A Summer Like No Other

How can we fully describe Summer like the one we’ve just experienced? The summer was good. Yes, it was good.

The summer for OPC Short Term Missions and Disaster Response was different for sure! It brought with it a pandemic with many restrictions; floodwaters which swelled Sanford Lake in Michigan causing flooding in two OPC members’ homes; OPC Short-Term Missions having to make the excruciatingly hard decision to cancel all but one summer team (Boardwalk Chapel); Tropical Storm Isaias traveling up the eastern seaboard flooding the home of one OPC member; wildfires tearing up the west coast destroying two OPC families’ homes—so far; Hurricane Laura and Tropical Storm Marco hitting the south back-to-back; Tropical Storm Sally arrived, beating up Florida and Alabama last week and oh yes, a few earthquakes that hit Puerto Rico were intermingled.

So why the enthusiasm? The answer is obvious, but not always initial. God is in control, knows our needs, is our Strength, and walks with us through it all. Throughout this disaster-ridden summer we, as a Church and as a Body of Christ, have been strengthened and encouraged by these challenges. That sounds counter-intuitive, but God, using his children as volunteers, prayer warriors, and generous donors, strengthened us. God not only got us through this Summer’s challenges but far-surpassed our sinfully-limited expectations.

The Moors’ home has passed rough-in inspections and are well on their way to drywall installation. The Kennedys are just “paint-on-the-walls” away from finishing their basement walkout, destroyed by floodwater just four months ago. Please help with these efforts! Go to our website to register to find out more, volunteer or donate: opcdisasterresponse.org.

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