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We believe that the power of the Gospel in the hands of disciple-makers will transform the nations.

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An African leader expressed, "Evangelicals talk much but act little." I realized there was truth in his words. We have many meetings, conferences, and planning sessions with conversations about the mission of Christ. But what impact are we having in carrying out that mission?

We are called to be like the wise man who built his house upon the rock. He not only heard Jesus' words but put them into practice, leading to impact. Reflecting on this same idea, James wrote, "Do not merely

listen to the word . . . do what it says" (James 1:22). In obedience, we are to move from hearing to doing, from understanding truth to action in living out that truth. This must lead to impact.

At One Mission Society, we pray and work diligently to gain understanding of what God desires us to be and to do. Then, with his empowerment, we do it. While not perfect in this, it is the passionate desire of our hearts.

In this 2018-19 Global Impact Report, we hope you enjoy reading stories about how God has used OMS recently. We have also included some numbers that show the impact and general OMS information to get to know us better.

OMS cofounder Charles Cowman wrote this prayer in the flyleaf of his Bible on his first journey to Japan in February 1901.

"The world is waiting yet to see what God can do through a consecrated soul. Not the world alone, but God himself is waiting for one who would be more devoted to him than any who have ever lived; who will be willing to be nothing that Christ may be all; who will grasp God's own purposes; and taking his humility and his faith, his love and his power, will, without hindering, continue to let God do exploits. **There is no** *limit to what God can do with a man providing he does not touch the glory.*"

Eternal impact was Cowman's driving desire. May it be true for us today!

Bob Fetherlin President, One Mission Society

It all began with one simple conversation ... one couple engaging one man. On a Sunday morning at Grace

the Cowman sits at his desk; the Cowmans arrive in Japan; the Kilbournes; the Nakadas. **Right:** Charles Cowman distributes Gospel tracts.



Methodist Church in Chicago, just before the turn of the 20th century, Charles and Lettie Cowman encountered a young Japanese pastor named Juji Nakada. He had traveled to America to learn how to preach more effectively.

> Charles and Lettie could have easily ignored the Japanese man who took his seat directly in front of them. Instead, they chose to engage him in conversation, which eventually led to their selling everything they owned and sailing to Japan.

> After landing in Japan, they went right to work, holding worship services every night for 10 years, with an average of 1,000 seekers a year. But Charles sought more souls, and God gave him a vision and a plan to reach every home in Japan with the Gospel. They called the audacious, systematic plan The Great Village Campaign.

> Together, missionaries and Japanese coworkers traveled thousands of miles on foot to accomplish this God-sized goal. They spent tireless nights training the new Japanese believers to make and train more disciples.

> They faced much opposition, nearly running out of resources to carry out the mission, but God never failed them. By the end of 1917, The Great Village Campaign was complete! Every home in Japan had received a Bible or Scripture portion!

> This is the past, present, and future purpose of OMS, to reach every home, nation, and person for Christ, without reserve, retreat, or regret.



Because one simple conversation took place, many thousands across the globe have come to know and follow Christ.

1901 Cowmans arrive in Japan **1912** The Great Village Campaign begins (a plan to evangelize all of Japan)

1917 The Great Village Campaign successfully completed

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Streams in the Desert published (top-selling devotional by Lettie Cowman)



One Mission Society unites, inspires, and equips Christians to make disciples of Jesus Christ, multiplying dynamic communities of believers around the world.



Engaging the One We strive to engage the One in all we think, say, and do. Prayer is intricately woven into the DNA of OMS. From a powerful conversion in Africa to a simple meeting at the OMS World Headquarters, you will experience the faithful, heart-felt prayers of God's people.



Reaching Every One We long to reach everyone with the redemptive message of Jesus Christ. Since the beginning, OMS has strategically and effectively saturated whole communities and nations with the Gospel, but we know reaching the nations starts by sharing the Good News with one person. Our goal is that everyone we meet encounters the transforming love of Jesus Christ.



Equipping Many

We endeavor to equip each one who follows Christ to become a disciple-maker. Our goal is not to just share the Gospel but to equip each new Christ follower to make more reproducing followers of Christ, causing an exponential multiplication of disciples. We believe each one can reach many more, and **one life can impact the world.**

1950 Every Creature Crusade begins (now Every Community for Christ)

1954 Men for Missions International begins

1965

OMS World Headquarters moves to Greenwood, Indiana, from California

1973 Oriental Missionary Society becomes OMS International **1990** OMS begins partnership with Mercy, Inc. 2001 OMS International celebrates 100 years of ministry

Our Story 5



Nearly 120 years ago, One Mission Society cofounder Charles Cowman developed a three-fold mission strategy of evangelism, church planting, and leadership training. Through the years, OMS has modified and adjusted this strategy to fit the changing environment of modern missions. Today, however, the emphasis of OMS is essentially the same as Cowman's vision 12 decades ago:

Multiplying disciple-makers begins with prayer and sharing one's faith with others. A good example of making disciples is Nick's story. Nick is from an island in the South Pacific where the people follow an animistic religion, the name of which means to worship the unseen, only, god. Nick came to faith in Jesus and wanted his people to believe in the true God as well. When his uncle died, he was buried in both the traditional and the Christian way. After examining pig and chicken hearts, the shaman declared there would be a death in the family within the next two to three months. But two years passed and no one died; no one even became sick!

The people realized they had been deceived and decided to follow Jesus, read the Bible, and tell others about him. Nick's desire to see his family come to Jesus was realized. Now, Nick visits the most remote villages to evangelize. He uses the story of his uncle to teach the people that Jesus is the only one, true God. Nick and his coworkers have seen more than 330 people come to the Lord.

Multiplying churches of disciples means growing together, then starting new groups. An incredible example of multiplying communities comes from our partners in South Asia. In the past 30 years, these partners have planted more than 3,400 worshiping communities, including some that meet in church buildings, others in homes, and still more under trees! More than 147,000 people worship in these communities of faith. These partners also have reached out into other countries.

Multiplying missionary movements begins with the traditional model of a missions organization sending missionaries to other countries. For more than a century, OMS has sent missionaries to other nations to evangelize and disciple, establish churches, and train those disciples to train others to continue the work of the king-dom through sending their members globally to share the Good News.

Charles Cowman's vision far surpassed that of most modern missionaries. Certainly, he would rejoice today to witness OMS-related national churches, like the Evangelical Church of India (ECI), begin their own missionary movements. To date, the Indian Missionary Movement of the ECI has sent out nearly 1,200 cross-cultural missionaries to 19 of the 29 different states within India, representing multiple languages and cultures, with very little Gospel witness. Churches and individuals within India support these missionaries.

Multiplying leaders has taken on many different forms, including formal training in Bible colleges and seminaries, as well as more informal church multiplication training for lay leaders in churches, homes, or retreat centers worldwide.

Training is happening openly in many places. In others, it must be conducted carefully in secret. In one creative-access country in Asia, the trainer and his team traveled from the north to the most southern tip, from the ocean to each border to train more than 1,000 people in 2018. These men of God trained believers of denominations, of independent churches, and in tribal groups. To date, thousands have been trained to share their faith and start more than 550 worshiping groups. This nation also saw more than 12,000 decisions for Christ and nearly 1,000 baptisms in 2018. God is on the move!

In these days, multiplying disciple-makers, churches, missionary movements, and leaders is the focus of OMS. Through this emphasis, God's kingdom is expanding globally. The legacy, which began with the Cowmans in Japan, continues to impact the world daily.

2001 One Mission Kids begins (formerly Children's Ministry Resources) 2008 Dynamic Women in Missions begins 2010 OMS International becomes Hore61 begins One Mission Society 2016 Billion.Global begins

2018

Theological Education Department renamed to TLEAD OMS restructures (Theological Education Leadership and Development) for globalization







56,936 worshiping groups | 207,286 decisions | 77,275 baptisms

*Through the ministries of Every Community for Christ

Training in Uganda

In April 2018, Akello* attended a HOPE61 training program in Kiteezi, Uganda, to learn how to prevent human trafficking in his community. In HOPE61 training, participants learn what is causing people to be vulnerable to being trafficked. They also learn that EVERYONE has assets, skills, and resources to help those in their community who are vulnerable. Akello realized that young men in his region were vulnerable because they were uneducated and unable to obtain good employment to provide for their families. Many young men in this situation end up seeking work overseas, and this is one of the easiest traps traffickers use to enslave people.

Akello also knew that he had a skill for furniture making and other types of woodworking. He decided to begin training these young men in carpentry and furniture-making skills as a way to reduce their vulnerability to human trafficking. He opened a storefront and called the business Blessed Furniture. At Blessed Furniture, these young men have learned to make beds and dressers, as well as more detailed woodworking like turning bowls and chalices on a lathe. They are making a good wage now and will soon have the skills to open their own businesses. The activity around the small shop is all based on the love of Jesus Christ, and the message of the Gospel is being shared with the young men working there and many other people who pass by. Akello understood as he ENGAGES ONE, HE IS ABLE TO REACH MANY.

* Name changed.



Sharing Christ in Kenya

Nancy (right), a friend of OMS missionary Rahab Waweru (left) in Kenya, says she "lives to evangelize." During a recent training workshop, Nancy felt a burden for the women serving in the kitchen of the guesthouse where OMS trainers were staying. She went to the dining room between meals and paced like an anxious child as she waited for the right opportunity to speak with them. Being obedient to the Lord, Nancy thanked the women for the excellent service they provided each day and shared with them that she was praying they would come to know Christ as their personal Savior. They were so surprised that someone actually noticed them and prayed for them. They told her they had noticed how much joy the OMS team showed at every meal time. They desired to have joy like that. Nancy then shared with them how they could have that same joy if they received Christ as their personal Savior. They accepted what she had to say and prayed to receive Christ. Praise the Lord for these two new lives in Christ and for Nancy's obedience.



*Through the ministries of Every Community for Christ



Multiplication in India

In the past couple of years, the Dynamic Women in Missions ministry has teamed up with the Every Community for Christ teams in training and leading women in evangelism and church planting around the world.

Several months ago, a team of female leaders journeyed to India to train women there. The team was asked to teach the church members how to share the Gospel with unbelievers; however, they only had one hour to present the training.

After opening with prayer, one young woman asked if she could share her testimony. Knowing time was limited, Pat replied, "Yes, if you can make your testimony short and concise." Mariyal stood up and gave a beautiful 15-second testimony. Pat was amazed and told her, "That was a beautiful testimony! Who taught you to do that?" Mariyal pointed to her pastor's wife, Jothi, who had been trained previously by the team and returned home to teach the other women in her church. What a blessing to see that transference of knowledge to others!

Miracle in an Asian Town

In one small town in Asia, a missionary was arrested for evangelizing the locals. Since it's illegal to share the Gospel, a local police officer arrested him for sharing about Jesus Christ. The policeman took him to a jail and proceeded to berate and mock him for his faith; he even threatened to execute him for this crime.

The missionary continued to pray during the entire harassment from the police and remained calm, even though his life was threatened. He offered the officer a chance to accept Jesus into his heart. The policeman declined but decided to wait until the next day to follow through with the execution. He started on his way home, leaving the imprisoned missionary in his cell for his final night.

The locals of the town witnessed a supernatural event occur as the policeman was walking down the road. A tree branch suddenly broke off and struck the officer dead in the street. According to the witnesses, there was no wind and nothing that would logically explain the branch breaking off the tree the way that it did. After the tree branch fell and killed the man, the people ran back to the jail and released the missionary from his cell. Many of them were brought to faith that same night after witnessing the power of the Lord.



*Through the ministries of Every Community for Christ

No More Bullying

Nadusha, a Ukrainian university student, did not know what to expect when she decided to attend the One Mission Society English camp in Ukraine last summer. She was nervous, but this was typical. Most of the kids she grew up with had treated her cruelly. In fact, Nadusha had been bullied for most of her life, so she prepared herself for the students at English camp to do the same.

She built walls around her feelings to protect herself. When camp began, Nadusha was surprised when people smiled and welcomed her to join in the games. People complimented and edified her. She was shocked no one belittled her or left her out. When she asked why the people at camp were different from everyone else, the leader explained that they were Christians, trying to treat everyone with respect and love.

Throughout the 10 days at camp, Nadusha learned about God and his great love for her. This led her to open up, play games, and ask questions. She learned that God made her and knit her together inside her mother's womb. She realized she is God's masterpiece.

By the end of camp, Nadusha said the camp had been one of the best experiences in her life. She began to attend a Bible study to learn more about the Lord. This summer's English camp in Ukraine is one of four countries hosting English camps.

Seminary World Changers

In 2018, the Moscow Evangelical Christian Seminary (MECS) trained more than 700 students from Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, and Russia. MECS produces significant fruit. Of the 250+ total graduates: 15 percent are full-time pastors, 43 percent are bivocational pastors, 24 percent are on staff at parachurch organizations, and 6 percent are missionaries.

Andrey (pictured) is a current student from Moldova. He is a husband, father of five, a full-time seminary student, and a pastor at one of the two churches he planted. His church ministers through orphanages, safe houses, and alcohol rehabilitation centers. This seminary is one of 33 in which OMS invests.

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13,626 worshiping groups | 91,339 decisions | 34,072 baptisms

*Through the ministries of Every Community for Christ

Literacy Empowers Prisoners in Colombia

A few years ago, the Colombian government invited Bridge to Reading (B2R), OMS' international literacy ministry, to help teach prisoners to read. B2R staff trained a group of prison administrators, as well as several volunteers from Prison Fellowship Colombia in Medellín to serve as literacy tutors. A year later, the B2R team returned to offer a tutor training workshop inside Bellavista men's prison, formerly one of the most violent prisons in the world.

Afterward, the trainers led a voluntarily time of prayer. Almost everyone stayed. The B2R team prayed for the prisoners' families for healing, provision, an end to loneliness, courage, and transformation.

When one man stated, "I'm far from God," B2R tutor Nathan shared the Gospel with him, and he prayed right there to receive Christ.

In 2018, 1,717 students learned to read, 859 people made decisions for Christ, and 333 tutors were trained in three countries in Africa for the Bridge to Reading ministry.

Lives Changed in Cuba

"My name is Marian, and I am 28 years old. I fulfilled a governmental assignment in Brazil as a doctor. During my time there I met Jesus Christ as my Savior. I then returned to Cuba. When I returned home, I had the opportunity to share Jesus with my family. They were all immersed in spiritism. I am so thankful my sister began attending a house church with me. I am beginning to share my faith with others as well. God loves me! I have found perfect peace in Jesus. I wish my family all knew Jesus. Would you pray for them?"

Wisley is 28 years old. Before he knew the Lord, he was involved in devil worship, womanizing, drank a lot, and had many other vices. About a year ago, God revealed himself to Wisley and radically changed Wisley's life as he responded to Jesus. Today, he serves the Lord in the church with his wife and baby daughter. He knew he was lost without Jesus, and each day he thanks God for his grace and mercy, showing him the way to the cross. Wisley's main motivation in life now is to tell others about the Lord.



These eight ministries represent OMS' global ministries, serving people worldwide.

Dynamic Women in Missions (DWIM) took 10 teams in 2018

55) people 8) training teams 10) countries

1) medical team

prayer team

In the last four years, through the Seed Sower program,

12 Dynamic Women trainers in South Asia have planted 85 churches.

In 2018, **DWIM** began ministry in three new countries: Kenya / Uganda Zambia

Dynamic Women in Missions

Dynamic Women in Missions (DWIM) inspires women to become more involved in international ministry by connecting women who have a passion for Christ with ministry to women around the world. We encourage these women to get involved through short-term mission trips, volunteering their time, skills, and resources to reach women worldwide.

One Mission Kids

The One Mission Kids team is passionate about helping to grow missionary hearts through providing resources designed to be used by parents, schools, churches, youth leaders, and camps. OMK assists them in taking the next steps to grow missionary hearts. OMK resources teaches kids about giving, going, and praying for missions.

57 Resources

Prayer and witnessing tools • Interactive website OMK cartoon cast • Mission projects and more...

Billion.Global

Billion.Global is a passionate vision to give ONE BILLION people the opportunity to hear, understand, and believe the **Good News of Jesus Christ** by the year 2026. The vision orginated from a burden placed on the heart of Bob Fetherlin, the current President of One Mission Society.

TLEAD

(Theological Leadership Education and Discipleship)

As the church grows exponentially in the majority world, so, too, does the need for Christian leaders. TLEAD exists to empower the development of Christ-like leaders for the global church and is committed to providing world-class leadership training and theological education to students in the majority world.

We do this through teaching fellows who partner with Bible colleges, seminaries, and ministry training institutions; mobilizing theological education consultants; and leadership and discipleship development.

Mercy, Inc.

Mercy is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, focusing on compassion ministries. Although separate, OMS and Mercy are deeply committed to working together to accomplish a shared mission. Because Mercy focuses on humanitarian work, they can more easily enter creative access countries that OMS cannot. giving their lives to Jesus!!

kids said

More than 1,000 kids trained

\$16,000 raised for missions

18,

TLEAD partners with **33** OMS-related schools and seminaries in **20** nations, touching the lives of more than **4,300** students enrolled in those training programs and

moving to more online teaching for greater accessibility so more leaders can be trained.

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The Circle of Disciple-Making

A short-term team was working in the El Tapón neighborhood in Colombia. The people there were physically and spiritually depressed. As they spent time there, sharing the Gospel, they developed a relationship with Rocio. She invited them to her home, where the team shared a Train & Multiply study from the "Good News" booklet.

They continued to visit, and many of Rocío's family believed in Jesus. They began using the discipleship booklet, "Follow the Lord Jesus Christ." The family was eager to learn, and they continued to invite others to the studies.

new languages After studying about baptism, Rocio and another family member decided to get baptized. OMS Colombian partners have begun training them to share what they are learning with others using a leadership development booklet. They are now meeting regularly in Rocio's home as a house church. As they continue to meet, they are praying about which neighborhood to evangelize next.

Every Community for Christ

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Every Community for Christ is the church planting catalyst of One Mission Society. In addition to Train & Multiply, ECC uses Village Church Planting and Training 4 Trainers to multiply dynamic communities of believers in more than 50 countries.



Men for Missions

Through Men for Missions, thousands of men and their families, from various church affiliations and backgrounds, participate in short-term ministry teams, including work, vision, evangelism, prayer, and medical teams.

A few years ago, Mark Colie took his first OMS short-term mission trip to Haiti with a team from his church in West Virginia. While there, the team made a 3 ½-hour trek on foot to a mountaintop where there was no church. Pastor Job, a graduate of Emmaus University of Haiti, felt called to start a church there. Mark and the team witnessed to six Haitian men involved in cock fighting, in which a voodoo talisman was prominently displayed on a pole next to the circle. When asked, the men continually repeated that they couldn't accept Jesus because there was no church on the mountaintop and the nearest church was more than three hours away.

Mark felt led to share how his home church didn't have a building for a time either, but they met in homes until God opened doors to have a church building. After a time of sharing, one of the Haitian men said the men could meet at his house. All six of them accepted Christ right then. Mark was floored how God used him, "an old hippie Jew from New Jersey" to be a part of his master plan.

Today, this church is growing and thriving, making disciples daily.

In 2018, 85 Men for Missions short-term teams ministered in 21 countries, with 665 people participating to do, go, or give whatever God asks.

God has a way of connecting people who otherwise would never meet. In May of 2017, a HopE61 trainer facilitated a training in Arkansas. One of the invited churches had an ongoing relationship with a Mongolian woman who worked with women on the streets of Mongolia. The woman, Belgee, and her husband Khentii "just happened" to be visiting this church in Arkansas at the time of the training. The couple's hearts were burdened because no church in their hometown would allow the girls from the

church in their hometown would allow the girls from the streets in their worship services. The pastors feared that dirty and marginalized people would bring shame to the church.

Yet, these women desperately wanted to know more about Jesus. As the couple participated in the HoPE61 training, they heard that human trafficking can be prevented when people use the gifts and talents that God has given them to reach out to vulnerable people and help them reduce whatever is causing their vulnerability. The involvement of a good community is also key. At the end of the training, Khentii felt called to start his own church for these women in Mongolia. When they returned home, Khentii left the leather business and planted a church.

Today, more than 25 people attend regularly and are involved in discipleship training throughout the week. Khentii sees firsthand that when people use the gifts and talents God has equipped them with, amazing things can happen! In October 2018, a Hope61 team traveled to Mongolia to facilitate the first ENGAGE training and will return in October 2019 to facilitate a MULTIPLY training in which 5-10 Mongolian nationals will be trained to take the ministry of Hope61 across Mongolia.

In 2018, more than 2,000 people were trained, and to date dozens of HOPE61 trainers have been equipped to train others.

HOPE61

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A ministry of One Mission Society, Hope61seeks to prevent human trafficking around the world by equipping the local church. By learning about human trafficking; understanding the causes of vulnerability to becoming involved in human trafficking; and considering how the church's existing gifts, talents, and resources can be used to reduce those vulnerabilities, churches can be equipped to have a significant impact in preventing this atrocity from happening in their communities.

Breakdown of Ministry Expenses:

5%

Lay Ministries

Other Homeland Ministries

12%

24% Other **Overseas Expenses**

Church Development

New Life Network (Red Viva Nueva) is a ministry of One Mission Society that ministers to Hispanic communities by planting churches that reproduce themselves by planting daughter churches. Currently, New Life has 14 churches, in 6 countries, with 151 leaders in training, and church attendance of 744. Ministry results include 5,500 Gospel presentations, 520 decisions for Christ, and 69 baptisms.

6%

15% **Educational Institutions** for Training Leaders

A team of Dynamic Women in Mission trainers recently trained women in Entebbe, Uganda. Many women gave their lives to Christ in the training. Others later shared what they learned with those in their communities, and more people became followers of Christ.

Evangelism, **Disciple-making**,

38% and Church Planting

Namugoya shares how God used the OMS training in her life. "I am happy with the training because it made me bold. I have started reaching my community by doing community health evangelism. The people enjoy the teachings, and some of their lives have been transformed; others have even started teaching their neighbors what they learned."

How is OMS Funded:

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6%

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Individuals - 51% Churches - 22% Foundations - 19% Misc. Businesses - 4% Other - 2% Estates - 1% Mission Organizations - 1%

Are Used: One Mission Society USA, Inc. (OMS) is recog-

How OMS Funds

nized by the IRS as a tax exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. OMS is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and as such is committed to their "Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship." The financial books and records of OMS are audited annually by independent auditors, and a copy of the audit is available upon request.

OMS operates on a fiscal year, with our latest year ending March 31, 2019. For fiscal year April 1, 2018-March 31, 2019, approximately \$21 million was donated for missionaries and ministries under the stewardship of OMS. Approximately \$19 million was spent for ministry around the world



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For financial inquiries or if you would like a copy of the audit, please contact Julie Beasley, CFO, at ibeasley@onemissionsociety.org

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Facts

First published in 1925, Streams in the Desert, compiled and written by One Mission Society cofounder and fourth OMS President, Lettie B. Cowman, is one of the most loved, best-selling devotionals of all time. In the more than 90 years since its publication, Streams has been published in 140 editions in English alone, and it has been translated into multiple languages.

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Several One Mission Society missionaries are second- or even third-generation missionaries, often serving on the same field where they grew up or in the same homeland office where their parents worked. One current OMS family has members in the fifth generation living and serving in Asia.



One Mission Society has had only 11 presidents in its 118-year history; the four cofounders include Charles and Lettie Cowman, Ernest Kilbourne, and Juji Nakada, who led the mission before it was officially incorporated in 1911. The current OMS President is Bob Fetherlin.





Juji Nakada Charles Cowman Ernest Kilbourne Lettie Cowman

1911



1924



1928

Eugene Erny Wesley Duewel

1949



1969

Ev Hunt

1982

1986

Ed Erny



2004



2014

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