

# **FIORENTINO FOOTPRINTS**

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## The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1, ESV

#### The "Good" -Transformers Group



Kids in the TRANSFORMERS class!

One of our desires at OMMA is to always be a place where our MISSION, not MONEY is our focus. We love that there are families training with us that just couldn't afford to do martial arts anywhere else in our communities, but can with us. We love that we are able to provide scholarships for single moms, folks in full-time ministry, and others. OMMA is only able to do this because of the generous financial contributions from our partners in ministry, like you!

About six months ago, Sensei Karen developed a partnership with her church and Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ) where we are teaching our OMMA

program in a weekly class to a group of under-resourced children in our local Orlando community. This class is at no cost to these children or their families. OMMA has many opportunities for this kind of ministry, and as we have more financial and staff resources available, we will commit to expanding these offerings. **Please pray for these special children!** 

#### The "Bad" - 2017 was our first down \$\$ year

Every year since I left staff with The JESUS Film Project in 2007 to do this full-time, OMMA has seen growth from each year to the next. Every year we saw an increase in our financial revenues between our donations and student payments combined. This has allowed us to continue to expand, both in the depth and breadth of our classes and training and service projects as well as helping lay a stronger foundation for our future expansion. It has allowed us to open a second location in Winter Springs, Florida and a third location in Zion, Illinois. Last year, however, we experienced our first year of going backward in this area of finances. Despite that, through the grace of God and much hard work, OMMA did not cut out any classes, cut back our efforts to move forward and we do not waver in our faith that the Lord will accomplish His purposes in and through OMMA! Thus far, 2018, is looking like we are getting back on track in this area, so **please pray that the Lord will continue to be our Provider in 2018 and in the years to come...thank you!** 

### The "Ugly" - my hips

You may recall that last year I was diagnosed with needing two total hip replacements in the near future. The pain and lack of mobility has significantly increased in the past 30-60 days to a level where I am seriously formulating a plan for how and when I can have the first of these two surgeries done. **Please pray for wisdom in the timing of these decisions, success for the surgeries and minimal impact on OMMA while I am recovering**. We are so very grateful for your prayers and support!

Serving Him with you,

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