

## **OWCON REPORT BACK**

Hello all! It seemed appropriate to send you some updates on OWCON, since every single one of you presumably prayed for it and for us. I am not joking, either! We are so grateful that all 11 of us participating made it safely to Seoul (along with their luggage), stayed healthy the whole time, and made it back home again without incident. Praise the Lord for that! We thank God as well for knitting our hearts together - a particular group of 11 people who had never all met and will likely never form that exact permutation again in this life. But it felt like we were with family and old friends.

We also had a very fruitful time together in South Korea. It was a blend of business sessions and reports, devotional teachings, sung worship, go over Operation World's goals, project progress, and vision for the future. Everyone has a much clearer sense of our own ministry, that of WEC as well. It also included a good amount of outings to stretch our legs and see the city, and probably a little too much good food! The team seemed to appreciate the way the schedule worked out, the opportunity to encounter this incredible city, and of course the chance to be together with one another and before the Lord.

## **THE UNSUNG HEROES**

Our thanks go out to a number of people from Becky's church. First, to the folks who worked so hard to get the space ready to be a *church*, never mind to host OWCON. But that push made it possible for us to have all our meetings there. Next to Pastor Jun and his family who graciously "hosted" us in space that they would normally occupy from day to day. A huge thanks goes to the young adults who accompanied OW on all of our outings, at several of our meals, and who helped with the AV side of things - special recognition to Iseul and Narae for their hard work. The kitchen ladies made and served several amaaazing meals with smiles on their faces and hearts of joy in service. It was a real joy to enjoy fellowship with all of these folks - and others - from the church. We were also grateful for the hospitality deacons as Sarang Church who welcomed us and gave us a wonderfully extensive tour of this most remarkable church facility.

Every OWCON so far has been in a different location (virtual, Pennsylvania, England, Chiang Mai, Seoul). Each one has had a different permutation of people and a different feel. Where will the next one be? We trust God for discernment and for the provision of the right connections and venue. Pray with us!

## **NEXT UP...**

I write this 24 hours before I will board a flight to Norway. For 10 days, I'll be speaking at Bible Colleges, seminaries, churches, tv stations, and at a large annual mission conference. Our Norwegian team member Audun will be joining as well. It will be great to have him as a travel companion, and (I'm praying) for him to make some good connections of his own in Norway.

I will then fly back to Korea and go straight into the World Evangelical Alliance [General Assembly](#). This event will have up to 7000 people attending from almost every nation. It will be hosted by Sarang Church (where the OW team is pictured below)! The General Assembly has immense potential for Operation World in terms of making valuable contacts with evangelical leaders from

all these countries. Naturally, I'm looking forward to the presentations and panels with voices and stories from around the world of evangelicals, and no doubt renewing fellowship with some ministry friends and colleagues from around the world. And I'll also be briefly presenting on the first day, to help set the tone by speaking about the size, diversity, growth, and complexity of evangelicalism. Sharing at the beginning of such an event is always a plus in my estimation, as it gets the pressure off early, and makes meeting people a little easier due to the visibility. I'm praying that many excellent new connections will be formed for the OW network.

Becky will also be involved a little in this one, doing some translating including for some guy called Rick Warren. I think I've heard of him...

## **COMPLETING THE HAT TRICK**

Immediately after finishing at the WEA General Assembly, I'll fly off to Jeju Island to participate in the Global Harvest Summit, another gathering of leaders from around the world to strategize and collaborate on world evangelization. The theme for this year is "Intercession & Evangelism to Accelerate the Gospel Movement", so that kind of ticks a few of Operation World's boxes pretty nicely! Details are still being worked out, but as I understand it, I'll be involved in doing a breakout session/seminar and helping to facilitate the prayer night.

## **HOW TO PRAY**

**Praise God with us for OWCON.** Becky's church really went above and beyond in hospitality, everyone made it there and back again safely, God moved among us, and the gathering itself was excellent.

**Pray for Jason's travel and speaking.** In Norway, at the WEA General Assembly, and at the Global Harvest Summit, pray for continued good health and safety, for fruitful ministry, and for divine appointments that connect OW to the kind of people who can wisely give input on how to pray for their nations.

**Pray for OW8.** While Jason is travelling and conference, the rest of the team is continuing with research, analysis, and preparing countries for first drafts. THIS is the core of OW and the bottom line of our ministry priorities for the next couple of years. If we don't write a new OW, we are failing to do what God has called us to do! So pray that we would accelerate through this process, with competence, with joy, with unity, and with God-honouring results.

Yours for the harvest,

Jason and Becky

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