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“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” --Psalm 90:17

New Year, New Opportunities?

As we press on into 2021 and turn our attention toward what is normally the time for Short-Term Mission planning, we are mindful that there are still so many COVID-related unknowns.

Last summer the only OPC Short-Term Missions opportunity was The Boardwalk Chapel—and that could be the same again this summer. Yet, several mission fields are hopeful! Will you prayerfully consider being ready to say, “Send me!” if the Lord makes a clear way to go?

Pray with us that the Lord opens up opportunities to serve Him in short-term missions this summer.

The Lord is at Work in Wildwood

by Tom Pfeil
2020 Evangelism Coordinator,
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It is important to understand that what makes the evangelism joys so sweet is the repetitive rejection that we experience often while witnessing. Often in preaching, I will hear preachers speak of instances when “God moved.” The Bible teaches us that God the Holy Spirit is always proactive when His Word is being proclaimed. When God is moving, how it looks isn’t always pleasant nor to our advantage. In Acts we see Pentecost and Mars Hill, as well as stonings and imprisonment. The call for us to evangelize isn’t so that we may succeed, but that God may succeed, even if it is to our humiliation, harm, or misfortune. Evangelism

contains much rejection, much anguish in prayer, and a lot of trial and error. To those who are frustrated in evangelism, remember that God saves, even today. Do not lose heart, faithful servant.

Our story begins with a Boardwalk Chapel Trainer, Dr. Krabbendam, and his training week entitled, “School of Evangelism”. He talked about how he wrestled in prayer with God for months before winning his first convert. Something he had said resonated with my spirit and poured into my prayer life, “Lord, I want to get a second convert, but I can’t get a second until You give me the first; give me a convert LORD!” So, I set aside time that would be used to socialize to pray for the first convert.

One day, while we were open air preaching on the Wildwood Boardwalk, two young boys, about the age of 10, stopped to listen to the open-air preacher. I watched as they stood there listening

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and decided to introduce myself. They seemed confused as to what the preacher said, so I pulled them aside and sat down with them. After asking several questions, I wondered if they truly understood what it was to be a believer. They struggled to answer when asked, "What is the Gospel?"

I opened up my Bible to Ezekiel 36 and had one of the young boys read the passage. After he read it, I began to explain the full Gospel: "We each have a wicked and rebellious heart, and we cannot change ourselves. But Jesus died on the cross to renew us, wash away the sins of our past, and take all of God's anger and hatred toward our sin. Through His resurrection, believers receive a new heart (regeneration), the righteousness of Jesus (justification), and the holiness of Jesus (sanctification)."

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Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:

Leonardtown, Maryland

Five months ago David Bowles and his mother were very unexpectedly put out of their home by rising floodwater. It may be a distant memory for most of us, but they need help to get back into their home!

Volunteer Needs:

- **Who:** You!
- **What:** HVAC, painting prep, painters, flooring installation, finish carpentry, bathroom shower installation, tile work—there's enough for everyone!
- **When:** This weekend and in the next month or two! 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

Yes, we continue to accept donations for the COVID-19 Pandemic Response Fund! To date, the fund has received \$76,712 in generous donations. Life has changed significantly with the continued outbreak of COVID-19, and some are struggling to survive. Your donation helps. Go to give.opc.org.



Short-Term Missions News

OPC Disaster Response Midland Wrap up!

We're so thankful for our volunteers' service in Midland, Michigan to restore the homes of Glenn and Michelle Moots and Tom and Linda Kennedy! It's so wonderful to see the body of Christ caring for the body of Christ in this way!

Missionary Associate to Quebec Needed!

"English for Kids" summer camp is being considered right now and your help is needed! Love children? Planning events? How about assisting in planning the three-week summer "English for Kids" Bible Camp? You may be just who the Quebec mission is looking for! Interested? Contact Pastor Ben Westerveld: bwesterveld@hotmail.com.

The Boardwalk Chapel Staff 2021 Openings!

If you had the opportunity to witness to someone right now, do you know what you would say? Learn how to articulate the love of Christ at an evangelism conference at the Boardwalk Chapel. Love music and performing? Applications for staff opportunities are being taken right now! Contact Anastasia Ferguson: boardwalkchapel@gmail.com.

English Camp in the Czech Republic

Sadly, due to COVID restrictions, the opportunity to serve in English camps in the Czech Republic this summer has been cancelled.

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*This list may be incomplete. Please forgive us if we've missed a volunteer! If you know of anyone who ought to be included, please e-mail us.

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