

OPC STORM Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

This is David Nakhla reporting the March 21, 2013, edition of the OPC STORM Report. God is blessing his people through the work of their brothers and sisters in the OPC.

Quebec Needs More VBS Teams

"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)

How are your summer plans coming along? We are now in the final months of planning before teams and individuals head off different directions and to different continents to serve in short-term missions this summer. While many have responded to the call for help, there still remain many churches, mission fields and disaster response sites that have spots to fill. Will you be able to respond to the call as Isaiah did, "Here I am! Send me." Missionary Ben Westerveld in Quebec has put a further appeal for teams. He would like at least 3 VBS weeks. He currently has only 1. "Who will go for us?"

Skilled Workers Needed for Sandy Relief

It is more than a little alarming to me when I hear that people don't realize that there is still much to do in the Hurricane Sandy response effort. This means that I have not done a good job getting out the word!

The fact is, that we still have OPC families out of their homes. The initial surge of work was cleanup work. Then there was a lull while insurances and FEMA had to be worked out. Now we are in a robust rebuild phase. Got skills and a willingness to serve? We could use you! Please contact one of our site coordinators to see how you can help in either NJ or NY. Go to <http://opcstm.org/hurricane-sandy-response/> for more information on how you can help.

New Japan Relief Team is Forming

The Presbytery of Ohio has expressed their desire to send a team to Japan this summer. They are just now receiving applications. If you

would like to be considered for this team, please contact Rev. Ken Montgomery at (montgomery.1@opc.org). We would also appreciate your prayers, that the Lord would raise up a strong team that might be able to be a great blessing to the people in Japan, even as we have now just passed the 2nd anniversary of the great tsunami (March 11). If your church or presbytery would also like to send a team, seizing on this unique window of time for this disaster response work in Japan, please let me know soon!

STM Opportunities in the OPC

Be challenged with **evangelism**: Boardwalk Chapel or Keys Evangelistic Ministries

Participate in **building**: Neon, KY, Sandy Relief, or Reading, PA

Work with **children** in the US: Ringoes, NJ, Novato, CA, Barre, VT, San Antonio, TX or **Middletown, DE** *NEW*

Work with **children** abroad: The Czech Republic, Haiti, Japan, Quebec or Uganda

Help after a **disaster**: Sandy Relief or Japan.

Coordinate teams coming in: Site Coordinator in Neon, KY

Intern with missionaries: Ukraine

Is your church's opportunity listed? Could you benefit from having a team come to you? Please visit www.opcstm.org for more information on opportunities to serve. If you have a project or ministry opportunity that you would like to discuss with Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator David Nakhla, please contact him by phone 562-760-7606 or email at nakhla.1@opc.org.