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Short-Term Missions with a Long-Term Commitment

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Our usual April issue of conveying the plans and excitement for short-term mission trips are in many ways, not the same this year; it just can't be. Although some teams are still prayerfully planning summer work, some have made the very tough decision to postpone.

With all the restrictions we have right now, perhaps this is our chance to look with a more long-term focus of commitment. Here are some thoughts to consider:

- **Get to know your missionaries.** Learn about a missionary family in a field you may have wanted to visit. Write to them to see what their life is like, what struggles they have, and perhaps become pen pals (by e-mail, Facebook, other social media, or snail mail).
- **Let your missionaries get to know you.** Missionaries can sometimes feel isolated and left "out of the loop" of everyday life back home. Share photos and stories from your life with our missionaries the way they share theirs with us.

- **Raise support.** You can still raise money and support short-term missions by hosting a car wash, bake sale or yard sale (online sales are great with no set-up!) Funds can also be donated to the OPC COVID-19 Pandemic Response (CPR) Fund, set up to help OPC deacons as they assist their congregations.
- **Change your focus.** If you had planned to go overseas for a missions trip, maybe you could look a little closer to home. The Boardwalk Chapel and Quebec City missions are still hoping that they can hold their usual summer programs. You can find out more at our website: opcstm.org.
- **Be a missionary in your neighborhood.** Is there someone you could help during the pandemic: an elderly or handicapped neighbor that needs help taking care of their yard or getting groceries? Calling people you know who may feel especially lonely or anxious? Helping with neighborhood

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JAPAN

Working in conjunction with the RPC Missions, this team will be laboring with OPC missionaries in Sendai as well as ministering in three other mission fields within Japan.

UGANDA

- Nanny for the VanEssendelft's nine children
- Clinic Database Designer
- Missionary Associates: working in the Reformation Book Room, childcare for missionaries, skilled maintenance work
- Preschool Teachers/Helpers for KEO

Check our website to get contact information for the above opportunities.

PLEASE NOTE: *The Uganda mission (Mbale and Karamoja) has canceled their summer team opportunities for 2020 due to COVID-19 limitations.*

QUEBEC CITY English for Kids

There are still 8 slots open for individuals, couples, grandparents who enjoy children or a small group to serve during the last week of July.

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2020 Short-Term Missions Opportunities

With the uncertainty of the current COVID-19 situation, the plans for OPC Short-Term Missions trips may change. Please keep updated by going to our website and on social media.

More information and a prayer calendar can be found by going to our website: opcstm.org.

URUGUAY

The OP Uruguay Mission in Montevideo, Uruguay, is seeking missionary associates to assist with outreach, evangelism, and music in the worship service.

ASIA

English House

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, English House (for overseas visitors) is likely cancelled this summer.

Missionary Associates

Missionary Associates needed to serve as full-time instructors of interactive English conversation at a university near our missionaries in Asia.

CZECH REPUBLIC

Team Praha and English Camp

Our missionaries in Czech Republic have had to cancel both Team Praha and English Camp for Kids due to COVID-19 restrictions.

WILDWOOD, NJ

The Boardwalk Chapel still has openings this summer for the training weeks and regular staff! All are welcome to join for any amount of time!

KEY WEST, FLORIDA

For over 30 years, OPC Pastor Bill Welzien has been presenting the gospel three times a week in Key West, Florida. Bring your team to Key West to receive classroom training and practical experience in evangelism.

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193 volunteers so far. Please register today or get more information:



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