



What do you think of when you hear the word “team”? Perhaps football? Basketball? Baseball? It is with these concepts in mind that OCI puts such a strong emphasis on team. We work better together. As they tell us in Internship, “Your team can be your greatest asset or your biggest liability.”

No, it’s not always easy to work together as a team, but is it worth the effort? Our answer would be absolutely “yes”! We have a wonderful team of missionaries here in Guatemala who has made our time here so rich.

Why is “team” important? What does “team” do?

- Pray for one another.
- Encourage and sharpen each other.
- Serve in areas of need.
- Become aunts and uncles to each other’s kids.
- Help in times of need.
- Give good advice for living in Guatemala.
- Hold each other accountable.
- Listen well.
- Check up on each other.
- Compliment one another in ministry.



We are so thankful for our team members here in Guatemala. They are our co-workers, our family, our friends, and our greatest asset. It is such a blessing to work together to accomplish that to which God has called us to do.

Please pray for our team.

In His Love,

*Kyle & Nell*

## Thanks for Birthing Butterflies!

I want you to know how strongly we appreciate your partnership in the ministry of OC International. Your prayers and financial support for OCI missionaries are essential ingredients in the expansion of Christ's kingdom. And we are working hard to maximize resources by using the most strategic methods possible. Primarily, we do this by *coming alongside the national church to help them disciple their nation for Christ*. Since this is a huge concept to grasp, I thought this month I would give you an illustration of how it can work out in actual ministry.

In Russia, there is a tremendous need and opportunity to bring young people to a saving knowledge of Christ. But American missionaries are limited in what they can do to meet this need. That's why OCI missionary Bob Hilts travels throughout Russia, equipping church leaders to begin Christian camps.

One Russian woman named Anya attended a training seminar and, being disabled herself, received a burden from God to begin a camp for disabled youth. With encouragement from Bob and others, Anya overcame her limitations and began Camp "Babochka" (i.e. Butterfly) in a location that was formerly used to train communist youth.

Like caterpillars becoming butterflies, many young people were transformed by the loving atmosphere of the Christian camp. Anya has also been personally transformed. Formerly despised because of her disability, she now feels valued and accepted by God. "His enabling me for this ministry feels like a miracle," she says. "Thank you for helping me to believe that God has a special plan for me and the disabled children in Russia."



Anya with Bob Hilts

Outsiders could have come in and started camps themselves, but by coming alongside the Russian church and training believers like Anya, Bob Hilts and our OCI missionaries in countries around the world are maximizing available local resources.

*The OCI missionaries that you know are implementing this same strategy in the places they serve. Thank you for your interest in what they are doing.* Please keep praying that OCI missionaries will discover strategic ways to maximize opportunities. And please continue to partner financially by faithfully supporting the OCI missionaries you know. Each one is as important to the lives of many national believers as Bob Hilts has been to Anya.

With thanks,



***P.S. Does the OCI strategy intrigue you? Would you like to find out more about how it works and how you might fit in? We've designed a one-day seminar to answer these very questions. Why not contact us this week and ask for details about "Worldview"?***



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