar, and his daughter, Sau Win, at OMSC's fall reception September 7. (The pastor's story is on page 6.)



OMSC is a beehive of activity this fall thanks to the eager participation of some fifty international missionaries and church leaders, many of them Asians who serve faithfully around the world. (Photo courtesy of Michael Marsland, Yale University)

**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

## The "Royal Treatment" at OMSC

By Jonathan J. Bonk  
Executive Director



Since Katrina ravaged New Orleans in 2005, leaving thousands of its residents destitute, OMSC has opened its doors to folks who—at first glance—do not belong here. They are refugees. They might not be particularly religious, or they might be cultural Muslims. It has been a privilege to walk with them on their excruciatingly difficult journeys, offering them the support of a genuinely Christian, internationally diverse community. We are often as bewildered as they when they encounter the challenges of learning how to live and make a living in a world that is as culturally and linguistically different from their own as can be imagined.

Our current refugee residents—the widow and her bomb-injured adult son who arrived in June 2009—have been laboring mightily to develop minimal language and occupational skills that will enable them to live dignified and reasonably secure lives here in New Haven. It has been slow going. Finding work is difficult

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## Malaysians Seek Insights for New Assignment

For the past eight years, Wye Choon Cheong has worked with Operation Mobilisation to recruit fellow Malaysians for missions work, but his career as a recruiter started long before his most recent term of service. "My first recruit was my wife," Wye Choon says. Wye Choon received a call to missions in 1987 during an OM camp meeting. So powerful was that calling that he persuaded Swee Gim to join him at a similar conference the following year, where she also felt God's prompting to enter into missions work.

One of their first mission experiences was in North Africa, where they were inspired by the "prayer, courage, and faith of Christians in the midst of poverty and challenge." In fact, Wye Choon and Swee Gim would serve among Muslims in North Africa for six years before they were invited to return home and help create awareness and enthusiasm for missions work, as was

done for them at the beginning of their mission journey. Wye Choon, now the OM leader in Malaysia, works as a speaker and trainer to prepare Malaysian Christians for service abroad. Swee Gim is the head of member care for OM in the East Asia-Pacific region.

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*When Wye Choon Cheong and Swee Gim Lim leave OMSC in December he will begin a new assignment as the leader of Operation Mobilisation in Southeast Asia.*



## The “Royal Treatment”

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at the best of times. Illiteracy in both English and their mother tongue makes the obstacles they face seem well nigh insurmountable. Yet after two years—thanks to the dedication of a retired schoolteacher who has volunteered hundreds of hours of her time—both now speak some English. The mother has become one of the best housekeepers around, and her son is willing to put his hand to anything—especially painting. From their meager earnings they support the younger son, his wife, and two preschool children who are still refugees in Jordan.

They are hanging on by a thread, and OMSC is holding the other end. So what do such people do when they suffer a debilitating injury? Five months ago our widow injured her knee, making housework impossible. Not only did she lose her sole source of income, but her monthly medical bills swelled to between \$600 and \$700. Ironically, her unprecedented earnings the month before she injured her knee—\$1,536—was just enough to disqualify her for Medicaid. The Department of Social Services notified her that she would need to accumulate \$6,327 worth of medical bills—six months of gross income at her level of earnings—in order to qualify for additional medical assistance. We urged her to go ahead with an operation, and between OMSC, the surgeon, and the anesthesiologist, the \$6,000 bill was covered.

The OMSC community has learned a lot about what it is like to be a poor stranger in this country. And we have learned that many people—including medical caregivers—really do care. Of course, it is a part of OMSC’s mission to provide renewal for international church leaders and missionaries from around the world, some of whom are introduced in this issue of *The Hearth*. Inevitably, this means footing the mandatory medical insurance costs for those whose supporting churches are too poor to pay it themselves. This year, so far, travelers’ medical insurance for three of our neediest international scholarship recipients has cost us \$6,470.40. Your support of OMSC international scholarships helps us to help them.

In reality we are doing nothing more than we ought—showing deference to our King by giving these residents the Royal treatment. “. . . I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me . . .” The King (Matthew 25:35–36).

## Ehrman Serves Poorest Children in Cambodia

In February Aiyana Ehrman visited Cambodia with Imagine Goods, the organization she co-founded, on one of her twice-yearly trips. While there she met a little boy named Reatrey (not his real name).

Only one and a half years old, Reatrey had been sold for \$150 by his father to a human trafficker, a person who deals in the buying and selling of people. The trafficker was taking Reatrey to Thailand to sell him when he was stopped at the border by police who had been trained to watch for vulnerable children.

After questioning the trafficker and other children who were with him, police took Reatrey and the other children to a safe home where they would be cared for while waiting to find their families.

Although it is unlikely that Reatrey will be returned to his father, Aiyana and her co-workers at Imagine Goods recognize that, along with greed and selfishness, one of the root reasons that Reatrey was sold was the extreme poverty that has trapped his family. There are nearly 1.4 billion people living in extreme poverty around the world today. Living on less than \$1.50 a day, it is simply impossible for these people to build a buffer they can draw on to meet day-to-day needs

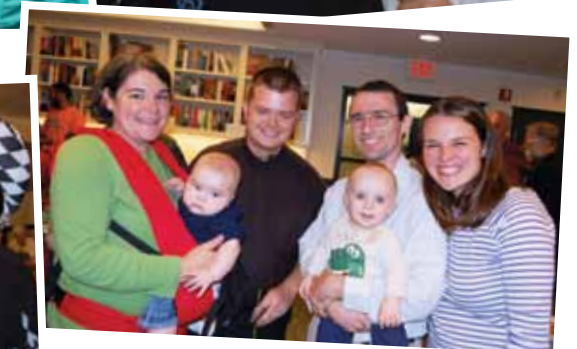
and ride out especially difficult times. This is a major contributor to the problem of trafficking and other justice issues that affect those in extreme poverty.

Aiyana started Imagine Goods in order to do something for people like Reatrey’s family. Mother Teresa once said, “We can do no

great things, only small things with great love.” The idea behind Imagine Goods is that ordinary people can make a difference around the world in the lives of the poor simply by doing small projects based

on a partnership with local organizations. (You can see more about them at [www.ImagineGoods.org](http://www.ImagineGoods.org).)

Aiyana has worked at OMSC for nearly three years as *IBMR* circulation coordinator and OMSC publications assistant. She counts herself blessed to have been able to work at a place that allows her the freedom to continue to travel and make a difference in the lives of the poor. She is also greatly supported in her work by her husband, Jim, who is executive director of the Rivendell Institute at Yale University (<http://rivendellinstitute.org>) and a lecturer in world Christianity at Evangelical Seminary. Together with their children Kent and Eve, they are grateful to be a part of the OMSC community. — Aiyana Ehrman



*More than 100 residents, staff, and friends of OMSC enjoyed the New Orleans-themed welcome party September 7. Newsletter photos are by Daniel J. Nicholas.*



Geoffrey Little, pastor of All Nations Christian Church, New Haven, and his wife Blanca, left, greeted OMSC residents at their home during the annual U.S. Churches Today seminar-tour. Residents Committee chairman Hongyil Kim and his wife, Haejung Lee, are pictured under the umbrella. They look forward to studying missions while at OMSC and enjoying time together with their sons, Christopher and Alex, who normally spend the school year at a boarding school in Kijabe, Kenya.



## Koreans Follow Calling to Ministry in Kenya

Ever since Hongyil Kim participated in a short-term missions trip during his seminary studies, Kenya had been on his heart. Providentially, opportunities to serve in Kenya always seemed to come at the last minute. At first, Hongyil had been scheduled to go elsewhere for his one-year missions sojourn, but a sudden change took him to Kenya, where he ministered to refugee children affected by the violence in nearby Rwanda and Burundi. God used that time in a powerful way to prepare Hongyil for future work.

Upon returning to Korea and finishing his studies, he and Haejung Lee were married and began ministering in a local church. In 2004 they felt God calling them back to the mission field. Once more, they were scheduled to minister in other countries before the destination was changed (at the last minute) and they followed their heart and God's leading to Kenya.

In Kenya, Hongyil and Haejung work with the Africa Inland Church in a mountainous region of northwestern Kenya. While the church is enthusiastic in its worship and generous in its giving, there is a deep need for the church's young leaders to have formal training to prepare and guide them in their ministry.

In fact, Hongyil says, "the first purpose of my ministry is to raise up Christian leaders. I'm trying to make the church leaders—my fellow workers—stand by themselves without an overseas missionary in the near future." This is especially important because different religions are threatening to stifle the church's growth and lead young believers astray.

While Hongyil, who was elected in September to chair the Residents Committee, is looking forward to studying missions while here at OMSC, he and his wife are also enjoying the time together with their sons, Christopher and Alex, who normally spend the school year at a boarding school in Kijabe, Kenya. And since their ministry takes place primarily in the mountains, they all enjoy the rest the modern conveniences here afford them. —Gene Stevenson

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## Monk Enjoying OMSC "Cultural Richness and Ecumenical Character"

Michael Patella, professor of New Testament Studies at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, enjoys helping students mature in their understanding of Christian faith.

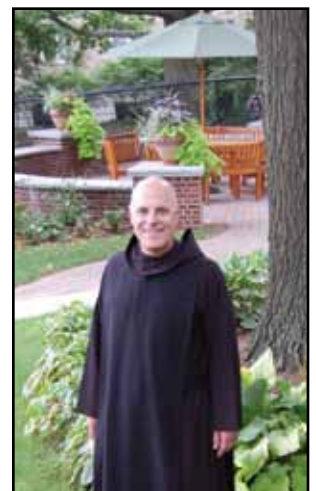
Raised in a Roman Catholic family in Rochester, New York, Michael received an undergraduate degree in religious studies and English from Iona College and taught high school English and history while completing a master's degree in American studies at Boston College.

A desire to investigate the Scriptures more thoroughly led him to enroll at St. John's School of Theology in 1985. While he was there, the community of St. John's Abbey, which sponsors the university and seminary, and the devout, intelligent people who were part of it, attracted him to the monastic life. In 1987 he joined the monastery.

He was ordained in 1990 and completed a doctorate in sacred scripture from École Biblique et Archéologique Française in Jerusalem in 1995. Michael joined the St. John's faculty shortly thereafter. In 2007 he became rector at the School of Theology and Seminary, a position that includes overseeing the spiritual formation of monastic seminarians and fostering interest in the Benedictine order.

Since 1996, Michael has been involved with *The Saint John's Bible* project ([www.saintjohnsbible.org](http://www.saintjohnsbible.org)), which has produced the first handwritten and illuminated Bible sponsored by an

abbey in five hundred years. As a visiting professor at Yale Divinity School this academic year he is spending his sabbatical "researching how *The Saint John's Bible* fits into the rich history of illuminated manuscripts."



Michael says he is excited to be living at OMSC while completing his studies. "I thought if I could come to a place of such cultural richness and ecumenical character, it would make the whole sabbatical year a very rich experience." —Gene Stevenson

## Yale Intern Explores World Christianity, Serves OMSC

Gene Stevenson, the 2011–12 intern at OMSC, is a master of arts in religion student at Yale Divinity School (YDS) and the first recipient of the Dwight P. Baker Endowed Internship Fund.

He has been researching and writing profiles of residents for the annual resident-staff directory and for this newsletter, and learning about mission practices from other cultural perspectives. The internship fits well with Gene's objectives because he is concentrating his studies on world Christianity.

He was raised in a Christian home and sent to private Christian elementary schools, which from a very young age influenced his journey of faith and subsequent fascination with the richness of Christian expression. Gene currently nurtures an interest in Eastern Orthodox churches and theology and their interaction with Western forms of Christianity.

Before enrolling at YDS, he completed a master of divinity degree at Evangelical Seminary (ES), Myerstown, Pennsylvania, located near his childhood home. Gene counts his ES study as "one of the single most transformative periods of my life," and he credits that

Christ-centered academic atmosphere for inspiring a desire to teach at a university or seminary.

Gene has been assistant pastor of First Evangelical Congregational Church, Palmyra, Pennsylvania, for the past five years. He leads worship, oversees the youth program, and preaches occasionally. He says he is "still in the process of discerning my future place in the church."

Gene continues to live in Pennsylvania while studying at YDS and serving during the week at OMSC. He and his wife, Bethanie, have been married for more than eight years. They are the parents of three young children, Aria, Noah, and Lily Anna, who was born September 16.

The endowed internship fund was established earlier this year in honor of Dwight Baker, who retired June 30 as OMSC associate director. So far supporters have given \$36,000 for the fund that was established to provide OMSC with student interns each year.

"It is a blessing to be a part of OMSC," says Gene. "I have enjoyed my time here and look forward to my increased involvement in the future." — Gene Stevenson



*A cookout held outside Great Commission Hall on September 9 was a big hit for everyone, especially for the children, including Justin and Sara Bennett (above at left) and Kylie, 2 (at right), granddaughter of OMSC receptionist Pamela Huffman.*

## Professor and Children Enjoy Break from Nairobi

While serving as director of ministries at Seattle Pacific University (1982–94), Marta Bennett began her doctoral work in leadership studies. Kenyan students at SPU linked her to an opportunity to do her dissertation research in Kenya, and in 1993 she traveled to East Africa for the first time. After completing her degree, and wrapping up responsibilities at SPU, she moved permanently to Kenya at the end of 1994, taking up a full-time position at Daystar University, where she eventually became dean of postgraduate studies.

Marta began teaching leadership courses in other schools as well, and by 2006 she had joined Nairobi International School of Theology (NIST) faculty, where she currently serves as head of the Department of Leadership Studies. NIST is in the process of becoming International Leadership University and is linking with other African

institutions to form a network of schools focused on developing Christian leaders for both church and society. Each school will carry the name International Leadership University (ILU) with the name of its country attached, including schools in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Ghana, and Burundi.

Marta's children, Justin, 13, and Sara Imani, 12, joined her a few years after her arrival in Kenya. Having been burdened by the large number of children in need, she felt prompted to pursue the path of adoption. Marta has had the blessing of parenting Justin and Sara from infancy and is looking forward to sharing with her children the experience of life

on the East Coast of the United States, a new experience.

Justin enjoys playing soccer, skateboarding, reading, and playing piano and drums. Sara is a strong swimmer who also enjoys soccer and playing piano. Both children attend Worthington Hooker School during their time in New Haven.

In addition to enjoying this time with her family while at OMSC, Marta, who serves the community as vice chair of the Residents Committee, says, "I long to have the time to read, write, and interact with others who are in the context of the dramatically growing church in the non-Western world." — Gene Stevenson



## Oxford Centre Leader Lectures on “Millennial Shift of Global Christianity”

Dr. Wonsuk Ma, executive director of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, in Oxford, England, addressed the semiannual luncheon for pastors and church mission committee members, held at OMSC on October 5.

He challenged those present to consider the “millennial shift of global Christianity” and to reflect on its “missional implications” for churches and ministries.

The following week Dr. Ma, an Old Testament scholar and Pentecostal, spoke at an OMSC brownbag lunch lecture on how Pentecostalism has played a significant role in Christian mission in the twentieth century and how it is expected to continue its spread and impact in the new century.

Dr. Ma is the author of *Until the Spirit Comes: The Spirit of God in the Book of Isaiah* (1999) and has edited numerous books. He was vice president for academic affairs at Asia Pacific Theological Seminary (1996–2006), coeditor of the *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies* (1998–2006), and editor of the *Journal of Asian Mission* (1999–2001). He jointly led three Edinburgh 2010 study groups.

Dr. Julie C. Ma, his wife, is a research tutor in missiology at OCMS. She is author of *When the Spirit Meets the Spirits* (2000) and *Mission Possible: The Biblical Strategy for Reaching the Lost* (2005). She also edited the *Journal of Asian Mission* and served in the General Council of Edinburgh 2010.

They are coeditors of *Asian Church and God’s Mission* (2003) and coauthors of *Mission in the Spirit: Towards a Pentecostal/Charismatic Missiology* (2010).

The couple, who are the senior mission scholars at OMSC for the fall semester, are the parents of two adult sons. One is a missionary in the Philippines and the other is completing university study.



*Dr. Wonsuk Ma addressed the semiannual luncheon for pastors and church mission committee members, on the “millennial shift of global Christianity” and its “missional implications.” He and his wife, Julie, are senior mission scholars at OMSC.*

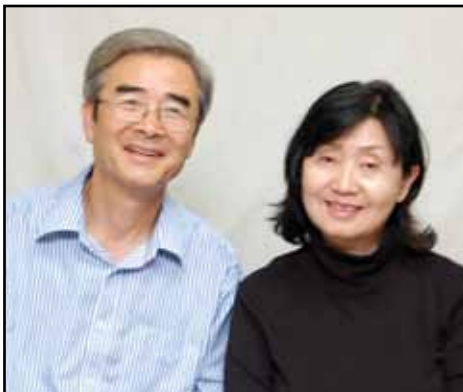
## Anglican Bishop Will Respond to U.N. Initiative

Duleep and Geetha De Chickera, who have devoted their lives to reconciliation, peace, and justice, will visit OMSC for a few weeks of rest and reflection beginning in mid-November. Drawing on his experiences in Sri Lanka, he will give “A Theological Response to R2P (Responsibility to Protect)” at a public lecture on November 22.

The International Coalition for the Responsibility to Protect (R2P, [www.responsibilityto-protect.org](http://www.responsibilityto-protect.org)) is an international security and human rights initiative of the United Nations that addresses the “international community’s failure to prevent and stop genocides, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.”

In May 2001 De Chickera, rector of the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in Molakawa, Sri Lanka, was appointed fourteenth

Anglican bishop of Colombo; he retired from that post December 31, 2010. De Chickera was honored by being asked to preach for 650 bishops at the opening Eucharist of the 2008 Lambeth Conference of the worldwide Anglican Communion in Canterbury.



*Wonsuk and Julie Ma*

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## Kachin Baptist Senior Pastor Consecrated Life to Missionary Service

To celebrate God's faithfulness over the first one hundred years of Christianity in their region of Myanmar, leaders of the Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC) organized in 1978 what they called the 3/300 Mission. They selected and equipped three hundred young people, taking the number from Gideon in Judges 7. These young missionaries completed forty days of intensive Bible training, upholding each other in prayer, and preparing themselves to share the Gospel for three years with the Kachin and other ethnic groups in the country formerly called Burma.

Hkaw Sau Mading, senior pastor of the 3,000-member Seng Tawng Baptist Church and a current OMSC resident, was one of the three hundred missionaries who consecrated themselves and as a result experienced God's miraculous ways. Whenever he has the opportunity Hkaw Sau testifies to God's "goodness and faithfulness."

To pass along word of the 3/300 mission challenge and as a requirement of the bachelor of divinity degree he received in 1990

from the Myanmar Institute of Theology, Hkaw Sau wrote a 130-page summary of numerous divine interventions the missionaries experienced, including healing of blind people, breaking of spiritual bondage, and other life transformations.

The KBC leaders and pastors took the Great Commission of Matthew 28 as their inspiration, focused themselves on God's sovereignty for these new missionaries, and consecrated themselves to fulfill the task they faced. The young men and women did not receive any financial aid during their three years of service and, despite spiritual, mental, and physical challenges, God chose to work through them to the glory of his name.

"The missionary task was not a bed of roses. It required a lot of effort with heart and soul, self-consecration, and toiling with sweat and blood. There were times when the missionaries had to shed tears" as they ministered to others, says Hkaw Sau.

While he served with the 3/300 Mission, Hkaw Sau was KBC's director of missions and evangelism, from 1977 to 1987. The mis-

sion programs KBC organized opened new opportunities for the Gospel among Chin, Shan, Kayan, and Karen, as well as among the Kachin.

Hkaw Sau's church in Myanmar's Kachin state counts approximately 3,000 people in its principal congregation and five other smaller groups scattered across the region. While in residence at OMSC, he wants to gain a greater understanding of mission work through the lectures and seminars.

Hkaw Sau, 68, and his wife, Htu Shan, a Bible school teacher who did not accompany him to New Haven, are the parents of five adult children (three sons and two daughters); they also cherish four grandchildren.

## Malaysians Seek

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Choon will become regional head of OM for Southeast Asia. He and Swee Gim hope to take the time while at OMSC to gain insight for this new position. They are researching the religious situation and specifically the presence and growth of Islam in Southeast Asia. They also look forward to a time of renewal and rest in preparation for their future work.

Wye Choon serves the OMSC community as secretary-treasurer of the Residents Committee.

They enjoy bird-watching and have already secured a number of books to help them identify local wildlife. —Gene Stevenson



## Thank You for Supporting OMSC!

April 16 to October 1, 2011

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**Dr. Lamin Sanneh**, D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale Divinity School and an OMSC Board of Trustees member, received, on September 1, the annual Marianist Award from the University of Dayton (Ohio). The award honors "a Roman Catholic whose work has made a major contribution to intellectual life." The citation praised Dr. Sanneh's "work on world Christianity, helping an age-old tradition to understand and embrace its present, and to move confidently into the life and the future to which the Spirit is inviting the Church."

**Dr. J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu**, senior mission scholar at OMSC for the spring 2012 semester, is professor of contemporary African Christianity and Pentecostal/charismatic studies at Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon, Accra, Ghana. He is also dean of graduate studies.



**Dr. Dana L. Robert** was honored on September 21 when her endowed chair as the Truman Collins Professor of World Christianity and History of Mission at Boston University School of Theology was dedicated. Dr. Robert is a contributing editor of the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* and a former OMSC board member (shown at left with



**Dr. M. L. Daneel**, her husband). **Dr. Gerald H. Anderson**, OMSC director emeritus and BUSTh class of 1955, chaired the alumni committee for the celebration.

## Sigg Family Adjusting Priorities to Kenyan Life



Michèle, Sam, Johan, Annie, and Catherine Sigg are investing a year of their lives in Kenya while Michèle completes a master of theology in world Christianity degree at Africa International University's Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology.

While studying, Michèle is also networking with religious institutions of higher learning to promote the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* and the writing of African Christian history. She has been manager of the *DACB* since 2000, while Sam has been OMSC's artist liaison. Annie and Catherine are students at West Nairobi School. Sam continues to translate and edit for the *DACB*, and is keeping up with the art liaison correspondence.

In Machakos, southeast of Nairobi, they have been helping an AIU doctoral student at a home for nineteen orphaned or abandoned children. Sam and Johan are also volunteering at the orphanage and at the Nyumbani Children's Home, which describes itself as "an active response to the rising number of HIV infected children born in Africa every day" ([www.nyumbani.org](http://www.nyumbani.org)).

Johan is pursuing film projects including the taping and editing of lectures by Andrew Walls.

"In Africa, it doesn't take long to realize you have to adjust your priorities and try to see things from an African perspective," writes Michèle in their online blog (<http://siggsinafrica.wordpress.com>) on August 25, after they encountered a street sign stating that "warthogs and children" have the right of way. "We don't usually run into free-range warthogs in Connecticut," she said.

The Siggs have been enjoying numerous encounters with animals of all sorts everywhere they go in Kenya. These have included donkeys (which Catherine learned to ride, photo above), chickens, brightly colored birds, monkeys, cows, goats, sheep, rhinoceros, and giraffe.

## Kim Brothers Build Houses in Vietnam

Yohan and Yoseph Kim traveled to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, August 1–15 for a visit with 2010–11 residents Seok Jeoung Woo, his wife, Hee Jeong Lee, and their daughter, YeonKyung.

Accompanied by their cousin, Vivian Kim, a student at Virginia Tech, Yohan, 16, and Yoseph, 12, sons of OMSC senior host couple Jin Bong Kim and Soon Young Jung, assisted Dr. Woo, a cardiovascular surgeon from Korea, who is director of the Long An Segaero Hospital; Mrs. Lee is the hospital administrator.

"Under the scorching sun, every day I experienced something new," says Yohan, a Hopkins School student. "My third day there, I took part in the Love House Project, where the hospital builds \$1,000 houses for needy Vietnamese families. Later in the week I volunteered by giving out sugar, rice, and cooking oil rations to villagers who could not afford these necessities on their own."

During their stay in Vietnam, Yohan says, "I learned that the Vietnamese people need a lot of love and our prayers. Ultimately, I would like to go back and do more volunteer work in the future."



Yohan Kim travels around Ho Chi Minh City with his cousin, Vivian Kim.



Korean alumni prayed for Jon and Jean Bonk (above). The Bonks met in Seoul with Jung Hyun Ok, senior pastor of the SaRang Community Church, and his wife, Nan Young Yoon (right). Fifty people attended the annual Korean pastors luncheon held at OMSC October 3 (below). Dr. Bonk reported on his recent trip to Korea, and Dr. Won Sang Lee, a pastor in Virginia, preached.



## Bonks Tour South Korea, Meet Alumni

Executive director Jonathan Bonk and his wife, Jean—accompanied much of the time by OMSC host-hostess couple Rev. Jin Bong Kim and Mrs. Soon Young Jung—traveled to South Korea to conduct a five-day training seminar for Global Partners missionaries.

While they were there (August 11–22), Dr. Bonk chaired a planning meeting for the second Korean Global Mission Leadership Forum to be hosted by OMSC in June 2013. This meeting will focus on family-related accountability issues in missions. He also preached nine times at six different churches: BangJu Presbyterian Church, Seoul Light and Salt Church, Great Vision Church in Uijeongbu City, SaRang Community Church, Fountain Kwangchun Presbyterian Church, and Hwapyung Church.

The Korean Research Institute for Missions (KRIM) and the Korean World Mission Association (KWMA) arranged for him to give a public lecture on “Africa and the Future of Christianity: Pre-Christendom Faith in a Post-Christendom World.” For this founder of the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* ([www.dacb.org](http://www.dacb.org)), and someone who grew up in Ethiopia, African Christianity is a subject dear to his heart.

He and his wife, Jean, also shared a joyful dinner with approximately twenty OMSC Korean alumni, and were touched as the alumni gathered around them to dedicate them and the ministry of OMSC to God. The SaRang Community Church provided their facilities and the restaurant dinner free of charge. Ten members of the SaRang Artist Missionaries association (<http://sam.sarang.org>) hosted them for an entire afternoon, and treated them to a delicious traditional Korean duck and pumpkin dinner.

Dr. Bonk will return to Korea in November to take part in the dedication of both the English and Korean versions of *Accountability in Missions: Korean and Western Case Studies* (Wipf & Stock and Word of Life Press), a book of the case studies presented at the Korean Global Mission Leadership Forum at OMSC in February earlier this year.

## All Are Welcome to Attend Dedication of Mission Accountability Book

The Korean and English editions of *Accountability in Missions: Korean and Western Case Studies* (copyright © 2011 Word of Life Press and Wipf & Stock Publishers) will be dedicated. This book is based on case studies and presentations made at the Korean Global Mission Leadership Forum, February 10–14, 2011, at the Overseas Ministries Study Center.

When: November 14, 2011, 11:00 a.m.

Where: Seminar Hall, Chongshin University, Seoul, Korea

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