Preparing with Prayer

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Col 4:2 (ESV)

The importance of prayer is not something we dispute in our circles. Yet, too often, prayer is the last thing on our “to do” list. For those preparing to participate in short-term missions (STM) this summer, prayer ought to be a vital component of their planning process. Our churches, too, can be actively involved in this important preparatory work as they anticipate sending out STM teams.

One missions organization, SIM-USA, offers a list of prayer requests with Scripture support, including:

Safety Issues: Pray for physical, emotional and spiritual protection
Growth Issues: Pray for spiritual growth, growth in ability to trust God, a Christ-like attitude toward servanthood, an increased missionary vision
Ministry Issues: Pray for sensitivity to the host culture, open doors for ministry, boldness in witness

Visit www.OPCSTM.org and click on “General Info” to find the complete list in the Prayer Guide for Short-Term Missionaries.
Spring and Summer 2015 Opportunities (details at www.opcstm.org)

May 2015: Handy Volunteers Needed in St. Augustine, FL
Covenant Presbyterian has acquired a vacated building to serve as their new church home, and they have “tons of renovations to do,” and would welcome the help of OPC volunteers who’d enjoy a working getaway to this beautiful coastal city! Contact: Walter Muller at wdmuller@comcast.net.

May 2015: Work Teams Needed at the Boardwalk Chapel
The OPC’s Boardwalk Chapel (Wildwood, NJ) seeks volunteers to help with cleaning, painting, renovation, and plumbing projects to help prepare the Chapel and its ancillary buildings for the busy summer season! Contact: Elizabeth Horst at eghorst@gmail.com.

May 2015: Deadline to Apply: Summer STM Trip to Nozomi Center in Japan
The Presbytery of Ohio invites you to apply to be part of a 7-person team that will serve alongside our missionaries in Japan from July 29 to Aug. 10, 2015, where post-Tsunami relief and outreach continues at the Nozomi Center. Contact: Rev. Ken Montgomery at kenbmontgomery@yahoo.com.

More Summer 2015 Opportunities:
(visit www.opcstm.org for all the details)

“English for Teens” Bible Camping Trip in Quebec!
Two to three young men with camping experience are needed to help lead this annual summer outreach program of St. Marc’s Reformed Church in Quebec. Contact: Rev. Ben Westerveld at b.westerveld@hotmail.com.

Help an OP Church Present its VBS this Summer!
Our OP churches in Middletown, PA, Middletown, DE, and Schenectady, NY, are seeking volunteers of various skill levels to help them present their VBS programs in June and July!
Middletown, PA: Mr. Theron Perez at theronandsteph@gmail.com
Middletown, DE: Pastor Bob Harting at rharting@msn.com
Schenectady: Mrs. Weerstra at caroline.calvaryopc@gmail.com

Serve at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ!
The Chapel has 4 openings for young men or women to serve as Volunteer Staff from June through August. A Drummer and a Guitarist particularly needed! Contact: Rev. Jim Zozzaro at boardwalkchapel@gmail.com

Evangelism Training in Key West, Florida – Year Round!
OPC Pastor Bill Welzien of Keys Evangelistic Ministries invites you to travel to Key West and receive classroom instruction on the art, science, and heart of evangelism, as well as practice hands-on evangelism with Bill as he presents the gospel in an engaging open-air fashion at Mallory Square in Key West. Contact: Rev. Welzien at wwelzien@aol.com.

Teach English to College Students in Asia
Explore opportunities to teach college English classes in Asia this summer or throughout the coming school year! Invest in the lives of young people who are uniquely positioned to impact this region of the world! Qualifications, all details, and application forms can be obtained from Rev. Douglas Clawson at clawson.1@opc.org

Items Needed by Donation at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ
Kitchen cabinets, bar height tables & stools, gas ovens, refrigerators, and paper products are needed to help prepare the Chapel for the summer season! Contact Elizabeth Horst at eghorst@gmail.com if you can help!