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FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR IAN COSH...

One of my favorite quotes by Blaise Pascal states, "The heart has reasons the mind knows nothing about." Perhaps that is what makes travel and international education such a vast ocean to explore. It touches on the fact that there are aspects of life that go beyond our rational capacity, creating experiences of wonder and joy!

When we cross borders and cultures, we are at once overwhelmed by the fact that we do not know or fully understand our new surroundings. We find ourselves wonderfully vulnerable and childlike as we have to trust others to explain and guide us in coping with our new circumstances. All these realities are helpful because they create within us a humility that opens us up to learn and discover. The stale thoughts and attitudes are replaced by a desire to entertain the new, expanding our capacity to understand.

A liberal arts education is one that embraces and honors all disciplines and sees all truth as God's truth. At Ouachita we work to graduate men and women who are not only capable, but dedicated to lifelong learning. We want our graduates to grow in their understanding throughout life's journey. There is no better entry mode for a student to become a true citizen of the world than to study abroad. The Kingdom and this world need such men and women. We need more ambassadors who are fearless proclaimers of peace and goodwill among all the people of the earth and who are willing to engage in meaningful dialog with friend and foe alike.



Ian Cosh
Vice President for Community & International Engagement
Director of the Grant Center



THANKS TO PRESIDENT BILL BULLINGTON

We are so grateful for the service of Bill Bullington as the president of the Friends of the Grant Center this year! His commitment to international education and his love of Ouachita are a tremendous blessing to all connected with the Grant Center.



FALL BREAK TRIP TO ST. LOUIS

The Grant Center organized its annual Fall Break trip for international students, MKs and friends. We went to St. Louis and had a fantastic group of about 30. We visited the St. Louis History Museum, the Art Museum, the St. Louis Zoo, the City Museum and, of course, the Arch. We ate delicious ethnic food, tried local cuisine and had a great time bonding with friends from around the world!



Q&A WITH JON MARK & AMANDA PAGE

The Pages are serving as missionaries-in-residence at Ouachita for Spring and Fall 2015. They come to Ouachita from Indonesia. They served in Central Java in a coastal town among the Northcoast Javapal people.



Q What type of work were you doing in Indonesia?

A This unreached people group consists of approximately 22 million people, where less than 10 percent are Christian. The majority of the population are Muslim. Agriculture was our job/platform while living in this developing nation. Since many people rely on farming and fishing as a main source of income, agriculture is an effective tool in building bridges to the community.

About 30 minutes from where we lived was a small farming town where our organization owns about 7 acres of land. On this land is a model farm where coffee, citrus fruit, rice, vegetables, pineapples and other varieties of tropical fruit are grown. We have a fish hatchery and offer free trade/skills classes to the community such as soap-making and Batik making.

With lots of prayer, we added a program raising dairy goats as well as meat goats. This program helps Indonesian farmers provide additional income to their family as well as nutritious milk, which is absent from the average Indonesian diet. Our people shop in traditional markets and wouldn't be able to afford the expensive imported milk sold in stores. Our goal was not only to process milk, but to teach them how to make cheese, yogurt and powdered milk.

The farm is set up to house farmers anywhere from 1 week to 6 weeks, depending on what training they are coming in for. During that time, they hear the Good News shared and are able to carry it back to their villages all across the country. Through these relationships our team of church planters are working to plant churches within this people group.

Amanda home-schooled our three little ones and had many opportunities to help with free medical clinics and with medical volunteer teams that came out to serve with us.

Q What types of things has your family been involved with at OBU during your time as MIRs?

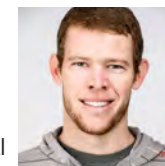
A We have enjoyed serving through Campus Ministries, the Grant Center and the Elrod Center by getting to know MKs, occasionally speaking at Noonday, chaperoning Camp Wamp, serving as guest lecturers in Global Business, visiting with prospective MKs and their families, teaching ESL classes, praying with students interested in pursuing missions and hosting monthly gatherings of the Conversation Club for our ESL students. We have also enjoyed some of the many perks of the OBU family like attending performances, shows and seminars.

Q What has your family enjoyed about being in Arkadelphia?

A We have loved our time here and enjoyed so *many* things about Arkadelphia! Some things that we've especially enjoyed are the Honeycomb and Beehive. We love that they are helping those with special needs and giving back to the community. We've loved the ease of walking around downtown on pretty days, especially to the library and Java Primo. We've enjoyed small town life; quiet streets, friendly neighbors, and small dogs on leashes. Most of all though, we love the people here! Honestly, we have never been in a more friendly town.

GRANT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CRAIG MARTIN
May 2015 graphic design grad
Harare, Zimbabwe



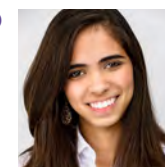
Ouachita has blessed me with invaluable experience, a quality education, exceptional friends and memories to last a lifetime. I can confidently say that I have been left a richer person!

ANDREW JOHN STAMBOLIE
sophomore psychology & mass communications major
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe



I feel really blessed to have received the Grant scholarship. It was one of the largest factors that has made me able to come from Zimbabwe and study here at Ouachita. I'm grateful to receive such a well-rounded education. The exposure I have got to all the different cultures here at Ouachita has really opened my mind and broadened my worldview.

CATARINA GOMES DE FIGUEIREDO
senior biology major
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



As a senior, I can truly say that I have been tremendously blessed during these four years at Ouachita. Being here has given me confidence to grow in knowledge and faith besides teaching me that God's plans are always better than my own.

NONSI NXUMALO
sophomore business major
Bulawayo, Zimbabwe



It has been such a great experience here at OBU. Growing academically and spiritually within a diverse community has been a blessing, and I am happy to call OBU home. I look forward to building deeper relationships with the people I can call my family away from home.



Seven outstanding Ouachita students earned their certificate to teach adult ESL at a North American Mission Board workshop this summer in Little Rock.



Ian & Sharon Cosh attended the annual Consortium for Global Education meeting in September, hosted by Charleston Southern University in South Carolina. Ouachita looks forward to hosting CGE next year.

DR. HALABY'S 50TH YEAR

Dr. Raouf Halaby, professor emeritus of visual arts and English, taught at Ouachita for 42 years before retiring in 2015. This stamp was placed in his passport when he first arrived in the U.S. to begin his education journey from his home in Palestine. As with all journeys, they begin with the first step, and this is a powerful symbol familiar to the many internationals who continue to follow the same path to Ouachita.



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