Refugee Relief: Good Samaritans in Greece

“And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)

I had the opportunity to travel to Greece last month with Rev. Al Tricarico and OPC deacon Bob Fales to visit the various regions where the Greek Evangelical Church (GEC), a reformed Presbyterian denomination, is actively carrying out a ministry of Word and deed to the refugees passing through their country. The OPC has contributed at least $18,000 to this work to date.

The testimonies of both the refugees and those seeking to minister to them were moving. The active participation of the church in this ministry has changed the hearts of refugees and church members alike. It was delightful to watch the face of Savas, a GEC elder, light up as he showed us photos on his phone of the refugee families that are being hosted by his church in Milotopos, or to hear Meletis Miliadis, pastor of the GEC in Volos and moderator of the GEC, share the story of a Muslim man who, after crying for 15 minutes prior to entering the home the church had provided for his family, looked Meletis in the eye and said, “I thank God for putting love in your heart!”

The future of the refugees in Greece is uncertain. What is certain, however, is that the providential hand of the Lord has placed thousands of refugees within reach of various GEC congregations. These churches have sought to be faithful stewards of this opportunity, often going far out of their way to help out.

Read the full story at OPCSTM.org > Disaster Response > Refugee Relief.
Deadline May 31 to Apply to Teach English at University in Asia

There are exciting opportunities to teach English at the university level in Asia starting in September 2017 or February 2018! Invest in the lives of students who are uniquely positioned to impact this region of the world! Basic requirements to serve as a full-time university instructor of interactive English conversation classes include: a commitment of at least 1-2 years, ability to raise one’s own support/living expenses, at least a Bachelor’s degree, two years of teaching/tutoring experience. For all the details and to request an application, contact Rev. Douglas Clawson, Associate General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, at douglas.clawson@opc.org.

ESL Teachers Needed at Missionary Training Institute in South Korea

There are openings for volunteers to teach ESL at the Missionary Training Institute (founded by OP missionaries in 1983) in South Korea for two 10-week terms: September 4 – November 17, 2017, and November 20, 2017 – January 26, 2018. For further information, visit OPCSTM.org > Global STMs > South Korea, or contact Ms. Mihyang Choi-Yoon at mihyangc@hotmail.com.

Current Opportunities for Service:
Visit OPCSTM.org and click on Current Opportunities for all the details and contact information for:

- June 26-30, 2017: Grace OPC in Middletown, Delaware, seeks a team to help them present their VBS program.
- July 10-17, 2017: The Presbytery of the Midwest seeks male and female adult leaders and about 20 teens and young adults for this summer’s Venture Missions outreach to children on the Menominee Indian reservation in Zoor, WI.
- Summer 2017: Christ the King OPC in Naples, FL, seeks a team to help them with local outreach and service projects.
- Summer 2017: San Antonio OPC in San Antonio, TX, seeks a team to help them with local outreach and service projects.
- Summer 2017: At the Boardwalk Chapel, there are still openings on the summer evangelism team and the end-of-summer staff. The weeks of July 1-8 and August 5-12 are still open for church groups to serve as Ministry Teams.
- Skilled volunteer(s) needed to rebuild the master bath in the manse apartment at Neon OPC in Neon, KY.
- Experienced volunteer(s) needed to install laminate flooring and molding at Keys Evangelistic Ministries in Key West, FL.

NEWS:
- Team Utah and the Uruguay English Club Team have been filled for July 2017!

Missionary Associate Needed in Quebec

Young men or women who desire to serve on a foreign mission field are encouraged to consider the current opening for a Missionary Associate to serve with OP Missionary to Quebec, Rev. Ben Westerveld.

If you are a professing believer of Reformed conviction, can speak French or desire to learn the language, can make a commitment of at least one year, and are available to start in 2017 or 2018, you are encouraged to contact Rev. Douglas Clawson, Associate General Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, at douglas.clawson@opc.org, and visit OPCSTM.org/missionary-associates/ for more info.