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For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” —Mark 10:45

Home For the Holidays?

by Trish Duggan

After seven months of living away from home, this past Saturday was move-in day for the Moots! Well, sort of.

Just after receiving their certificate of occupancy last week, the Moots began to excitedly plan to collect their salvaged belongings and donated furniture from different storage locations and move into their newly restored home this past Saturday. You can almost imagine how it would play out—like a Hallmark movie, right? Bright and sunny, birds chirping, warmly welcoming them back to their home like an old friend. Smiles abound. Music in the background and a much-needed flop onto the couch for a nap. After all, the end is always like that.

Yeah, so that's a movie story and not exactly how it went down. On Friday word came that the moving truck was canceled due to a COVID outbreak, and, as predicted, Saturday, the rain came. The sun seemed to quickly go down on the movie story.

Then the church family showed up to work—without hesitation for the wet, muddy, miserable day. Totes and boxes were carried in lines resembling a colony of ants toward the house. Friends inside cleaned, prepared, and sorted, filling in the much-needed holes of the Moots' lives—as they had been for the past seven months.

The rain and truck cancelation didn't dampen the loving mood of the day. Word came, too, of a virtual gift shower in the near future to be given by the church ladies. And, although the family isn't moved in entirely and there is more to do, they moved forward, closer to the end goal of making this newly renovated house their home. They couldn't be more thankful.

Glenn shares with us, "We are so grateful to be to this point, and will use our newfound perseverance to persevere with you to the end. We are at this milestone because of you and others who take to heart what the

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OPC Disaster Response News

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:

Leonardtown, Maryland

Volunteer Needs:

- Who: Skilled and Novice
- What: HVAC, painting prep, painters, flooring installation, finish carpentry, cabinet installation, bathroom shower installation, tile work
- When: To begin early in the new year (in just over two weeks!)

If you would like to help, contact Trish: isaiasvolunteers@opc.org. Donations are appreciated: give.opc.org!

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries' COVID-19 Pandemic Response (CPR) Fund has received over \$62,942 in generous donations to date! With these gifts, the Committee on Diaconal Ministries has been able to respond to requests for over \$30,000 in financial assistance from Bolivia, China, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Kenya, Peru, Uganda, and Uruguay. The need continues! If you would like to donate, please go to give.opc.org. Please help with these efforts! Go to our website to register or to find out more, volunteer or donate: opcdisasterresponse.org.

OPC Short-Term Missions Opportunities

A few fields are cautiously, prayerfully, and hopefully making plans for the summer of 2021. They believe that there may be opportunities for you to serve with them this summer and we are excited to share these with you. Please join us in submitting these plans to the Lord. Go to OPCSTM.org to find out more!

Missionary Associate to Quebec Needed!

Love children? Planning events? How about assisting in planning the three-week summer "English for Kids" Bible Camp for the summer of 2021? You may be just who the Quebec mission is looking for! Interested? Contact Pastor Ben Westerveld: b_westerveld@hotmail.com.

The Boardwalk Chapel Staff 2021 Openings!

Love music, drama or evangelism? Spend your summer at the BWC! Accepting applications now for summer staff! Contact Anastasia Ferguson: boardwalkchapel@gmail.com.

English Camp in the Czech Republic

Intimidated to share the gospel? What about sharing it with someone who is not against it, they simply have never heard the Good News? How about sharing Christ in the midst of helping them learn English while enjoying the surroundings of their beautiful and historic country, filled with red roofs, grand cathedrals, medieval castles, and dark forests? Consider joining the English Camp Team headed to the Czech Republic!

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