



# Operation World

when we pray, God works  
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## **INDIAN SUMMERS**

These past few days of September have reminded me of why it is my favorite month (and no, it has nothing to do with my birthday!). What it is is that the good weather has all the lazy warmth of a summer day but not the oppressive heat nor the weight of expectation of sunshine that comes in July or August. It's like a gift that is all the more delightful due to its not being expected. The first hints of autumn are in place as well, reminding us that it will not last forever, so we should enjoy it while it lingers. I'm enjoying this balmy afternoon by writing to you all.

## **EVERYTHING CHANGES**

I don't think that any 2 consecutive prayer letters have seen the same team in the OW office. And this one is no different. Not only are we saying hello to Jen, a Korean-American who is joining us long term (yay!), but goodbye to Aaron, who has been with us for almost a year now. We're thankful for his uniqueness and his helpfulness over the last year and pray for God's will regarding future plans to be made clear to Him.

## **THE BEAT GOES ON...**

As you all know, the primary challenge at this stage of the project is just to get a lot of first drafts written. members with the right gifts coming at the right time! We are grinding our way through the countries, still too slowly but with increasing pace and tackling increasingly complex countries – you know, the ones that count their populations in the millions instead of in the thousands ☺. One of the encouraging aspects of the office lately is that the team is picking up the whole process quite well now. We are at the point where we can entrust most research and preparation process for writing a country to any team member. This means that each team member can have a “portfolio” of countries for which they are responsible. I will do the actually writing and handle the difficult elements of the analysis. This is a very exciting and encouraging development as it will stretch the team and give them a greater sense of ownership over the process.

But it will mean that I am the bottleneck of the process. This situation will not be helped by my future absence...

## **COUNTRY HOPPING IN ASIA...**

I will be attending a few conferences and speaking engagements in Southeast Asia in the next 4 weeks. The core of this time away is the International Prayer Council meetings and the Lausanne Younger Leaders Gathering. Both of them have me very excited. I've enjoyed getting the presentations and messages ready, but it has eaten significantly into my OW time. I'm hoping that my presentations will really educate and motivate people to think, pray and act strategically regarding mission. The conferences will be great in their own right, but if I meet people who can become contacts in an OW capacity, that will be a real bonus. I will also be able to enjoy a couple of days ministering and catching up with people on my old home the Doulos while it is in Bangkok. Finally, I will have a few days of chillout time after the heaviest of the conference schedule is over where I will be catching up with an old friend or two.

15-20 September: Speaking in Churches, Singapore

20-24 September: International Prayer Council

24-30 September: Lausanne Younger Leaders Gathering

1-5 October: Holiday

6-8 October: Doulos in Bangkok

## **KEEP PRAYING...**

- 1) The slog never ends. Progress has been encouraging but we are still more than 200 countries from finishing.
- 2) The team is starting to come into its own. Pray for further proficiency and confidence as the work continues. Pray also for a great team spirit to continue to grow.
- 3) The trip. Some of these speaking engagements are VERY strategic – pray that God's purposes might be fulfilled for every time I share.

In Christ and for the Harvest,

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