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For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." —Acts 13:47

In All of the Noise, The Chapel Stands Out

by Molly Rose

Youth Group Leader,
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Once a king or queen in Narnia," Pastor Jim Zozzaro quipped as we stood around a makeshift dining table in a dingy screened-in back patio for our Friday night debrief. "Everyone who visits is forever part of the Chapel family."

And so it has felt to me. For five years, the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, New Jersey has been a second home; and the diverse group of teens & adults who've made the 13-hour journey to the Jersey shore with me has been a second family. It's so refreshing to step away from the demands of my normal life for a bit to devote energy to prayer, God's word, instruction, street evangelism, and time with my students. Definitely doesn't qualify as a relaxing summer vacation, but I wouldn't trade it for anything!

Wildwood is as close to an incarnation of Vanity Fair from Pilgrim's Progress as I've encountered.

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Short-Term Missions OPPORTUNITIES

MISSIONARY TRAINING INSTITUTE—SOUTH KOREA

ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are desperately 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, March 2 to May 6, 2022, or May 16 to July 22, 2022.

UGANDA

There aren't many short-term missions opportunities out there these days, but our missionaries in Uganda could use encouragement and help from our churches, especially during these trying times!

BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

The Boardwalk Chapel closes out the summer with their Evangelism Conference next week (August 30-September 4) and they are already booking teams for next summer! Don't miss out!

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Refugee Ministry Article Part 3: What Will We Lose By Inviting Refugees to our Dinner Table?

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

Ministering to refugees is an eye and heart opening experience, because the work is very personal. Consider the hospitality practices of those who have fled from Syria and Afghanistan. Their doors are always open, regardless of what they have (or don't have) to offer. Tea or coffee is prepared and served, usually along with nuts, dates, or candies; a comfortable seat is offered, as is their time and attention. Even though Americans are strangers to them, and different languages are spoken, their welcome is immediate, warm, and sincere. That is their culture and tradition, all brought with them. It is so foreign to our Western – even Christian – culture, that it cannot help but touch the heart.

More refugees from Afghanistan may be on their way to the United States soon. Over the past week, incredible photographs of US Air Force cargo planes loaded with Afghans have shocked wide-eyed Americans. Videos have played again and again on our

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Praise the Lord, the OPC was not affected by any recent hurricanes.

Haiti Earthquake Update

Praise and thank the Lord that all those we know in Haiti were not directly affected by the recent earthquake and tropical storm. Since the Haiti OPC Mission does not have any reformed contacts in the affected area of Haiti, OPC Disaster Response does not anticipate any involvement in the response effort at this time.

Bahamas Reconstruction

From Julian Russell, MTW missionary to the Bahamas: Skilled individuals are needed for a week or more on the islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama as residents are still reeling from the effects of Hurricane Dorian. Questions? Contact Mike Peifer or Carol Gann at missiontrips@mtw.org

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

To date, the CPR Fund has received \$103,319.19 in generous donations and has disbursed \$77,695 of that to brothers and sisters around the world. Your gifts are appreciated. Find out how the donations are being disbursed on our website or to contribute, go to: opcdisasterresponse.org/

