



# S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

Vol. 7, Issue 4  
April 12, 2018

## A Sustained Work of Mercy

### A Report on the OPC Hurricane Relief Ministry in Houston

by Steve Larson

Regional Disaster Response Coordinator in Houston

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (NKJV)*

What began as a frenzied effort to respond to the immediate aftermath of the worst hurricane to hit Texas in decades, and the worst flooding in the Houston area in living memory, has blossomed into a sustained work of mercy and outreach in one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the United States.

Let me express appreciation to Jeff and Gloria Davis, from Cedar OPC in Jenison, Michigan, who have labored here in Houston for many months serving as Site Coordinator (Jeff) and Hospitality Coordinator (Gloria).

The Hurricane Harvey disaster relief ministry is just that, a ministry. I remain convinced that God in his great providence brought Hurricane Harvey to the shores of Texas so that his church would have the great privilege to show mercy and to bring good news to the afflicted.

Continued...

God has provided volunteers who possess the skills needed to do the work at precisely the right times. We have seen some incredibly talented, gifted and dedicated people here.

As servants of Christ, when we offer to serve a family's physical and material need for disaster relief and recovery, we do it with the deliberate intention of showing them the love of Christ, and sharing the hope of the gospel in Christ. I'm not aware of a single instance where a family has declined our request to pray with and for them, and we make it a point to do this with each family we encounter.

Though we are small in number, God has used the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Houston to make a positive impact in the lives of many people...

Please find the full report at:

[OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) > Disaster Response > Hurricane Harvey

---

## SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

...starting early this year, but it's not too late to apply!

- **May 5-12:** Disaster Response trip to Puerto Rico
- **May 26-June 2:** OPC Singles Disaster Response trip to Houston
- **June 15 – July 6:** Outreach and Work Trip to Japan

Get all the details on these and other opportunities for short-term service this summer and year-round at [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) > Current Opportunities

**Request an email version of the full S.T.O.R.M. Report from:**

David P. Nakhla, Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator  
Ph: (562) 760-7606 Email: [Nakhla.1@opc.org](mailto:Nakhla.1@opc.org) Website: [www.OPCSTM.org](http://www.OPCSTM.org)  
Janet L. Birkmann, Administrative Assistant, Email: [Birkmann.1@opc.org](mailto:Birkmann.1@opc.org)  
Facebook: [OPCShortTermMissions](https://www.facebook.com/OPCShortTermMissions) [OPCDisasterResponse](https://www.facebook.com/OPCDisasterResponse)



# S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

Vol. 7, Issue 4  
April 12, 2018

## A Sustained Work of Mercy

### A Report on the OPC Hurricane Relief Ministry in Houston

by Steve Larson

Regional Disaster Response Coordinator in Houston

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you, But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (NKJV)*

What began as a frenzied effort to respond to the immediate aftermath of the worst hurricane to hit Texas in decades, and the worst flooding in the Houston area in living memory, has blossomed into a sustained work of mercy and outreach in one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the United States.

Let me express appreciation to Jeff and Gloria Davis, from Cedar OPC in Jenison, Michigan, who have labored here in Houston for many months serving as Site Coordinator (Jeff) and Hospitality Coordinator (Gloria).

The Hurricane Harvey disaster relief ministry is just that, a ministry. I remain convinced that God in his great providence brought Hurricane Harvey to the shores of Texas so that his church would have the great privilege to show mercy and to bring good news to the afflicted.

Continued...

God has provided volunteers who possess the skills needed to do the work at precisely the right times. We have seen some incredibly talented, gifted and dedicated people here.

As servants of Christ, when we offer to serve a family's physical and material need for disaster relief and recovery, we do it with the deliberate intention of showing them the love of Christ, and sharing the hope of the gospel in Christ. I'm not aware of a single instance where a family has declined our request to pray with and for them, and we make it a point to do this with each family we encounter.

Though we are small in number, God has used the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Houston to make a positive impact in the lives of many people...

Please find the full report at:

[OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) > Disaster Response > Hurricane Harvey

---

## SHORT-TERM MISSIONS TRIPS

...starting early this year, but it's not too late to apply!

- **May 5-12:** Disaster Response trip to Puerto Rico
- **May 26-June 2:** OPC Singles Disaster Response trip to Houston
- **June 15 – July 6:** Outreach and Work Trip to Japan

Get all the details on these and other opportunities for short-term service this summer and year-round at [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) > Current Opportunities

**Request an email version of the full S.T.O.R.M. Report from:**

David P. Nakhla, Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator  
Ph: (562) 760-7606 Email: [Nakhla.1@opc.org](mailto:Nakhla.1@opc.org) Website: [www.OPCSTM.org](http://www.OPCSTM.org)  
Janet L. Birkmann, Administrative Assistant, Email: [Birkmann.1@opc.org](mailto:Birkmann.1@opc.org)  
Facebook: [OPCShortTermMissions](https://www.facebook.com/OPCShortTermMissions) [OPCDisasterResponse](https://www.facebook.com/OPCDisasterResponse)