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Mobilizing Workers

In 2006 OMF announced a prayer thrust for 900 new workers in a five year period. OMF Canada set 90 as our prayer goal for that time-frame. Five years have come and gone. Did we reach our goal? No. However, I rejoice that OMF CA did send out 47 people into service and that we have another 11 who were accepted and are waiting for clearances to begin service in the next few months. Still, I also wonder why we fell so far short of our goal.

It goes without saying that 90 was a huge challenge! It meant doubling our normal rate of new workers. My faith has

been stretched, but that is a good thing! It has also been good to reflect on what God has been teaching me through this, such as:

- even with an increase in our ranks, the task of reaching East Asia's peoples is beyond our ability to achieve in our own strength.
• we should look to see if God has answered our prayers for more workers through raising up nationals and other partners, who are not counted in our stats.
• though my prayers were sincere, they did not come from a sense of desperation or deep

need.

- we cannot orchestrate these things and must recognize the mystery of God's call and His ways of raising up workers for His harvest fields.

While it is true that the five-year period is now finished, we certainly have not stopped praying for new workers.

Thank you for your continued prayers that God would use me to send more workers to His harvest field.

God bless,

Nancy

Praise & Prayer

- Praise for 47 new workers from Canada and 594 worldwide since October 2006.
• We re-scheduled a Candidate Course from November to January. Pray for more applicants!
• I am scheduled to attend a conference in Singapore in March 2012. Pray for guidance as I make plans to visit other field(s) as well.
• Pray that God would use the testimony of the little girl in the story below to bring glory to Himself and draw others to Christ.
• Pray for God's deeper work in my life.

Final Peace without Spirit Strings

In July there was a funeral of an 8-yr-old girl, Neuey, who had Aids. Her parents had already died of Aids. She was cared for by her mother's sister, Saaw, who was friends with a Christian. A few months ago Saaw said to her that she would like to 'give' Neuey over to the Christians. So, Neuey was brought to

church a couple of times and led to Christ during Sunday School. A really bright child, she loved to read the 365 Bible stories. Then Saaw decided that 'Neuey' was not to have anything to do with Christians and was to give the Bible back! 'Neuey' was devastated. However, Christians still visited her some. She

was often left just in the doorway with no one in attendance. Since the family "claimed her back" Neuey began to go downhill fast. They put a whole lot of spirit strings around her neck and arms as she had been very restless and crying out at night. Her last night, though, she was peaceful. In the morning the family found

all the spirit strings lying in a heap beside her and she was dead! They are amazed as she could never have taken them off by herself! At the funeral one person after another came to tell this story and to say how she had continuously asked to have Christians come to pray for her.

- from colleagues in Thailand