



World Headquarters

Reaching the Nations for Christ

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"The missionary enterprise is not the Church's afterthought; it is Christ's forethought."
-Henry van Dyke

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We have often shared our vision for ministry with you for Mexico, Colombia and Uruguay. What we may not have communicated is OMS's vision to plant churches in 48 countries around the globe. We are caught up in this story everyday and have been for 19 years. In 2007, God used OMS to establish 1,627 new churches – more than four each day. OMS ministries reported 187,604 decisions to follow Christ last year. That's more than 500 everyday! Almost 6,000 trained at our 40 Bible schools and seminaries last year. Praise God!

Greg feels challenged and fulfilled by his leadership responsibilities at OMS World Headquarters. Bringing valuable theological training and cross-cultural experience into his role directing Regional Ministries and Missionary Services, Greg has reconnected with an old passion. *Ten years ago from my hospital room, I penned an almost illegible letter with my weakened hand. I pleaded with you, our ministry partners, for someone to take our place in the harvest. Today, God has positioned me strategically to help missionaries get to their place in the harvest.*

Greg coordinates the work of 12 US regional directors assisting more than 45 missionaries on home assignment each year and trains candidates who must develop a base of support before moving to their assigned country. Greg's participation is essential to accomplishing OMS' church-planting vision.

Shirley completed writing a children's version of the book, Missionary Warrior, by Lettie Cowman, co-founder of OMS. The Communications and Children's Ministry Resource departments will finalize editing and make the project available for presenting missionary stories to churches. She also completed teaching a twelve-week women's Bible study at our local church from the book Calm My Anxious Heart, by Linda Dillow. Shirley would like to concentrate on a project closer to home and finish writing our cancer story.

Three Carlson children celebrated birthdays in April. Micah, eleven, won a medal in the district math bowl competition. In August he will attend the local middle school and begin learning trumpet. He and Maddy sing in the church and school choir. Madison, eight, and grade two, enjoys endless creative projects. Nicholas, six, has almost completed kindergarten and stated this month, *Mummy, today on the school bus, I gave my life to God!* He wants to be a builder and a preacher when he grows up. Tiffany, five, enjoys part-time pre-kinder and astounds us with her tender heart and quick mind.

Please pray with us during the months of June and July as our family reconnects with our ministry partners in Australia and New Zealand. May 31 to June 7 Greg teaches the theology of Roman Catholicism to about 60 students at Wesley Seminary in Venezuela.

Pray with us through our itinerary. A preliminary version is included on the back. Please contact us if you would like to see us when we are in your area.

Carlson Itinerary Australia and New Zealand 2008

MAY	Friday 30 th – Shirl & kids fly to Australia	JULY	Thursday 3 rd Drive to Bowen 200 km / 125 miles (3 hrs)
	Sunday 1 st Shirl and kids arrive in Brisbane 6:05 a.m. Contact: Jo Hall Tel. (07) 3341 5669 Greg teaches in Venezuela (1 week) Monday 9 th Greg flies to Australia		Sunday 6 th AM Preach Bowen Baptist Contact: Noel Wilcox Tel. (07) 4785 1055 Tuesday 8 th Drive to Brisbane 1160 km / 720 miles (15 hrs)
JUNE	Sunday 15 th AM Preach Logan Wesleyan Contact Rev. Rodney Hall Tel.0401 617 962 PM Tenthill Home Meeting Contact: Mrs Betty Windolf Tel. (07) 5462 6284 112 km / 70 miles (1¼ hrs) Monday 16 th Drive to Goombungee 70 km / 40 miles (1½ hrs) Tuesday 17 th PM Goombungee Home meeting Contact: Sharyn Macdonald Tel. (07) 4697 9575 Wednesday 18 th Drive to Caboolture 185 km / 115 miles (2 ½ hrs) PM Home meeting Contact: Adrienne Murray Tel. (07) 5495 8144 PM Drive to Brisbane 70 km/ 45 miles (70 min) Friday 20 th PM Speak District Wesleyan Women Contact: (07) 3355 1840 Saturday 21 st Visit Supporters Drive to Maryborough 300 km / 190 miles (4 hrs) Drive to Childers 60 km / 40 miles (1 hr)	Sunday 13 th AM Preach Everton Hills Wesleyan Contact: Tom Markotanyos Tel. W: (07) 3353 1427 Monday 14 th Fly to Sydney (1 hr) Lunch – Home Meeting Contact: Heather Wright Tel. (02) 9838 4418 Tuesday 15 th Sydney Contact: Steve Shooter Tel. W: (02) 8568 8821 Wednesday 16 th AM Fly to Melbourne Contact: OMS Office Tel. (03) 9872 4209 Friday 18 th Young Adults, Canterbury Presbyterian Contact: Margaret Matheson Tel. (613) 9899 4600	
	Sunday 22 nd AM Preach Childers Wesleyan Contact: Lionel Rose Tel. (07) 4151 7497 Monday 23 rd Drive to Woodgate 40 km / 25 miles (3/4 hr) Thursday 26 th Drive to Townsville 2000 km / 1250 miles (14 hrs)	Sunday 20 th AM Preach Baronia Wesleyan Contact: Beryl Baker Tel. (03) 9459 2371 2 p.m. Wattle Park Chapel Chinese Church Contact: Rev Nigel Lau Mob. 04 0203 4515 PM Fly to Brisbane Friday 25 th Fly to New Zealand 9:50 a.m. Qantas #115 Arrive Auckland 2:55 p.m. Contact: Chunillal Pema Tel. W:(07) 856 8655 Mob# 027 2757 664 Wednesday 30 th Drive to Palmerston North 400 km / 250 miles (5½ hrs) Contact: Louise Dekker Tel. (06) 353 8231 Saturday 2 nd Drive to Auckland 520 km/325 miles (7 hrs)	
	Sunday 29 th AM Preach Townsville Wesleyan Contact: Stuart Hall Tel. H: 773 5710 W: 728 9815 Mob: 414 603 480	Monday 4 th Fly to USA 5:55 p.m. departure 11:28 a.m. arrive Indianapolis	
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