



OPC STORM Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

The Lord's Shaping With a Storm



*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness"
Lamentations 3:22-23*

One year ago today, October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy hit the eastern seaboard of the USA. Unofficially known as "Superstorm Sandy," it was the deadliest and most destructive [hurricane](#) of the [2012 Atlantic hurricane season](#), as well as the second-costliest hurricane in United States history.

What good can come of such a disaster of epic proportions? At a glance, this may be difficult to see. But the Lord works through these providences to shape and mold His church and His people and to teach us about His love, compassion, mercy and faithfulness. And He gives us the privilege and opportunity to participate in this manifold ministry of mercy in our words, help, encouragement, funds and prayers. His mercies are new every morning!

May the Lord be praised this day, as you witness what He has done in the community of Brick/Seaside, New Jersey, through the eyes and interviews of insider, Jennifer Peacock, a member of Faith Bible OPC in Brick, a writer, and a Hurricane Sandy victim herself. Please read Jennifer's timely article at www.opcstm.org under "STM News"

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Current Domestic Opportunities for Service

Help Wrap-Up the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Effort

Small teams or individuals are still needed in Seaside Heights/Tom's River, New Jersey and Long Island, New York, to help with the work that remains to get the last few OPC families back into their homes. Read more about this at www.opcstm.org, under "Hurricane Sandy Response."

Help Complete a Re-Construction Project in Neon, Kentucky

Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church, a small OPC home-missions work in the depressed, Appalachian coal-country town of Neon, Kentucky, 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 about this at www.opcstm.org, under "National Opportunities."

Help Lay Flooring in Key West, Florida, in January 2014!

The OPC Church in Key West, Florida ([Keys Presbyterian Church](#)), in conjunction with its evangelistic arm (Keys Evangelistic Ministries), is seeking 2 to 4 workers to help lay laminate and tile flooring at the Keys Bible Center, the week of January 20 to 24, 2014. Read more about this at www.opcstm.org, under "National Opportunities."

Current Missionary Associate Openings

What is a Missionary Associate?

A missionary associate (MA) is an individual who is appointed by the Committee on Foreign Missions to labor with an OPC Field Mission, without cost to the committee. The term of service is usually from 3 months to 2 years.

The purpose of missionary associate service:

1. To assist the mission in its tasks (e.g., evangelistic outreach).
2. To provide an opportunity to test the MA's gifts for permanent service.
3. To enrich the MA's life for greater service as a member of their local church.

Qualified missionary associates are currently needed on the following fields:

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

JAPAN A married couple or two singles (ideally of the same gender) to assist in the mission's various outreach activities (Learn more at www.opcstm.org, under "Global Opportunities")

QUEBEC An individual able to speak (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 on missionary associate service, or to request an application:

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

Is your church's opportunity listed? 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.