

Gary & Helen Sloan's update from OM UK

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Greetings from the Sloans in Shropshire. Isn't it cold now! I'm glad I went down to visit my family last weekend when it was still mild. It was lovely to be with my home church and Pastor Ian asked me up to the front to give an update on our work which was really nice. In October we were in Belfast at Gary's Christian Fellowship Church's excellent missions weekend called *Mobilise out*. George Verwer spoke each of the three days, challenging and inspiring people to consider going on a mission experience, he's 72 and still on fire! On Saturday Gary was on a panel answering questions on mission to Europe. We thoroughly enjoyed being with the church again and are so thankful to have wonderful home churches, family & friends supporting us through prayer and finances. We feel very blessed. It spurs us on, so thank you..

OM UK is also involved in helping the Dalits.

Together with OM India we work to help the poorest have hope and a future. We now have approx. 100 schools educating 24,000 students and around 3000 new churches across India - God is great. Find out more about the Dalit sponsorship at www.daliteducation.org

'Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest fields'



Child exploitation and slavery is something we are raising people's awareness about.

This is our prayer for 2011. The Personnel dept. is actually well-staffed currently although we are now needing a Personnel Administrator to replace my lovely friend Chris who will retire soon. We're praying for at least 60 new recruits for 2011 through this office. Worldwide, OM is requesting that OMerS ask friends to think about giving a couple of years to missions in some form or another. So... if you have skills such as book-keeping, IT, Communications/marketing, teaching English, church planting, discipling new believers, youth work, physiotherapy, secretarial, or consider yourself a pioneer, please get in touch



Our Finance Manager is retiring in two months time and we need a replacement, please pray with us for a Chartered Accountant to manage this vital work. One hurdle is the financial support needed for our missionaries. It can be a struggle to raise the amount necessary which is quite sad.



Gary is into all sorts of things these days including raising the awareness of social justice - anti Slavery and people trafficking in India through his role as CEO of the Dalit Freedom

Network in the UK. Gary has had two very interesting times in London, the latest taking place at the House of Lords. There is a website dedicated to the plight of the Dalits of India: www.dfn.org.uk



**Owen Paterson, MP.
Secretary of State for
N. Ireland with Gary**



OM and The Quinta Christian Centre have been at this site for 25 years and opened up the site for the local community to come and enjoy various kids activities and nature walks. OM held seminars and gave tours around the offices throughout Saturday and on Sunday all the local churches around Oswestry met together for one big Church service in a large marquee which everyone enjoyed.

Some ask how is OM coping with the credit crunch? Gary and the leadership here have been cutting back on budgets. We are so thankful for many supporters of OM in the UK who continue to sacrificially give to various appeals & ministries.

Gary continues as CEO of OM UK to oversee ministry divisions including the exciting work in Birmingham and London amongst Muslim peoples.

In October I spent 9 days on board the Logos Hope to be with the 35 British adults there. I love listening to stories of what the Lord is doing in their lives and tried to be an encouragement. Please pray for those who complete their commitment in 2011. A few have expressed an interest to continue with OM and I want to help them find the perfect place where God can continue working through them.

Studies

TeenStreet is a one week event in Germany which has been going since 1994. The last two summers I've attended as a counsellor since starting a Diploma in Clinical & Pastoral

counselling. This summer my mentor - Heather came too which was great. We did some counselling together as well as apart. I was excited sensing God's help in those sessions. The Diploma covers: 1. Foundational Counselling 2. Bereavement 3. Families & couples counselling and 4. Trauma /crises counselling. After I complete a counselling case assignment, I can move on to the third module -I'm so slow! I thought a Diploma was hard enough but Gary has managed to complete one year of his MA in Global leadership which he finds very relevant to his work. One more year to go and then he has to write a dissertation. No worries...

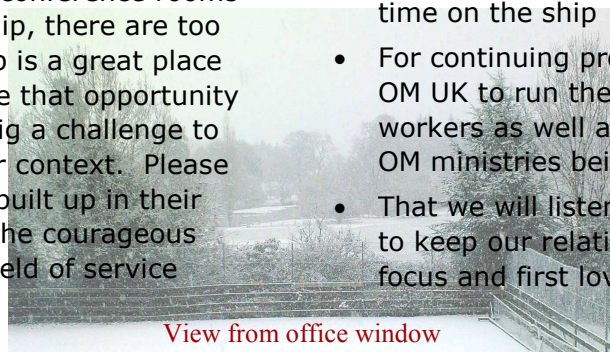
A difficult year

On May 2 this year, Gary's mum passed away after a heart attack the day before. She was 77. It was a very difficult time for everyone.

The Doulos was sold at the beginning of the year to a Singaporean Business man who will convert it to a Bible school, conference rooms and hotel. With only one ship, there are too many applications. The ship is a great place to begin in missions but take that opportunity away and some find it too big a challenge to consider missions in another context. Please pray that applicants will be built up in their faith and character to take the courageous step and consider another field of service in OM.

Prayer Requests

- For Gary to have God's wisdom in the plans and decisions needed to progress the best ways to present the gospel in this world
- Wisdom & guidance for Helen as gathers info about different mission options for those who can't go to the ship, or are finishing their time on the ship
- For continuing provision for all the needs at OM UK to run the office and support the workers as well as give to help keep other OM ministries being as effective as possible
- That we will listen to God and be disciplined to keep our relationships with Him as our focus and first love



View from office window

We continually trust the Lord with our living costs.

Currently we are about 68% supported. Could you help us?

Please mark any gifts 'for the Sloan's support'.

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Thank you so much for your prayers.

Gary & Helen xx

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