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 Lord tells us in 1 John 3:17, ‘But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?’ Hear the essential message of vocation in Romans 12, ‘For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them.’ Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.”

A few of our OPC Disaster Response volunteer “regulars” rejoice with the Moots:

Steve Hill, electrician, “Be strong and courageous... ‘Our Lord’s words come to mind as I have seen them fulfilled in the Moots Family. Incredible courage [is] given by our Lord, to get up, look up, and move forward. Our Lord is the one enabling, the one leading, and most definitely the one who is carrying us ALL in this journey with them. What a privilege it has been to walk a portion of the path with Glenn, Michelle, Andrew and Rebekah—my beloved family in Christ. Carrie, Joshua, and I will continue to pray for you all as you near the finish line! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,”

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Let us know you are ready to help! Register at our website: OPCDisasterResponse.org/volunteer-registry.
Donate: GIVE.OPC.org/diaconal-ministries-summary
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!)
Contact Trish if you are interested: 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! Go to give.opc.org.

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.

**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!
To stay updated on OPC Short-Term Missions, go to our website: opcstm.org.

Merry Christmas!
May the Lord continue to bless you this Christmas season and in the new year!

The Lord has truly blessed OPC Disaster Response during this really tough year!
Our Christmas card is on its way to our volunteers and donors.
For those not on our mailing list, please accept this as our wish to you for a blessed Christmas season and new year!
And to make sure you get all of our communications, register as an OPC Disaster Response volunteer today and jump in and help when you can!