I decided to come to Uganda to see if this is an area where God may be calling me. Uganda is a beautiful place and I have been so blessed to learn about a different culture and a different way of life. Being here on a short term trip has been a real reminder that we are called as believers to proclaim the gospel no matter what context we are in! I have been helping with homeschooling, Karamoja Education Outreach, and a Bible memorization program to encourage local students to memorize sections of scripture.

Being able to witness the confession of faith of six young people at the church here was such an encouragement and a beautiful reminder that God is building His church in all nations! To be a witness of that and many other small daily things here in Karamoja has taught me that God is at work in many ways. It has also been so wonderful to hear from Karamojong believers and their often strong trust in God for their every need. Continue to pray for the missionaries in Uganda, as I have seen in my brief time here a small fraction of the challenges missionaries face. Prayer therefore is vital for the continuation of the work.
Pure Joy and Excitement
By Saraiah Philip, Harvest OPC, San Marcos, CA

Excerpt: ...the man said, “Wow, this is the first time I’ve ever heard this, and I realize that this is very important. I need to research and read about this more, but what should I be reading?”

Seth gave the man a Bible and told him more about what to be reading. Walking away from the conversation, I remember this feeling of pure joy and excitement.

One of the other youth group members and I were saying how these types of conversations inspired us to go out in our own cities and talk to people, just like we did at the Boardwalk Chapel, and I’m sure we were not the only ones who felt that way.

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Summer STM Stats as of August 14, 2019

- 6 fields have received short-term missionaries: Boardwalk Chapel, Czech Republic, Puerto Rico, Quebec, Uganda, Zoar
- 282 people (at least) have served on OPC STM fields
- 16 teams have comprised most of those people; some people have served as individuals
- 50 OPC churches* have sent short-term missionaries to OPC STM fields
- 10 non-OPC churches* have sent short-term missionaries to OPC STM fields
- 22 states plus Ontario have been represented
- 13 presbyteries have been represented
- 8 people were scheduled to serve on Team Haiti before it was cancelled for security reasons

* Find a link to the Summer 2019 Church List on the homepage at OPCSTM.org