



S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

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Disaster Response is a Form of Short-Term Missions



OPC Disaster Response volunteers at work in Naples, Florida, following Hurricane Irma

...he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25b (NIV 1984)

Our focus this past month has been on the trio of hurricanes that impacted OP churches within a 3-week period. This occurred just as the summer short-term missions season was ending. Consequently, at a time when we would normally be wrapping up our reports on summer STMs, the latest *nine* issues of the S.T.O.R.M. Report have been about hurricanes, and were published as Special Editions under our Disaster Relief banner!

This is as good a time as any for us to be reminded that Disaster Response is, in fact, a special form of Short-Term Missions! In Disaster Response, we are granted the wonderful opportunity of ministering to our brothers and sisters and neighbors who are going through a time of crisis. Showing Christian love to our neighbors at a time of great need provides a unique opening for sharing with them the hope that lives in us, even as they question why we would do this. Now, that is short-term missions, isn't it!

Lord willing, we'll review summer short-term missions in a future S.T.O.R.M. Report, but for now we can't help but keep your attention on the ongoing need for volunteers to serve as hurricane relief volunteers. Please consider how you might use your energies and skills to participate in this important ministry of mercy in the OPC!

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 1. HarveyVolunteers@opc.org
 2. IrmaVolunteers@opc.org
 3. MariaVolunteers@opc.org

Disaster Response

OPC Disaster Response has Mobilized!
In response to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

As of the end of September, over \$225,000 has been received for OPC hurricane relief work!

Donate by check or online
OPCSTM.org/how-to-donate/

We Need You!
Call for Volunteers - Skilled and Unskilled

Houston: Hurricane Harvey Relief
HarveyVolunteers@opc.org

Florida: Hurricane Irma Relief
IrmaVolunteers@opc.org

Puerto Rico: Hurricane Maria Relief
MariaVolunteers@opc.org

OPCSTM.org/how-to-volunteer/

Testimonial from Houston:
"Progress is definitely being made, and quickly! Everybody has been great! I see Jesus in everyone here. As challenging as our circumstances are, I have peace and joy in my heart. The Lord is working everything out as needed. Everything is happening that needs to happen so that our home is restored. It will be nicer than it was by far! I hope y'all don't get tired of me saying "thank you." I don't know how else to express my gratitude!"

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve our brothers, sisters, and neighbors as we come alongside them in Word and deed to assist in the rebuilding of their lives following the devastation of the hurricanes of 2017. Donations for this work have been pouring in. Regional Disaster Response Coordinators, Site Coordinators, Volunteer Coordinators, and VOLUNTEERS are serving faithfully and well. But there is still so much more to be done, and we need you! Please consider how you can use your energies and skills to participate in this ministry of mercy in the OPC.

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