

### **A year later**

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since we left our home in Guatemala. May 17 was our last day in Guatemala and the first day of our stay in the U.S. Thank you for your prayers for us as we grieved the loss of our lives in Central America and as we entered into a new phase of ministry based out of Colorado. The Lord has been faithful in His Comfort to us in sadness, His Provision for us in need, and His Presence with us in new things.

### **A new challenge**

We are confident that He has brought us here for His purposes. OC International is in the process of a lot of change. It is clear that as we look into the future as a mission, it is a future filled with faces from all over the world. Not only faces that we are ministering to, but faces we are ministering with! With almost half of our missionaries from countries other than the United States, we are excited to see the sharing of leadership that is beginning to take place in the mission. This is a slow process and one that we are committed to. Please pray for us!

### **The Millennials are among us!**

We are thrilled to interact with the quality 20-somethings that God is bringing into ministry with OC! In the past couple of months, we've accepted five young Americans into the OC family. Please pray for Elliot and B'linda Irby, Greg and Jennifer Evans, and Denise Jasmer as they seek the Lord for their placement on a field team.

### **Summer training**

Beginning June 14, the Stiff family will join the 20-somethings during their monthlong OC Internship. This training program is designed to prepare new missionaries for OC field teams. In order for us to fully participate in this program and the Member Care program in late July, we have an additional financial need. Would you be willing to give a one-time gift toward this ministry? We've enclosed a response card that can be sent in with a check. Thank you for prayerfully considering partnering with us in our summer programs.

### **Short Term summer sending**

Summertime is our busiest time in Short Term. We are sending a team to South Africa, and individuals to Guatemala, Mozambique, and Southeast Asia. Please pray for the prefield preparation, on-site ministry, and the re-entry of these missionaries. Also pray for them as they seek God's direction for their lives.

Your friends,

*Kyle & Nell Stiff*



*Leaders from around OC's world gathered in Colorado.*



*Kyle and Nell interacting with OC worldwide leadership about working with the younger generation.*

# From the President...

## HOMEGOING OF DR. CLYDE COOK

Last weekend I had the honor of representing OC at the memorial service for Dr. Clyde Cook, who died of a massive heart attack in his home in Southern California on the evening of Friday, April 11. The Fullerton Evangelical Free Church, where Clyde and his wife, Anna Belle, were members for many years, was filled to overflowing as nearly 2,000 people gathered to celebrate Clyde's extraordinary life and worldwide ministry impact.



*Dr. Clyde Cook  
1935 - 2008*

A fourth-generation missionary, Clyde always viewed himself as a missionary. His life and ministry were characterized by a lifelong passion for and commitment to the Great Commission. Following his graduation from Biola University, Clyde and Anna Belle joined OC and served with the mission in the Philippines from 1963 to 1967. Following these years of service with OC, Clyde returned to Biola, where he served for 12 years teaching in the areas of intercultural studies and missions. In 1978 Clyde and Anna Belle rejoined OC, where he served as president of the mission for three and a half years. In 1982 Clyde once more returned to Biola to assume the role of president of the university. Clyde served as president of Biola until his retirement in June 2007.

During his years of service as OC president, Clyde put in place an organizational and financial structure which served as a solid foundation for the rapid growth and expansion the mission experienced during the years following Clyde's return to Biola. In the same way, under Clyde's leadership, Biola experienced dramatic and sustained growth and expansion, with enrollment nearly doubling during the 25 years Clyde provided leadership for the university.

In Hebrews 13:7 we read the following: "Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith." Those of us in OC do remember Clyde's faithful years of service with OC, first as a field missionary in the Philippines, and then as president of the mission. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for the godly and wise leadership that he provided during a critical season in OC's growth and development. As president of the mission, I am committed not only to honoring Clyde's memory, but also to seeking to follow his godly example as we in OC continue to labor together to effectively carry out the Great Commission task to which Clyde dedicated his life.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Sipe".

Remember to sign up for your missionary's e-mail letters at [www.onechallenge.org](http://www.onechallenge.org). Then click on Prayer Letters on the left hand side. Names are listed in alphabetical order.

### Did You Know?

You can read more on Clyde Cook, by going to [clydecook.biola.edu](http://clydecook.biola.edu), to view his biography, legacy, photos, videos, tributes, and memories.

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