

Farewell Carolyn

October 2004 - December 2005



In October of 2004, you came to the heartland of mid-west USA, Wooster, Ohio. Rural Wayne County provided a culturally interesting back drop for the next 14 months at the OSU/OARDC while you completed your post doc.







 You were welcomed into the Kamoun Lab by a Kiwi friend Joe Win (New Zealand) as well as by Diane Kinney (Ohio) and your new, and very appropriate, office mate, Edgar Huitema (Netherlands) (more on him later). This lab is well known for it's open door and friendly faces....



...as well as the right mixture of hard work, cutting edge science, and a desire to have fun along the way!





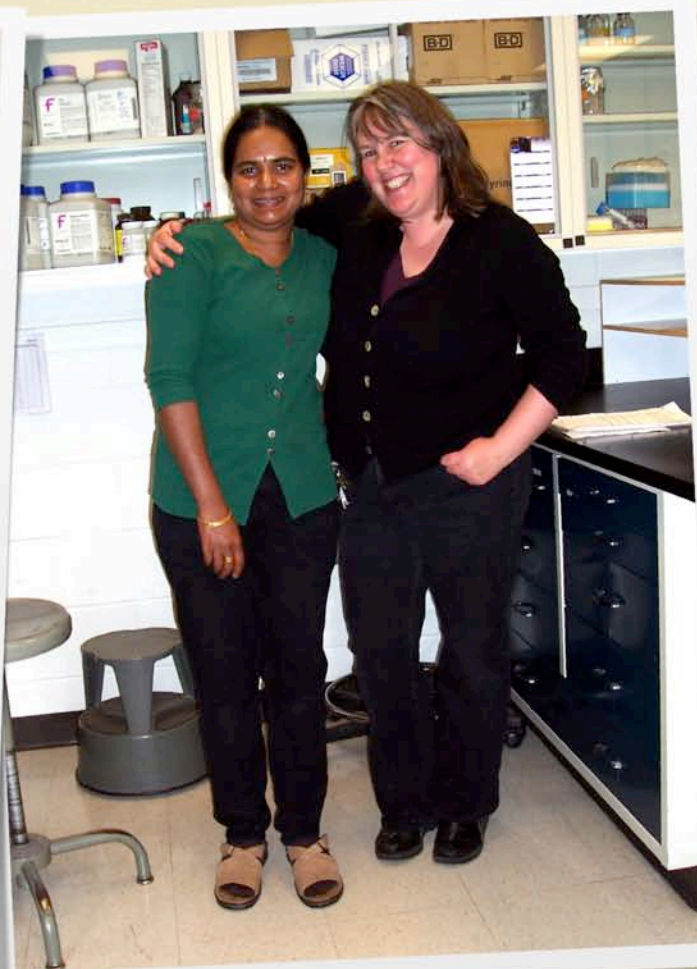
Several other members of the Kamoun family, Cahid Cakir (Turkey), Jorunn Boss (Netherlands), Jing Song (China), Miaoying Tian (China) Thirumala Devi (India), and Molly (Ohio) tried their best to help you adjust to the icy Ohio winter.



It didn't take us long to find out that you were going to add a very welcomed and much appreciated liveliness to room 212. This carefree feeling brought out the best in us all and only encouraged Edgar to continue on in his nutty, yet endearing ways!





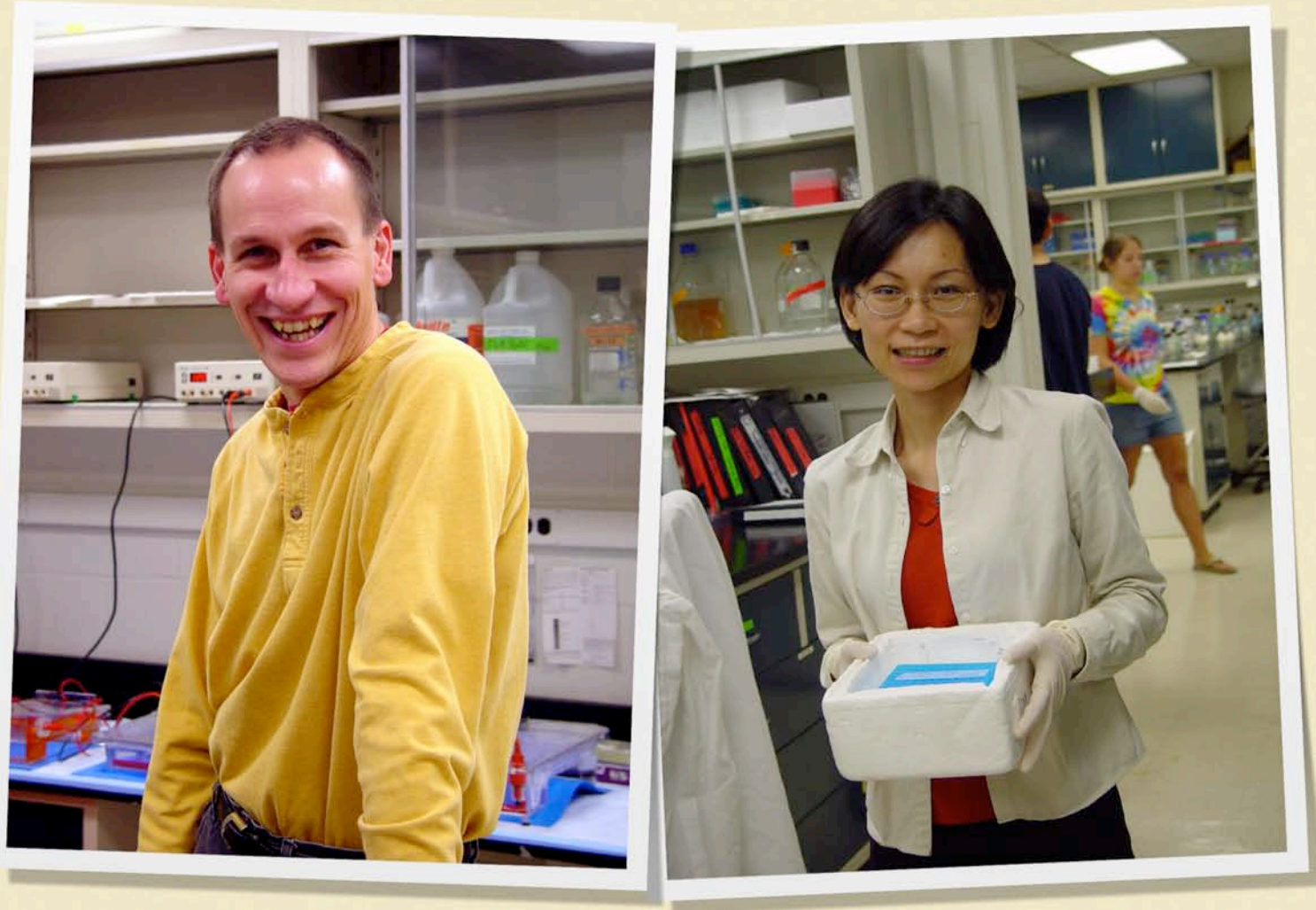


After, what would end up as another life changing trip, to Asilomar, the lab began to shrink as Miaoying graduated and moved on to NY and Thirumala accepted another post-doc in Michigan

As summer rolled around, you were given your first real opportunity to crack the whip as advisor and mentor to visiting student Minkyong Lee (Korea) and Layo Fakanmoju (Nigeria). Relentless in your quest, you tried baking them in 100 degree greenhouses for days on end..



... but with only a sly glare and a couple of muttered unmentionables the smiles returned.



During this same time, Bill Morgan (New York) a faculty member from the College of Wooster, and Hsin-yen Liu (Taiwan) joined our lab for a one year stay.



The end of June found us celebrating with Edgar as he completed his PH.D. But even a PH.D didn't prevent him from making a huge fashion faux pas...socks and sandals were nearly your undoing as the two of you battled it out (and I think you won!).



Flexibility, along with the ability to conform to transition and a large dose of humor are a must here.



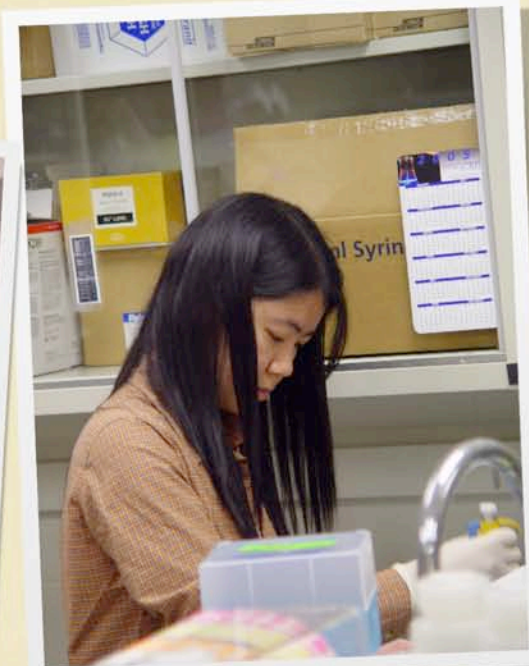


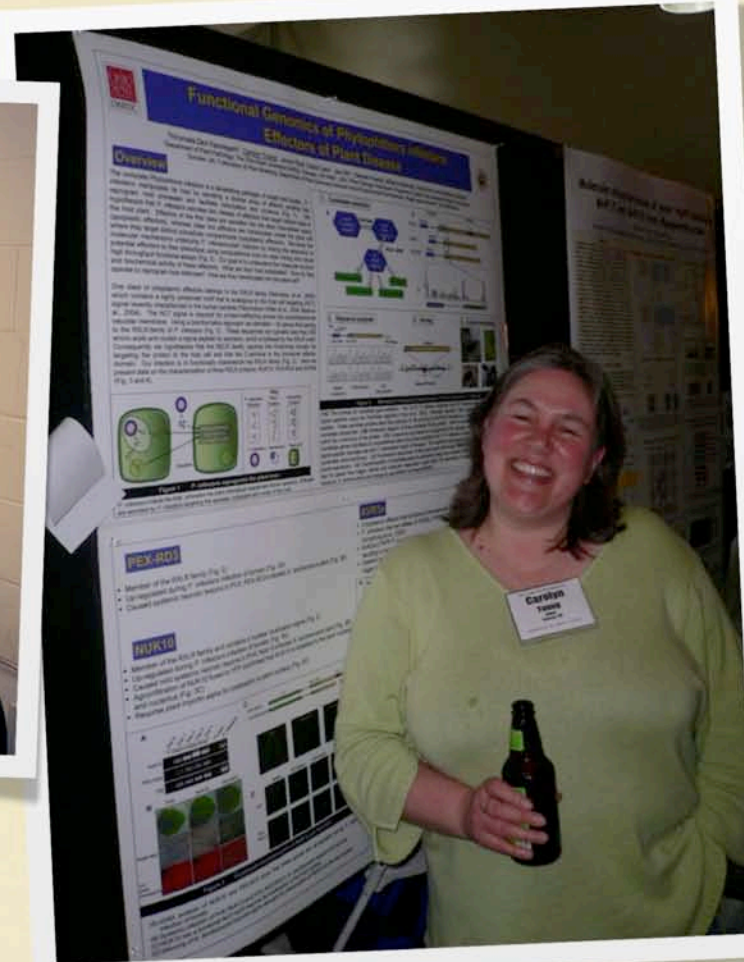
You grew to love that
smelly aussie plant,
Nicotiana benthamiana.

Infiltrate, infiltrate,
infiltrate.... and when
you are done, infiltrate
some more!



We were glad to note that your
infiltration technique has
dramatically improved.
Infiltrate, infiltrate, infiltrate....

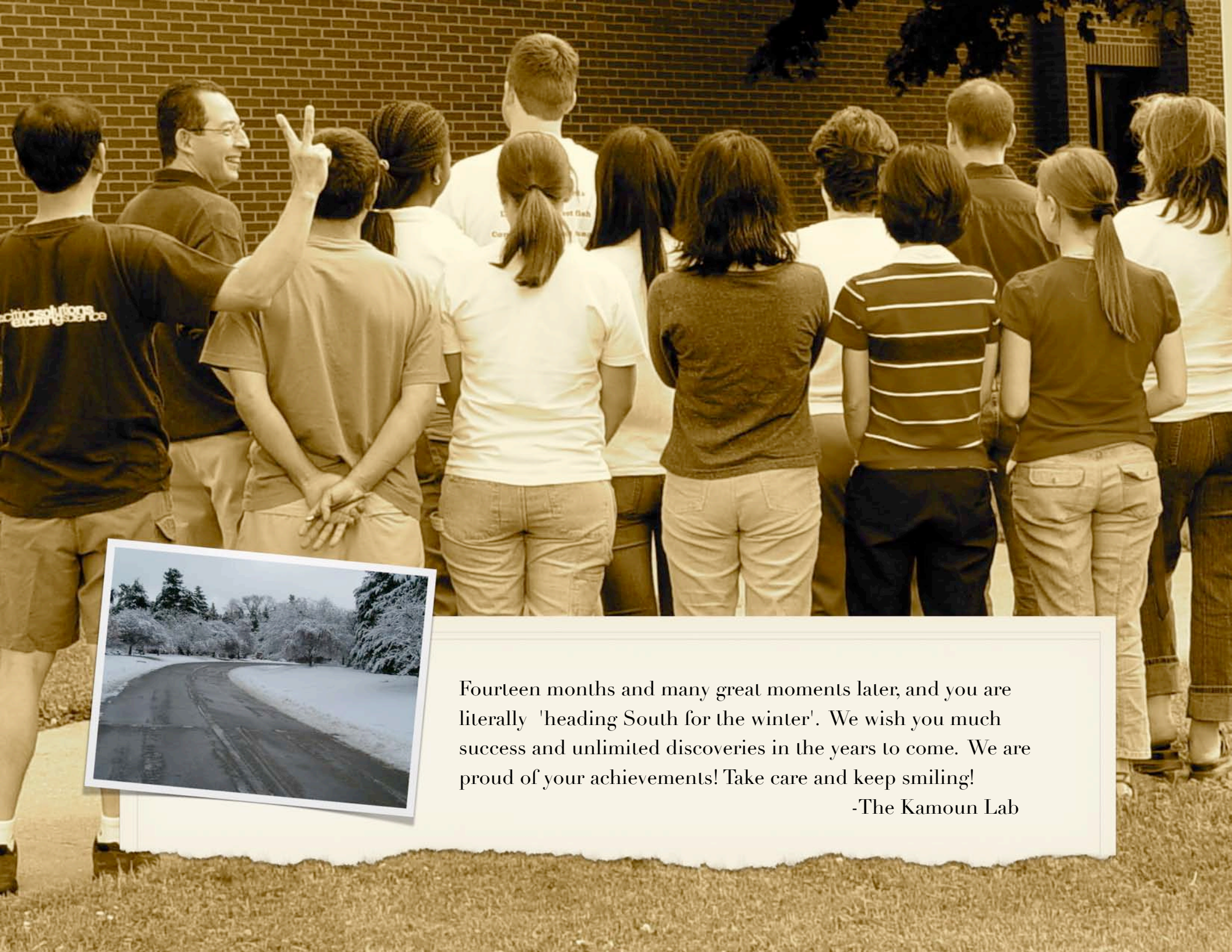




Your ability to behave properly under all circumstances imprinted a lasting memory on everyone in this lab and has changed poor old Miles Armstrong forever...

What the #@%*!!! Gimme another %#@#&* beer!!!!





Fourteen months and many great moments later, and you are literally 'heading South for the winter'. We wish you much success and unlimited discoveries in the years to come. We are proud of your achievements! Take care and keep smiling!

-The Kamoun Lab