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“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him,
how does God’s love abide in him?”

—I John 3:17



I ask all who love refugees in the name of Christ to support this unique ministry by prayer, and whenever the Lord enables you financially, to bring eternity into the lives of aliens and strangers.

Read the whole article: opccdm.org.

Ministering to Body and Soul

(taken from Redeemer Mercy Ministry Clarkston’s newsletter, March 2021)

When Pastor Melaku Solomon Tamirat arrived in this country with his two sons in April 2019 to join his wife, Meron, he had already been serving for 20 years as a pastor in the Reformed Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ethiopia. He had known ROPC pastor, Zecharias Weldeyesus, since they had met at a church conference in Pretoria, South Africa, in 2005, and the latter soon engaged Melaku in helping with ROPC’s ministry to refugees in Clarkston (recently named Redeemer Mercy Ministry).

When Pastor Chris Cashen left the position as leader of ROPC’s work in Clarkston in August 2020, Melaku stepped into this role in a provisional capacity. ROPC members recently voted to call him to this position, which will be become official, says Zaki, once Melaku passes upcoming OPC committee and presbytery exams. With a bachelor’s degree in theology, Melaku has completed an English course here and is currently taking additional theology courses at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Taylors, SC, to satisfy the Presbytery requirement for transfer of his credentials.

Read the whole article: opccdm.org.

God has a big heart for refugees and strangers among his people. In both the Old and New Testaments, the Lord commands his people to welcome and love the sojourners in their midst. And it is for that very purpose that Redeemer Mercy Ministry in the city of Clarkston started to exist, by God’s grace: To welcome and embrace all refugees from all nations in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who himself was a refugee here on earth. To help them to be assimilated in the American culture and system, to teach them English, to provide assistance in their immigration cases, and to provide diaconal aid in the areas where they have physical needs.

Redeemer Mercy Ministry fulfills all the above acts of mercy to demonstrate Christ’s love to refugees and ultimately point them to the person and work of Christ for the salvation of sinners through the study of God’s word being led by the evangelist. The ministry also gives them the opportunity to be part of God’s worship at Redeemer OPC.

Let us know you are ready to help! Register at our website: OPCDisasterResponse.org/volunteer-registry.

Donate: GIVE.OPC.org/diaconal-ministries-summary



Short-Term Missions

OPPORTUNITIES

Can You Help?

The Refugee Ministry Subcommittee is seeking to learn from OPC congregations about any experience they may have with refugee ministry. Would you be willing to spend five minutes to take the survey?

Visit the CDM website:

opc.cdm.org.



UGANDA

- Farm project
- Facility maintenance
- Care and teach missionary children
- KEO preschool teaching assistants
- Missionary Associates

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA

(Canadian citizens only)

• "English for Kids" camps

Calling all Canadians! If you are living in Canada and are able and willing to serve in Quebec City the first or second week of July, please contact Pastor Westerveld: b_westerveld@gmail.com.

• English Cafe

St-Marc's Reformed Church in Québec City, where OP Missionary Ben Westerveld is the Pastor, welcomes you to come to Quebec and do friendship evangelism by hosting a "Café Anglais" (English Café). Travel restrictions may apply during the pandemic.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY

(Travel restrictions may apply)

- Missionary Associates

BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

- Evangelism, domestics, music and drama teams
- Work groups needed in May

Go to our website to read the details on all of these opportunities: opcstm.org.

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic:

Leonardtown, Maryland

We praise the Lord that this effort is well on its way to completion! Site coordinator, Curt Sproul, reports that painting is nearly finished; cabinets and tiling are in process; and flooring is being installed. Donations toward this effort continue to be accepted and are very much appreciated! Please go to: give.opc.org to make a donation online.

The Committee on Diaconal Ministries' COVID-19 Pandemic Response (CPR) Fund

To date, the CPR Fund has received \$94,864.19 in generous donations and has disbursed \$43,695 of that to brothers and sisters around the world. Your gifts are appreciated. Find out how the donations are being disbursed on our website: opcdisasterresponse.org/opportunity/covid-19-pandemic-response-fund/.

To contribute to OPC Disaster Response, go to: give.opc.org/diaconal-ministries-summary.

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