More Prayer...More Bible Study

Praying at all times in the Spirit…Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

As summer draws near—and STM options are being considered, teams are being gathered, and trips are being prepared for—it can be really helpful and encouraging to hear from those who’ve gone before.

For example, the two most frequent responses to the 2018 STM survey question, "What could you have done to better prepare for your short-term missions trip," were:

"More prayer".....50% of respondents
"More Bible study".....40% of respondents

Visit OPCSTM.org and click on “STM Resources” for survey results and other guides and tools intended to help you learn more about short-term missions and prepare for your trip!

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Prayer and Bible study were also described as a benefit of short-term missions in response to the question, "What is one way you grew as a Christian during your STM trip?"

- I prayed a lot more on the trip than I normally do in the USA, because my need for and dependence on God was more apparent in Haiti.
- I depended on the Lord in prayer heavily through the week.
- I learned a better, more focused, way to pray.
- I learned the value of spending time in God's word daily, something I always knew but never really saw fleshed out.
- I learned to pray in groups, and for long periods of time.
- I grew in my understanding of God's Law and application to my heart.
- I have grown in my love of prayer and study of God's word.
- I grew in prayer, and I am happy to say I pray more than ever.

Opportunities for short-term missions this summer:

- June: Outreach and encouragement in Puerto Rico
- June-August: Three “RP Missions” trips to Japan
- July: Teach English at a university in Asia
- July: Teach VBS on the Menominee reservation in Wisconsin
- July or August: Camping trip leaders needed in Quebec
- Volunteers needed on the evangelism, drama, music, and domestic teams at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey
- Take a church group to serve as a Ministry Team at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey for a week
- Take a church group to Naples, FL, for a week of service and outreach projects
- Take a church group to San Antonio, TX, for a week of service and outreach projects

Year-Round Opportunities:

- October-December: Teach ESL at the Missionary Training Institute in South Korea
- Serve with the OP Uganda Missions
- Preschool teaching assistants needed at KEO in Uganda
- Evangelism training with OPC Pastor Bill Welzien in Key West
- English conversation outreach in Quebec City

Missionary Associates (1-2 year appointments) needed in:

- Asia
- Uganda
- Uruguay

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