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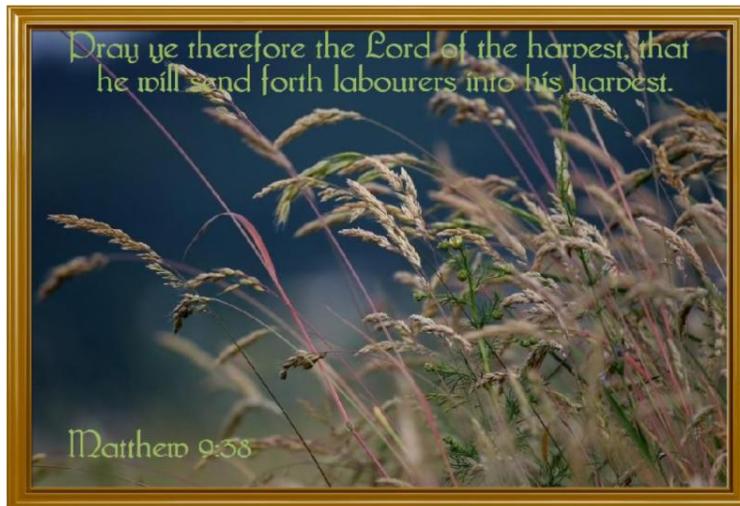
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Short-Term Missions: Reflecting on 2013 . . . Looking Ahead to 2014



New Year's Eve is often the time when we reflect on the year just ending, and plan for the one ahead.

Danny Olinger's article entitled "Summer Foreign Missions Teams," in the December 2013 issue of *New Horizons*, looks back at the OPC short-term mission trips that took place during the summer of 2013:

"Short-term missions coordinator David Nakhla's goal for each OPC short-term missions team is to help the missionaries on the field in bringing the gospel to the nations. He also hopes to enrich the experience of the team volunteers, so that when they return from a trip, they will continue to pray for the mission."

"This past summer, with the assistance of OPC presbyteries and congregations, Mr. Nakhla helped to publicize and organize volunteers into short-term missions teams that traveled to Haiti, Japan, Quebec, and the Czech Republic to help OP missionaries reach unbelievers and encourage believers through vacation Bible schools, English language camps, and diaconal

aid. The reports back indicate that Mr. Nakhla's goals were met, by the grace of God, as both missionaries and volunteers testified to the Lord's blessing."

Read the full article at www.opcstm.org by clicking [here](#).

You can further familiarize yourself with OPC short-term missions with a variety of posts at www.opcstm.org including:

"Preparing for a Short-Term Missions Team" by Ben Hopp, OPC Missionary to Haiti
"No Boredom Witnessing on the Boardwalk" by Lowell Ivey, Boardwalk Chapel Assistant
"Good Interactions in Quebec" by Olivia Durham, English Camp team member
"How is 'English Camp' Short-Term Missions?" by David Nakhla, STM Coordinator

Will you consider making it your goal to serve as a short-term missionary in 2014? Updates about summer trips, as well as year-round opportunities to learn and serve on a mission field at home or abroad, are posted at www.opcstm.org and highlighted in each month's S.T.O.R.M. Report.

Czech English Camp 2014: More Team Members Needed

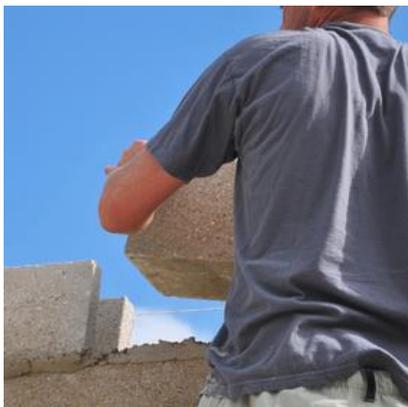


Bayview OPC (Chula Vista, California) is looking for additional teachers for its 2014 "English Camp" to be held in the Czech Republic, July 9-21, 2014. At the time when they need to start planning for next summer's camp ministry, the team is still seriously short-handed. If you are over 18 years of age and interested in participating, you are invited to contact English Camp Coordinator Sherry Wagner as soon as possible at sherrywagner@me.com.

Every summer, Bayview OPC partners with Jerry and Marilyn Farnik, missionaries to the Czech Republic, by providing a team to present the gospel in the form of a summer family "English Camp." The experience is advertised as an English language camp run by Christians. Czech families are invited to a hotel/resort for one week to attend English classes (reading lessons are from Scripture and oral discussions revolve around the stories presented in the lessons), go on day trips, enjoy sporting activities, and put on skits and talent shows. Read a detailed account of the history, mission and responsibilities of English Camp by clicking [here](#).

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Update: Wall-Building Project in Haiti



We are thankful to report that a team of skilled men from several OPC churches has been assembled and will travel to Haiti next month to help complete the building of a wall around our missionary property at Kaliko. The project is already underway, and we received the following update from OPC Missionary Ben Hopp:

"The project to put a proper block wall around the entire property is already in full swing. A Haitian boss, Bòs Ednè, has been working with his men for two weeks now. The trench for the foundation is finished, the metal pillar supports are fabricated, and the rock foundation will begin to be laid next week. We are thrilled to see this work go forward. Pray for safety, strength, and joy for the dozen Haitian brothers as they work. Pray for grace for Heather

and I as we navigate through this project, build relationships with the workers, and interact with the Haitian businesses providing materials for the job." (Read the full update at www.opcstm.org under "Global Opportunities" by clicking [here](#).)

Our team is scheduled to be in Haiti from Thursday, January 23 through Friday, January 31, 2014. Please pray for the men's health and safety while in Haiti, and that their skills and fellowship will be a blessing to the Hopp family and to our Haitian brothers with whom they will labor.

Update: Skilled Workers Still Needed

Help Wrap-Up the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Effort

There is still work to be done to get the last few OPC families back into their homes in Brick, New Jersey, and Seaside Park, New Jersey, following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy in 2012. We recently engaged the services of several skilled tradesmen who agreed to work at a discounted rate in order to expedite the completion of this project. If you are interested in helping out in this way and are available to work for periods of one or more weeks, please contact David Nakhla at nakhla.1@opc.org.

Help Complete a Re-Construction Project in Neon, Kentucky

Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church is still in need of skilled volunteers to help complete the renovation to the pastor's apartment-home on the second floor of their church building, and to refurbish the church's store-front exterior. Read more at www.opcstm.org under "National Opportunities" by clicking [here](#), and contact David Nakhla at nakhla.1@opc.org if you are available to help!

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Summer 2014 Opportunities for Service

Watch for updates on these and other summer opportunities
at www.opcstm.org

Czech Republic

See article, above.

Quebec

English Camps for Kids will be held:

June 23 - 27, 2014

June 30 - July 4, 2014

July 7 - 11, 2014

English Camping Trip for Teens will be held:

July 14 - 18, 2014 (or another week during the summer)

Haiti

"Team Haiti" will present a Vacation Bible School this summer.

Wildwood, New Jersey

Apply now to be a Summer Assistant or volunteer at the Boardwalk Chapel this coming summer. Read more at www.opcstm.org by clicking [here](#), and be sure to visit the Chapel's website at www.boardwalkchapel.org, too.

Year-Round Opportunities for Service

Uganda

The Orthodox Presbyterian Uganda Mission (OPUM) is the largest mission station in the OPC, and is ripe with opportunities for short-term mission work - year round! With an operating medical clinic, a farm project, an education outreach project and village evangelism, not to mention continual construction projects including well-drilling, there are many ways for a short-term visitor to serve on this field. Read more at www.opcstm.org under "*Global Opportunities*" by clicking [here](#).

Key West, Florida

How would you like to spend a week in beautiful Key West, Florida, growing in your ability to speak with boldness about the eternal hope that is in you? OPC pastor Bill Welzien presents the gospel three times a week in an engaging open-air style during the Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square, and he invites you to come, learn and practice hands-on evangelism with him, at any time during the year. Read more at www.opcstm.org under "*National Opportunities*" by clicking [here](#).

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Current Missionary Associate Openings

Asia

Individuals able to teach English at the university level (at least a Bachelor's Degree).

Japan

A married couple or two singles of the same gender to assist in the mission's various outreach activities. Learn more at www.opcstm.org under "Global Opportunities" by clicking [here](#).

Quebec

An individual able to speak French (or interested in learning to speak French) to assist in the outreach ministry of Eglise Reformee St-Marc de Quebec.

Uganda

One individual to assist with homeschooling missionary children; another individual who is skilled with his hands to assist the missionary deacons.

For more information and/or to apply for missionary associate service:

Contact Rev. Douglas Clawson, Associate General Secretary, Committee on Foreign Missions at clawson.1@opc.org.

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