



Just today I was reminded in a devotional time that God is the God of the fourth watch. We were looking at the Matthew 14 passage about Jesus walking on the lake toward His disciples during a storm. He doesn't walk out during the first, second, or third watches of the night, He waits until the fourth watch. Jesus walks out to His disciples and calms the terrifying storm when we might think "time is running out."

At the last minute He provides for them; doesn't He do that in our lives as well? We sometimes expect Him to act sooner, like during the first, second, or third watch. We would feel more comfortable with that, wouldn't we? But then, just as the fourth watch is upon us, He shows up! And just in time!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the response to our financial needs in December. Many of you gave very generously toward our support, and we are left amazed by God's provision. Thank you so very much!

We began 2008 with a bang! Our first week back to work was a big one for both of us. Kyle facilitated his first Personnel Interview Committee and is so excited to announce that Elliot and B'linda Irby (24-year-olds from Houston, TX) were accepted as long-term OC missionaries! What an honor to be a part of their process.



*Kyle with his first "official" career missionary interns, Elliot & B'Linda.*



*Nell with her first "official" short-term missionary, Christen Peirce. Also in photo is Marcie, our Mobilization Assistant!*

While Kyle was meeting with the Irbys, I drove to the airport to pick up the first short-term missionary being sent out under my watch, Christen Peirce. I spent the week with Christen as I facilitated her pre-field training. She is a 27-year-old Multnomah student who will be doing her missions practicum with OC missionaries in Europe. As she lives in Worthing, England, she will be involved in local ministry and have the opportunity to travel to Eastern Europe and partner with our personnel. What a quality girl!

It is a humbling experience to be a part of mobilizing missionaries worldwide. That we, Kyle and Nell Stiff from California, would be a small part of seeing the expansion of God's

Kingdom on Earth is truly amazing! Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. Because of your partnership, we can serve in this way and hopefully see many more sent out!

Feeling His incredible provision,

*Nell*