



NEWSLETTER

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OIKONOMOS INTERNATIONAL

went beyond word-of-mouth advertising by exhibiting at the Presbyterian Church in America's Global Mission Conference in Atlanta early in November 2024.

Members of the Board of Directors — David, Adrienne, Tom, and Catherine — were joined by Stewards and some missionaries previously served by Oikonomos, speaking at our beautiful booth for a little over 20 hours Friday and Saturday. We explained to missionaries how Oikonomos Stewards benefit them, and to potential Stewards about our thorough application process. Those visitors there representing church Mission Committees understood that Oikonomos is a new avenue for supporting their missionaries not only financially, but also by reducing missionary stress during home assignment. Support for Oikonomos provides support for missionaries!

Many lit up with excitement when they had that "aha" moment, understanding how they could support a missionary by being a house sitting steward.

As an organization, our first large exhibit booth required us to cook up something new.

A Recipe for a FIRST TIME EXHIBITOR:

- 1 Company to print artwork and swag
- 8 sample pens to try out



Recipe continues...

- 1 pack of black zip ties
- 4 pounds of chocolates
- 2 packs of cushioned floor tiles
- 3 shopping/printing trips to Staples for supplies

Step one: Pray as a Board that God's will would be done and that His spirit would bring those to our booth who need help or could be helpers. Pay booth fee and commission artwork for banners and swag.

Step two: Select a pen style that reflects the care Oikonomos International gives to training Stewards.

Step three: Lay out cushioned flooring, use tall people to hang large banner, add travel souvenirs on table display. Sprinkle everything liberally with chocolate.

Step four: Engage conference attendees about the mission of Oikonomos. Ask about their area of need, hand them a flyer and Oikonomos pen.

Step five: Begin planning on how to follow up those who left contact information.



If you are a missionary considering using Oikonomos for house sitting, please contact Adrienne, our Missionary Relations Officer at:

missionarysupport@oikonomos.org

We would like 12 months notice, if possible, to secure, vet and train the right Steward for you. If you are considering becoming a Steward (trained and vetted house sitter), please contact Tom, our Steward Relations Officer at:

stewardsupport@oikonomos.org

Please let us know if you have language skills and if you are currently supporting any specific missionaries. While we may not be able to match you with a missionary and location immediately, we will endeavor to ensure for both of you a good match.