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“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” —Colossians 3:23-24

## Not Exactly the Lazy Days of Summer

by Trish Duggan, Communications Coordinator for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries

Summer conjures up thoughts of longer, warmer, less stressful days. On paper it can appear to be a less productive time, but the somewhat slower pace allows for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries to concentrate on some crucial, behind the scenes work, as their duties continue to expand.

David Nakhla, in addition to his duties as Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator, serves as the Administrator for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries. He is attending the 87th annual OPC General Assembly at Dordt University, reporting on the past year's work of the CDM, including the newly established Refugee Ministry Subcommittee.

The RMS has been working diligently to collect information from churches in the OPC who are or have been involved in refugee ministry.

Continue reading on our website: [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org)

## The Case of the Strang Ers

by Rev. Chris Cashen, Pastor, Trinity Reformed OPC, Lanham, MD and Chairman of the Refugee Ministry Subcommittee

*This article is part two of a series of articles by Rev. Cashen on refugee ministry in the church.*

Imagine the following scenario being presented at your next diaconal meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Strang Er just arrived at the bus station in your city. They have two young children, no car, no place to live, no money to speak of, and two plastic bags of clothes between them. They are not permitted by the laws of the land to work, they cannot speak English well, they have no family in the area, and they have no place to go. For the past six months, this family has been traveling from their war-torn country in search of peace and safety. The family is weary, worn, and fearful. They have never been in the United States before and have no friends. They can't go home. Mr. Strang Er fears that death awaits them if they were to return.

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## Short-Term Missions OPPORTUNITIES

### New Opportunity!

#### South Korea

ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are needed at the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) in South Korea!

Two or Three ESL teachers are needed to serve from October 26 to December 21, 2021.

#### Qualifications for teachers:

- Bible-believing and mission-minded Christian
- Native English speaker with ESL teaching or mission field experience
- Self-supported
- Good health

#### UGANDA

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

#### BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

- There are openings for the end of summer staff if anyone wants to serve for a short amount of time!
- Evangelism Conference (August 30 - September 4) This conference is geared toward training pastors and elders in evangelism.

Go to our website to read the details on all of these opportunities: [opcstm.org](http://opcstm.org).

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## Bahamas Reconstruction

Qualifications:

- Skilled in carpentry, roofing, drywall or masonry
- Experience serving in a cross-cultural setting
- Mentoring/shepherding heart
- Able to raise support

Questions? Contact Mike Peifer or Carol Gann at [missiontrips@mtw.org](mailto:missiontrips@mtw.org)

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

The CPR Fund has received \$95,849.19 in donations and has disbursed \$64,695 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/](http://opcdisasterresponse.org/opportunity/covid-19-pandemic-response-fund/).

To contribute to OPC Disaster Response, go to: [give.opc.org/diaconal-ministries-summary](http://give.opc.org/diaconal-ministries-summary).



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