



# 2010: Onto the 1st

Dear friends,

March 2010

2010's already off like a shot. Right after Christmas, Robin drove across three states to [Urbana](#), America's largest mission conference.



After delivering the [Operation Mobilization](#) display to fellow OM team members there, she settled in to meet with students and eventually spoke to an audience of over 200 on the importance of culturally relevant and biblically appropriate use of music and the arts in effective mission work.



Robin tells me that some very significant ministry took place among the students attending Urbana. She had the opportunity to speak into the lives of many students about bringing their gifts and interests into play in support of the Great Commission. Thank you for praying for her!

The trip to the Middle East we asked you to pray for in our last letter went well! There were very strict security measures taken by everyone involved with that trip and the result was an excellent experience and well done recording. It's being edited now and will be distributed soon. Thank you for praying!

In January, we helped host [Heart Sounds International](#)'s 10 year anniversary celebration. People came from great distances and we celebrated the great diversity of worship styles Christians use all over the world in praise to God. In honor of that goal, you can go online to YouTube and view a new video just produced by HSI co-founder Ken Davidson:



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFr\\_uYqLpB4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFr_uYqLpB4)

I've decided that doing a little home renovation is much like being a little pregnant.



You may recall that one year ago (Feb 2009) we were properly clobbered by baseball

size hail. Our insurer was great to work with but that pesky hail not only smashed up our roof, it also caused interior ceiling water damage.



Repairing and painting the ceilings meant removing all the furniture from those rooms. Hmm, as long as the furniture must be moved, what an *opportunity* to replace the 18 year old carpets! Well, as long as we're replacing the carpets, what a great chance to *paint*...!

Oy. So, in addition to keeping up my duties for HSI and ICE, for the past month I've painted every evening 'til about 10:30 PM. I'm down now to kitchen cabinets. At least I lost 10 pounds and it sure looks good (the walls, I mean). I'll be glad soon to power down the after burners.



Robin's student life continues to include a 200 mile commute to Athens twice each week. Luckily, she has our cats to help her study.



Next up on the horizon is hosting the annual International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE) board retreat. Robin chairs that board so she's doing the prep now for the meeting. Please pray for ICE planners on March 7-10. We like praying *before* the decisions are made!

This week, Robin is speaking at a conference in Boston on ethnomusicology and ICE. The Forum on Music and Christian Scholarship (FMCS) is an important venue for expanding the ICE network into academic circles, as many of these professors can potentially host courses on ethnodoxology.

**We praise the Lord for His blessings on:**

- Great contacts made at Urbana
- 10 years of ministry for HSI
- *Almost* completed renovations
- Successful HSI trip to the Middle East

**Please pray for:**

- Robin's continuing studies
- Long-term fruit from the FMCS mtg.
- The ICE board meeting March 7-10

Thank you for being a supportive member of our team. We believe that 2010 will be a very productive year of ministry; we look forward to serving in partnership with you!

Yours in Him,

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