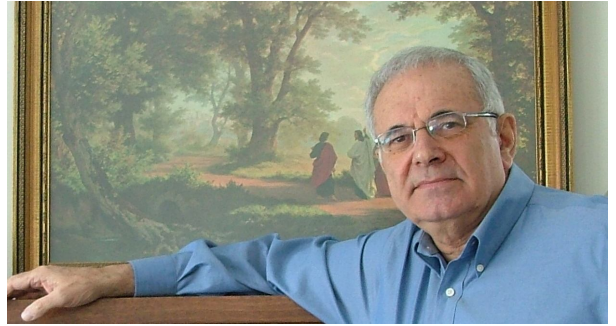


From SCA's President

- Ken Godevenos

2011 was a year of extra-ordinary world events. January saw the first government (that of Tunisia) fall to the movement that became known as Arab Spring. In February the Egyptian government fell. In March, the Arab Spring revolution continued in Libya. In April an estimated two billion people watched William and Kate Middleton get married. May saw the killing of Osama bin Laden. In June, Arab Spring hit Syria.



July 2011 had its own highlights when we saw the world's first artificial organ transplant while the U.N. declared a major famine in Somalia just when we thought we had conquered world famine. Also that month, NASA concluded its space shuttle program. In August, Gaddafi's government in Libya was overthrown, and he himself was killed in October. Meanwhile the European Union helped keep the global economy in a fragile state that continues to this date. On October 31, the scariest thought was not little urchins walking our streets on Halloween but that the U.N. said the world's population reached the milestone of seven billion. And on December 15, the U.S. formally ended a nine-year war in Iraq. Meanwhile the Middle East crisis has become more dangerous, Russia likes us less and less each day, and Iran is close to getting nuclear weapons with which they could achieve their stated goal of eliminating Israel and taking on the U.S.

Of course, we could also look at key events in Canada, and each of us can consider the same for our own town or city, and most importantly, key events at work, school, church, and life in general that impacted our families including ourselves. In fact, SCA itself underwent some changes in staff, both coming and going, new policies, new challenges, and so much more. If none of the above touches you, here's one event you cannot deny: you and I are one year older.

As I try to take it all in, that is, all that has happened this past year to our little planet earth and all that live within it, I am so glad that God is in control. Aren't you? I am so glad that it is not the SCA Board, its missionaries, our staff, our donors, or me that have to solve all these problems we are all experiencing. I'm glad it is our God.

Romans 4:24 says, "We believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead..." No one else was or is able to do that. And when we think of the implication for us of that very fact - that Jesus was raised - we need no one else to even attempt it.

It is because of that certainty that all of us are involved in this great mission. And as we look around at what the 'world' is undergoing, together we can say, as the prophet Isaiah says (Is. 40:28), "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding."

And so, we here at SCA with your help, continue to "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain." (Rev. 3:2) Together we continue to do the work you can read about in this up-date, adhering to Romans 12:13 "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

I thank God for incredible staff in the office (Sabrina, Devika, Joanna), committed workers in the field (George & Carol, Susie, Bera & Bonita, Chad & Coby, John & Cynthia, John & Jean, John & Judy, Wesley), and a supportive Board (listed elsewhere). Working with them, our faithful donors, understanding suppliers, supporting churches and businesses, make it all happen. For that we give all the glory to God.

I am most thankful for what has taken place by God's grace through SCA and its people, including you. As we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those still to know Him intimately, we thank you for standing with us during 2011. God is good. We continue to count on your partnership in 2012 and on His blessings together.

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President

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