

OPC STORM Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

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Sending Teams for Summer Service

"While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off." Acts 13:2-3

Many teams have formed and are currently preparing for service on OPC mission fields, both here and abroad. Have you as a church considered your important role as "sender"? Just as Paul and Barnabas were sent, ought we consider our important role as the sending congregation. Sadly, in our independent-mindedness, short-term missions is often self-propelled. It is probably far too seldom that one approaches his pastor or elders, seeking their blessing in this mission endeavor. But the biblical model is that churches *send* missionaries, long-term or short-term. Whether or not your church has had a role in the decision of one of your members to head off on a missions trip this summer, would you prayerfully consider your role as a church in *sending* them? Help them prepare spiritually, physically and financially, coupled with "*fasting and praying*". Once they go, continually remember them in prayer for effectiveness, safety and the Lord's blessing. And, when they return, giving them the opportunity as with Paul and Barnabas to "*declare all that God has done with them*" (Acts 14:27b).

Listed below are the teams of which we have been made aware. These do not include the many individuals or pairs traveling to serve as well. Please mark your calendar to pray for these teams while on the field. ***Your prayers make their work effective!***

There remain a few openings that we are eager (and in some cases desperate) to fill. Prayerfully consider ***sending*** a member of your church to help fill these voids.

International Mission Teams

5/23 - 6/25 Various ministries RP Missions team **Karamoja, Uganda**

6/23 - 7/4 VBS team "Team Haiti" to **Haiti**

6/24 - 6/28 English for Kids team #1 to **Quebec**

7/1 - 7/5 English for Kids team #2 to **Quebec**

7/8 - 7/12 English for Kids team #3 to **Quebec***

7/12 - 7/19 English Camp team to **Czech Republic**

7/15 - 7/19 English for Teens camping team to **Quebec****

7/18 - 8/1 Disaster Response team to **Japan**

7/22 - 8/13 Various ministries "Team Praha" to **Czech Republic**

* Team is incomplete: 5-8 more members needed, especially males.

** This team is in desperate need of people especially camping types
Contact Ben Westerveld if available!

Domestic Mission Teams

6/13 - 6/21 Evangelism Team #1 at Keys Ministries in **Key West, FL**

7/9 - 7/16 Evangelism Team #2 at Keys Ministries in **Key West, FL**

7/20 - 7/26 VBS Team with Venture Ministries in **Zoar, WI**

All Summer! Boardwalk Chapel Ministries in **Wildwood, NJ*****

All Summer! Various disaster response teams in **Brick, NJ******

*** The Boardwalk Chapel can accept another 8-10 staff members.

Contact Jim Zozzaro! Read an article by OP missionary to Uruguay
Jeni Richline on the Boardwalk Chapel's impact here:

<http://boardwalkchapel.org/about-us/a-night-on-the-boards/>

**** Hurricane Sandy Response work is going well, but much work remains to get all OPC families back into their homes. Please consider investing some of your summer serving. Contact Charlie Farrell!

Travel Insurance a MUST for Going Abroad

Probably one of the most frequently forgotten items is travel medical insurance! Many don't realize that when they board a plane and leave their home country, there is a good chance that they are no longer covered by their health insurance. They may be a long ways away from the local emergency room! All members of OPC teams must have travel insurance! There are many good companies to choose from. Find out what David Nakhla typically purchases for teams at <http://opcstm.org/resources/>

Is your church's opportunity listed? Could you benefit from having a team come to 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.