



ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE

Founded in 1899

*Education for
Time
and Eternity*

Dear Faithful Friend of Oneida,

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The Lord has called many faithful friends to partner with the Oneida ministry for over 116 years. Your love and support for OBI is a wonderful thing to witness and experience each and every day. You are the backbone of the Lord's Oneida ministry, and without you we could not do what we do, which is "Education for Time and Eternity." We receive gifts, both large and small. Those donations make up nearly two-thirds of our funding. We use those gifts to operate each day, and we do our very best to be good stewards of every gift. God has provided for so long, and in so many amazing ways.

As a boarding school, we are tasked with not only being a school, but also a home for our students. We have faithfully maintained our dormitories for many decades now, but both I and our Board of Trustees believe we must make improvements to our student facilities that will provide a comfortable place to live for the next 50-60 years. We are currently approaching the completion of Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, which will contain 50 boys' dormitory rooms for a capacity of 200 young men and also seven classrooms which will accommodate our middle school students. An astounding estate gift enabled us to make this much-needed improvement.

Our girls' dormitory, Burns Hall, was built in 1960. God has now blessed Oneida with a new friend who has pledged up to \$2 million to build a new girls' dorm and classroom combination building. Jensen Huang was a nine-year-old student at Oneida in the mid-1970's. Dr. Barkley Moore allowed Jensen and his brother to attend OBI at a very young age when Oneida was only a high school. Jensen and his brother attended classes at Oneida Elementary School -- the public school just across the river from our campus -- but lived, worked, ate, etc. at OBI. Mr. Huang went on to great success and founded a company called Nvidia, and has now graciously agreed to help us with this new facility. God still works in amazing and mysterious ways. Mr. Huang will give us \$1 for every \$2 we raise toward this \$6 million building. I believe now is the time to begin working toward a new facility that will match the dorm where our boys will soon reside. This new dormitory, much like Carnahan-Daugherty Hall, will be a nice place for our kids to live, but won't be granite, marble, and top-of-the-line accommodations. It will, however, be a place we can be proud of and a place that will reinforce with our students what we strive to instill in them every day -- "You are somebody, and God loves and cares for you."

I humbly ask that you, our faithful supporters, prayerfully consider this campaign. Perhaps God would lead you to pray for this endeavor, to continue exactly what you currently do with regular giving, to give specifically to this campaign, or to tell someone else who might want to be a part of the campaign about Oneida and what we are doing. If God leads you to give financially, I would humbly ask that your gift be a love offering in addition to your usual giving, which is critically important to our day-to-day operation. If you feel led to give, please make out the check to Oneida Baptist Institute, and write "Huang Hall Building Campaign" on your check's memo line. May God bless you and those you love.

Gratefully Yours,

Larry A. Gritton, Jr.