



OPC STORM Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

Working With Our Sister Churches

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

John 17:20-21 (ESV)

Many different volunteers who have come to help with the disaster response efforts in Toms River, NJ. In December, the URC sent a team of 13 from Michigan to the Jersey Shore (800 miles!) to help out with the response effort. This URC team came to help out OPC families. They were housed at Calvary PCA in Allenwood, NJ! To add a little more spice to this fraternal mix, the project was arranged by James Hulbert of the RPCNA who has been donating weeks of work towards helping OPC families recover. Isn't that what fraternal relations should lead to? URC teams, housed by the PCA, helping OPC families on a project set up by an RPCNA brother!



Check out opcstm.org for Sandy-affected OPC member Jennifer Peacock's update on the response effort in New Jersey.

She begins: *Weather continues to be a challenge for residents of the Jersey Shore. At this moment the area is bracing for Winter Storm Nemo (the lost little clown fish? the rogue submarine captain of Verne's imagination?), expecting between four to 10 inches of snow and moderate coastal flooding. An earlier late-autumn store already re-flooded some Superstorm Sandy affected homes and businesses.*

At the same time many are fighting with insurance companies to get funds to rebuild, some are getting news that their homes must be raised anywhere from three to 10 feet or pay more than \$30,000 annually for flood insurance. Whether they are primary or vacation homes, many of these homes belong to working-class folks, retirees, or families who inherited beach houses.

Intern With Missionaries in Ukraine

Are you an upper-class college or seminary student? Are you looking for a serious missionary internship for this summer to consider whether you are being called as a missionary? Heero and Anya Hacquebord, OPC missionaries to Ukraine, invite you to consider joining them this summer (June 1 – July 31) in L'viv for 2 months, thus placing yourself into this 'greenhouse' to see if this interest blossoms into a calling. "Leopolis Green" has been running now for over 10 years providing 95 interns to be personally trained and mentored on the field. Yet not one of those has been from the OPC. Will you be the first? For more information on this wonderful opportunity go to <http://www.teamlviv.org>. Feel free to contact Heero directly with your questions:

Need Help with Leading an STM?

In an effort to help leaders and participants of short-term missions (STM) be more intentional in their preparation and reflection, Delta Ministries (a non-profit organization that works with churches to send many teams throughout the US and around the world each year) put together some curriculum specifically designed to aid in this process. Consider whether "The Next Mile" curriculum might be a help to you in carrying out your church's next STM.

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

Help solve **electrical** concerns: SW Philadelphia

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

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

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

Coordinate teams coming in: Site Coordinator in Neon, KY

Intern with missionaries: **Ukraine *NEW***

Is your church's opportunity listed? Would you like a team this summer or at another time to help 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 e-mail at nakhla.1@opc.org.