

Special Projects & Verwer's Ministry Letter

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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners

On May 1st Nathan Smith, my helper, and I leave for seven days in Mexico celebrating OM's 50th anniversary in eight different cities.

It was one year after my conversion to Christ that things really began to happen in New Jersey, especially at Ramsey High School. At the famous meeting in the High School auditorium with 600 students attending, 125 stood to believe on Jesus, including my own father. That was also the year that Dale Rhoton, Walter Borchard and I met at Maryville College. By the summer of 1957, we were in Mexico. Originally, we were called Send the Light as I did not get the name Operation Mobilization until after my failed literature smuggling trip to the Soviet Union in the summer of 1961.

As I begin writing this letter, I am sitting in the car with Drena, once again driving to Heathrow Airport, a trip we have made many times. Nathan and I are headed to Mexico for the 50th anniversary celebrations.

The time with Logos II in the Bahamas went well and we continue to work closely with all three ships. Those of you who give to Special Projects have helped us give tens of thousands of very important books to the ships. They give some away free, but sell most at special prices with the money helping the whole ministry keep going. Thanks for your part.

We are praying that the new ship will soon come out of the shipyard in Croatia. We are all involved in this project. Partnership is a very key concept and reality in Special Projects as we work in partnership with so many people, churches and agencies. These relationships have been built up over 50 years. We are seeing breakthroughs and people are coming to Christ because of prayer and partnership.

This August it will be three years since Drena and I stepped out of the leadership of OM and once again the General Council will meet (it is now called the International Forum). It is at a fantastic location in Germany. We want as many OMs as possible to be there, but some don't have the support or funds. With Special Projects we want to help. There are some staff who have never gone to such an event! Please pray about helping with this.

If you could see some of the requests that come to us, I know you would be even more encouraged to be involved with us in an active way. I just had a phone call asking for funds for evangelistic literature for a particular country. This same need exists in many countries. Funds for evangelistic DVDs are needed more than ever. Publishers are waiting for funds to go to press with many key books in many languages. Would you help?

Please pray for a greater release of funds so that we can move forward on some of our many projects that are pending.

I hope you received our SE London Fellowship Newsletter which I felt was very attractive and well put together. Since in OM we already have so much full color and attractive communications materials, I don't want to go down that road with this letter. I struggle with even sending it because I know so many people are on information overload. On the other hand, your prayers and partnership are vital in what we are doing around the world.

Hoping to hear from you.

In His grace and grip

George and Drena Verwer

Mexico

We just finished seven phenomenal days in Mexico celebrating the 50th anniversary in 8 different cities. It was especially encouraging to have 350 people in Mexico City at a special celebrator dinner including all those who worked as Directors from Dick Griffin and Baldemar Aguilar right through to Fernando Garcia the present director.

Fernando travelled with us and did a wonderful job pioneering and coordinating these events. We had a total attendance of more than 6000 people, with many hundreds making commitments to world missions. Thanks again for standing with us in prayer not only for these events but also through the years.

I would love to hear from some of you as to how you first got involved with OM, either in prayer or some other way.

Thanks for praying

Recently we were able to rush 25,000 books to Doulos from OM Books in Hyderabad when she was in Madras.

George Verwer books continue to go out around the world in many languages.

No Turning Back has recently been printed in the Manipuri language and **Out of the Comfort Zone** in Kuki.

These are two major languages of Manipur State in India. Most other smaller tribal groups who speak other languages are able to read and understand Manipuri and Kuki.

Distribution is difficult as distribution channels are so weak. Pray that Christians will distribute, not just my books, but Christian literature and Bibles.

My final few days on this trip were at Moody Bible Institute where, as part of my responsibility on the Moody Alumni Board, I attended the graduation service. This was quite an overwhelming experience as I had never been to a Moody graduation before, not even my own!

I did a radio broadcast on Prime Time (Moody Network) where I spoke about the book True Grit by Debbie Meroff and offered it free to anyone who wrote us; people have been responding. We would also like to extend this offer to you as well. Write or email us requesting the book, and we'll send it. It is truly one of the great books that OM is offering, it is about women and how they suffer across the globe.

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