



S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

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Reports from the Field



I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!
Psalm 46:10b (ESV)

by David Nakhla

Personally participating in short-term missions is a healthy exercise (and privilege!) for this Short-Term Missions Coordinator! I was blessed to participate again this year (July 5-11) in the English Camp Outreach to University Students in Ukraine - this time with my wife, Faith, by my side! It was wonderful to be reminded how a short-term trip can be used by the Lord not only to help our full-time missionaries in their work, but to powerfully shape and mold the camp participants in their walk with the Lord. We were humbled to see Him actively work in the lives of those around us. We were often made aware of our own sin and inadequacy, particularly when we tried to rely on our own strength. And we were renewed in our zeal to live our lives completely for Him.

Visit www.OPCSTM.org for an assortment of reports, testimonials, and photo galleries demonstrating what the Lord is doing this summer in and through the OPC's many short-term missionaries. I'd like to acknowledge the persistent and effective labors of my assistant, Janet Birkmann, in compiling this information for our benefit.

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Testimonial: Look to Him in Missions

"Jesus is being taught to all the nations and we need Him to shine His face upon us as we serve Him in this way. Look to Him in missions, not yourself. Look to Him from whom all blessings flow..." by Jordan Francoeur, English for Kids Bible Camp, St-Georges, Quebec

Testimonial: The Very Strength of God

"Behind (us) stood the generosity of our churches back home, paying our way, reimbursing our van rental, buying us meals, and praying for us The strength in the church is the very strength of God..." by Caleb Nelson, English for Kids Bible Camp, St-Georges, Quebec

Testimonial: Proclaiming the Only Hope and Light

"It is so awesome to see so many kids who come back each year This year two of our translators were girls who have been in the camp in the past. It was such a blessing they could continue to be involved..." by Meagan Nijenhuis, English for Kids Bible Camp, Quebec City, Quebec

Current Opportunities for Service:

(visit www.opcstm.org for all the details)

Help With "Peach Festival" Outreach:

Grace OPC in Middletown, DE, invites you to help them reach out to the community during their town's annual "Old-Tyme" Peach Festival on Sat., Aug. 15th - a great opportunity for musicians, artists, or anyone who enjoys greeting people and sharing the love of Christ. Contact: Rev. Bob Harting at rharting@msn.com.

Donate Items to the Boardwalk Chapel:

Paper products (plastic cups, napkins, paper towels, bathroom tissue) and cleaning supplies; healthy, non-perishable goods for staff meals; a printer and ink for the staff house; a washer and dryer for the Chapel apartments. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth Horst at eghorst@gmail.com.

Year-Round Opportunities:

- Bring a team to Key West and receive classroom instruction as well as practical experience in evangelism from OP Pastor Bill Welzien who presents the gospel three times each week during the famous Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square.
- Teach English as a second language to missionary trainees in South Korea.
- Participate in an evangelistic "English Café" in French-speaking Quebec.
- There are many ways for a short-term visitor to serve in Uganda, the largest mission station in the OPC.

Pray for Cross-Cultural Outreach in Naples, FL

A short-term missions team of youth and adults from Lake Sherwood OPC (Orlando, FL) will arrive in Naples, Florida, on July 25 and stay through August 1st, helping Christ the King OPC with service projects and cross cultural outreach to their neighbors, including working at a charter school, teaching conversational English, and serving at a local relief and recovery center.

Can Your Church Use a Team?

Is there a project that your church could undertake (VBS, community outreach, building refurbishment) if it had the help of volunteers from another OP church or presbytery? Visit www.OPCSTM.org to complete a form to request a team!

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