

Dear Everyone,

As you may have noticed, I do not send newsletters regularly. I only write when I sense it is time, and I have something important and valuable to share with you. For most of us can agree, it is too easy to be inundated by newsletters or other materials to read these days!

This newsletter is being sent to all Applicants and Candidates listed on OMS, their parents if listed too, their matching supporters, their sponsors, and their pastors. In addition, some other individuals have opted to receive the newsletter on their own, so they will receive it too.

This particular newsletter took much longer to write than expected, three weeks actually because of its multiple re-writes due to its sensitive topics. In the end my goal, is to be of help to anyone who is searching for their eternal, heavenly spouse. A task that is meant for a god but is actually in our own hands. We need much courage, faith, diligence, and hard work to accomplish it. So, we need all the help we can muster.

Let me share with you a case that I am currently working on to help you better understand what my role is in the matching process and how OMS distinguishes itself from the other services that are currently available.



**A Story about Looking for a Match for a BC Candidate:**

As you may know already, I am a matching supporter and have been one since 2010. I also work as a volunteer at the national level with the Blessing and Family Ministry. Furthermore, I am the creator and administrator of the Online Matching System.

For the past couple of months, I have been debating on how to help a young woman (BC) to find her heavenly spouse. I have been working with her matching supporter and things are not going well for the following reasons:

- 1) The Matching supporter is not computer savvy (like many of us older ladies and gents)—one of the reasons why I am helping.

- 2) For security and privacy reasons, I am not willing to send complete profiles of gentlemen to the MA via the internet.
- 3) The BC's parents have only two gentlemen presented to them, at this time.

*In regards to the third point, there is a feature in Matchbook that allows a family to only let specified families to see the profile of their child(ren). Furthermore, there are, many candidates and their parents who do not want to share profiles at all because they rely on Matching Supporters to be the go-between(s).*

Though I have known these facts for a while, I did not fully understand the impact of what it meant for parents. For the first time, I realized how limited parents were in their access to candidate profiles.

So, a senior Matching Supporter like myself who has access to a lot more people than parents do, I asked myself how I can best help this situation. What specific things can I do to assist this young woman's goal of finding her ideal spouse?

- 1) I reviewed a list of available gentlemen in her age range—(there are 8 of them)!
- 2) Copied the profile of each into a separate Word document.
- 3) Deleted their private information: pictures, email, phone, name and address.
- 4) Created a spreadsheet that contains the exact name of the 8 gentlemen along with the file name created for their Limited Profile, so that her Matching Supporter and I can keep all profiles straight.



**BUT** one more thing I have to do even *before* doing steps 2 through 4:

- Find out whether these “active” gentlemen are actually “active” or are they not active anymore and their profile was never updated.

Have *you* ever contacted a set of parents about the status of their adult child registered as a candidate for the Matching who was marked “active” only to discover that the adult child was actually already **blessed**? I have.

*Parents should be able to see all available candidates in a safe manner and feel comfortable that the profile of their adult children is seen by all the parents that are searching.*

### **The OMS Differences:**

Here is how OMS works differently from the other two venues. OMS has two levels of profiles—limited and full. OMS has an anonymous messaging system allowing candidates to anonymously ask questions to other candidates about their profile and more. The same messaging system is also designed to accommodate parents to do the same thing—parents to parents. It works. I guarantee you, it works. 1<sup>st</sup> Generation have been using the system successfully for several years now.

Why use a limited profile? What is the purpose? Read below as it is explained on the website.

### **How it works and why**

#### *Privacy of information*

The interesting thing about searching for a spouse is this: on one hand, you want as much information as possible from the person you are interested in. On the other hand, you want to reveal the least amount of information about yourself, just in case things don't work out.

#### *How do we do that*

By the use of limited profile(s) and an in-house system of anonymous email you can protect your identity and at the same time seek all the information you need to know from the other person, and the other person will do the same about you.

### **What is a limited Profile**

A limited profile gives information about:

Race, age, nationality, education, and work.  
Previous marriages and/or blessings, Children  
Answers to all the Essay questions.



If you wrote your essays carefully, a limited profile will keep your private information inaccessible. No one will see your pictures, name, physical address, phone number, or email. They will not even know who your matching supporter is and/or sponsors and parents.

### **How does the email system work?**

If you are reading the limited profile of someone and are truly interested in this person but do not entirely understand what that person is trying to say through the various questions answered, you may ask for clarification via a secure, anonymous, in-house email system. That person can choose to respond to your questions and remain anonymous. This is a feature that is extremely important when debating whom you would like to know more.



*What happens if I like someone?*

### **Requesting a full profile.**

After reading several limited profiles and exchanging emails with possibly several individuals, you may find yourself wanting to actually pursue one particular person. You liked the limited profile, your questions were answered to your liking and you just feel that it is time to make a move forward.

At this point, you can request the full profile of this other candidate. And this person will then have the ability to grant or deny access to their full profile. Same with you, someone may very well be interested in you and you may get an email at some point about someone requesting access to your full profile. You will also be able to grant or deny that request.

### **Think about it**

If you grant someone access to your profile or someone grants you access to their profile then things will go forward from there **in accordance with the process that you choose in your matching plan.**



If you deny someone access to your profile or someone denies you access to their profile, you do not know each other. Your information has remained private. You can find yourself at an adult retreat in the future and be sitting next to that person but there will be no strange and awkward feelings **because you do not know who that person is and he/she does not know you either.**

On the following page, you are presented with two pictures that show you a list of applicants (1<sup>st</sup> GEN and BCs) on OMS. The names have been hidden on purpose. It is my wish that each of these individuals find the spiritual, mental, and physical energy to do what is necessary for them to become a candidate. It is only in the mind that it is burdensome. In reality it takes a maximum of 3 months from beginning to end to complete a matching application and an OMS profile. If you do have a college degree, you know how hard it is to get it. Should the investment towards finding your life partner be less?

*The story at the beginning of this newsletter would be non-existent if every eligible candidate was listed on OMS.*

With gratitude, always,

*Anne-Marie*

*In a world that is ever becoming more global, individuals who wish to create marriages that overcome the boundaries of race and culture will expedite the ability of man to establish a peaceful world. Learning others' cultures and ways of thinking will eliminate the fear of the unknown and make human beings less likely to wage war based on fear and ignorance. The advancement of world communication through the internet and telephone is making it possible for marriage to have a global impact on the future of mankind.*

*KAM*



# OMS

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ID	Name	AgeGroup	Country	Education	RaceA	RaceB	Status	Group	Messages
38152A		50+	United-States					Blessed Child	
60842A		-30	France	College-Sophomore	African			Blessed Child	
46742B		-30	United-States	College-Graduate				Blessed Child	
30842c		50+	South-Africa					Blessed Child	
47842C		50+	United-States	College-Graduate	White	Far-East		Blessed Child	
76942C		-30	United-States	College-Sophomore	White	White		Blessed Child	
07942C		50+	Italy					Blessed Child	
89742C		50+	United-States					Blessed Child	
65152d		-30	United-States	College-Senior	White			Blessed Child	
30742E		-30	United-States	College-Sophomore	African	African-American	Never Blessed	Blessed Child	
65152E		-30	United-States	College-Graduate	Hispanic	Far-East		Blessed Child	
70152E		-30	United-States	College-Graduate	White			Blessed Child	
32152E		-30	United-States	College-Graduate	Far-East	White		Blessed Child	
54052E		-30	United-States	College-Freshman	Hispanic	Hispanic		Blessed Child	
14942E		-30	United-States		Pacific-Islander	Hispanic		Blessed Child	
39942E		50+	United-States					Blessed Child	
86742E		30-40	United-States	College-Junior	White			Blessed Child	
55842E		-30	United-States	Post-Graduate	White	Far-East		Blessed Child	
81942E		30-40	United-States	Post-Graduate	White			Blessed Child	
94052E		-30	United-States	HS Senior	White	Far-East		Blessed Child	
32942E		-30	United-States	College-Graduate	Far-East			Blessed Child	
25942E		-30	United-States	College-Senior				Blessed Child	
26942E		-30	United-States		Far-East			Blessed Child	
68152E		-30	Japan	College-Graduate	Far-East			Blessed Child	
84052E		-30	United-States		Far-East			Blessed Child	
67942E		-30	United-States	College-Graduate	Far-East			Blessed Child	
31942E		-30	United-States	HS Senior	Far-East			Blessed Child	
59052K		40-50	United-States	College-Graduate	Far-East			Blessed Child	
47742K		-30	United-States					Blessed Child	
34152k		-30	South-Korea	College-Freshman	African	African		Blessed Child	
45842L		-30	United-States	Post-Graduate	Far-East			Blessed Child	
81152L		50+	United-States	HS Senior				Blessed Child	

**Below is a partial list of 1<sup>st</sup> Generation listed on OMS as applicants.**

ID	Name	AgeGroup	Country	Education	RaceA	RaceB	Status	Group	Message
3305		40-50	Nigeria	College-Graduate	African	African		1st Generation	
8354		40-50	Ivory-Coast		African		Previously Blessed	1st Generation	
9293		40-50	United-States	Post-Graduate	African		Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
0615		50+	United-States	Voc-Tech-yr1	White			1st Generation	
1654		-30	United-States	HS Senior	Hispanic		Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
5494		30-40	Liberia	HS-Graduate	African			1st Generation	
0915		50+	United-States	Post-Graduate	White	White		1st Generation	
4354		30-40	Russian-Federation				Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
0434		40-50	United-States	College-Graduate	African-American		Never Married	1st Generation	
0083		30-40	Canada	College-Graduate	African			1st Generation	
0105		40-50	Canada	College-Graduate	White			1st Generation	
0793		40-50	Canada	Post-Graduate	White		Previously Blessed	1st Generation	
4663		-30	Brazil	College-Freshman	White	Hispanic		1st Generation	
5215		50+	United-States	College-Freshman	White			1st Generation	
3853		50+	Germany	Post-Graduate	White			1st Generation	
2004		50+		College-Sophomore			Previously Blessed:Never Married	1st Generation	
1004		40-50	Peru	HS Senior	Hispanic		Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
8074		-30	United-States	College-Senior	African-American		Never Married	1st Generation	
1524		30-40	Haiti	Post-Graduate	African-American		Never Married	1st Generation	
5005		-30	United-Kingdom	HS-Graduate	Indian	Pacific-Islander		1st Generation	
1874		30-40	South-Korea	College-Freshman	Far-East			1st Generation	
9464		-30	South-Korea	College-Graduate	Far-East		Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
0344		40-50	Kenya	College-Graduate	African	African	Previously Blessed	1st Generation	
4574		30-40	Colombia	Voc-Tech-yr1	Hispanic			1st Generation	
8193		50+	United-States	College-Graduate	American-Indian	White	Previously Blessed	1st Generation	
2583		30-40	United-States	HS-Graduate	Far-East	Hispanic	Never Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
8834		30-40	Ethiopia	College-Graduate	African			1st Generation	
4684		-30	Czech-Republic	College-Graduate	White	White		1st Generation	
8734		40-50	Brazil	Post-Graduate	Hispanic		Previously Married:Never Blessed	1st Generation	
8124		30-40	Haiti	Voc-Tech-yr2	African		Never Married	1st Generation	
7633		50+	United-States	Post-Graduate	African-American	White		1st Generation	

**STATS as of February 13, 2017**

As of Feb 13, 2017	
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AFRICA	44
OCEANIA	6
EUROPE	37
ASIA-2	13
MIDDLE-EAST	2
ASIA-3	8
NE-CONTINENT	3
ASIA-1	11
N-AMERICA	194
CARIBBEAN	6
S-AMERICA	46
C-AMERICA	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>

As of Feb 13, 2017	
<b>Female</b>	<b>211</b>
-30	63
30-40	46
40-50	35
50+	52
(blank)	14
<b>Male</b>	<b>164</b>
-30	77
30-40	29
40-50	7
50+	41
(blank)	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>

Status	Count
7-Months	19
Applicant	266
Candidate	63
On-Hold	1
Just started	23
Matched	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>

Gender	Count
F	210
M	164
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>374</b>

Number of Parents registered by their adult children per country							
Benin	1	Ireland	2	Nigeria	1	Uganda	4
Bolivia	2	Italy	5	Peru	2	United Kingdom	1
Brazil	2	Ivory Coast	1	South Korea	1	United States	35
Canada	1	Japan	6	Sweden	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>
D.R. Congo	3	Kenya	5	Switzerland	1		
France	3	Malaysia	2	Netherlands	1		

Count of Advisors in each country			
Albania	2	Netherlands	1
Andorra	1	New Zealand	3
Australia	8	Norway	1
Austria	4	Peru	1
Belgium	1	Philippines	4
Brazil	8	Russia	3
Cambodia	1		
Canada	10	Rwanda	1
Croatia	1	San Marino	1
Denmark	1	Singapore	2
Ecuador	1	Slovakia	1
Finland	1	Slovenia	1
France	3	Solomon Islands	1
Germany	3	South Africa	2
Guyana	1	South Korea	1
Hungary	1	Spain	1
Iceland	1	Sweden	1
Indonesia	1	Switzerland	1
Italy	1	Taiwan	1
Japan	4	Thailand	1
Liberia	1	United Kingdom	2
			1
			2
Luxembourg	1	United States	3
Macedonia	1	Uruguay	2
Malta	1	Venezuela	3
Nepal	1	Zambia	1
Grand Total		218	