



# Operation World

when we pray, God works  
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OK, let me begin with a big thank you to all who are praying. It has made a real difference in these past months! We are grateful - keep up the good work!

## **GEARING UP**

Only 1187 days until we need to finish Operation World! That might sound like an eternity, but as we all know, time slips away faster than we realize. One of the keys to even hoping to get this massive work done on time is good planning and discipline – 2 areas for which I’ve never been famous! We need to invest wisely in our time and work hard in these early days to make sure we are ahead of the game when crunch time comes. Just grinding it out won’t do it. Another key to success is...

## **THE TEAM**

At the moment there are still only 2 of us (Laura and I) in the OW office. Fortunately, we have a group of wonderful people helping out in different capacities from where they are – Maurice, Bill, Kathy, Terry, Richard, Dave, Jimin – but full-time, onsite people are the way forward. We got a taster this summer when Jasmine Jaffarian joined us for a month of mayhem. It was a good experience for all of us; we got some crucial work done and “lucky” Jasmine was our guinea pig in figuring out how to incorporate new folk into the flow of work. Now PRAY with us for at the 4 people in the pipeline to join us short- and long-term. We NEED them and more besides!

## **WHAT ARE WE ACTUALLY DOING?**

Apart from writing a few dozen e-mails a day, reading and filing a similar amount of news articles and entering way too much data, what do we actually do? Well, I don’t want to bore you with the gory details, but...

We have statistics on over 8000 denominations and 3300 mission agencies. Try counting all the congregations, members, adherents and attendance for each denomination since 1960 and every worker sent from a mission org, including their field and nationality! The huge challenge is that despite these millions of bits of information, we know that there are many more missions and churches out there that we don’t yet know about! PRAY that God would connect us with all this info & the people who have it – so crucial so piecing



I hope the residents are enjoying their stay

together a global picture of what He is doing in the nations.

## **PYRAMID SCHEME**

From 10-17 September I’ll be in Egypt (hopefully) for a meeting of the IPC (see last newsletter!). We will meet to discuss our ministries, what God is doing in the world and plan for the next Global Day of Prayer (again, see June prayer letter!). These meetings will take

place soon after the inevitably controversial Egyptian elections – so please PRAY for stability in the nation & protection for all believers (including us!).

## **WHAT’S IN A NAME?**

In our labour to uncover every mission org hiding out there, we’ve uncovered some amazing names! Here are just a few gems:

*Carrot Tops*

*Free Love Ministries*

*Have Christ, Will Travel*

*Final Frontiers Foundation*

*Christ is Coming, Incorporated*

*The Stump Overseas Mission*

*Flying Doctors of America*

*Heifer International*

## **VARIOUS AND SUNDRY**

In the coming 7 weeks, we have several meetings of strategic significance:

Techie weekend discussion how to best shift all our information from database to book (xml)

Mega-conference for ministries to children (Viva)

A day with researchers from OC International

Discussions on the possibility of a “special edition” of OW for university students

Please PRAY for all these meetings to go as God plans!

## **SMOKIN’ JOINTS**

As we speak, my knee is burning hot! I “tweaked” it again on Monday and until I get surgery, it just won’t work properly. PRAY for an appointment with the surgeon soon and for complete healing and restoration of the knee one way or another!

In Christ and for the Harvest,  
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