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“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”—Acts 20:24

Stirring Up Christians for Evangelism

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The flashy, noisy boardwalk of Wildwood, New Jersey is far from physically dark, but it desperately needs to see the light of the gospel, and the Boardwalk Chapel provides this in such a unique and important way.

The Boardwalk Chapel has just wrapped up another fruitful summer! Over 175 Chapel volunteers representing four presbyteries, approximately eight OP and three PCA Churches from across the country, made up the largest group of participants in the Chapel's history. One church brought a record 40 volunteers for the week!

The Chapel's focus is deeply rooted in evangelism, and its presence on the boardwalk boldly and faithfully tells the truth of the gospel to as many of the lost as the Lord allows. Staff members take turns, Bible in hand, open air preaching to what at times may appear to fall on deaf ears. But they press on.

One volunteer, Aicha Fitzgerald, put

it, “It's a place that cares so much about the Bible and making sure everyone has an opportunity to hear the gospel.” The Chapel allows the lost to hear the gospel through different forms of evangelism, as it sets itself apart from the worldly attractions.

One of the unique ways the staff evangelizes is by initiating conversations with strangers about the gospel each day. Most people visiting Wildwood are tourists, coming from all over the country—even the world. This allows the staff an amazing opportunity to present the gospel to diverse groups of people. Annaliese Ferguson, a staff member who has been volunteering at the Chapel her entire life, explains, “People come from everywhere, which means you get to talk to so many people with so many different beliefs and share the gospel with them.” Countless conversations have been exchanged between the staff members and strangers, challenging both sides of the conversation. One volunteer, Caleb Smiley, says that he was struck by how open and interested people were in hearing what he had to say. He imagined he would encounter a lot of hostility in this uncomfortable

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Short-Term Missions OPPORTUNITIES

UKRAINE MISSION

The mission in Ukraine plans to offer a two-month summer internship for college upperclassmen and seminary students in the summer of 2022. Check our website for more information over the coming months.

MISSIONARY TRAINING INSTITUTE

SOUTH KOREA

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

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 is already booking teams for Summer 2022! Don't miss out: boardwalkchapel.org.

Check our website for more information: OPCSTM.org



HURRICANE IDA

Earlier this month, MNA Disaster Response (PCA) invited OPC Disaster Response volunteers to aid in their effort in New Orleans. Sherry Lanier, MNA volunteer facilitator, updated us on that effort, “We have had a wonderful response to the need for volunteers! With the teams already scheduled through the end of September we will be able to complete all work orders we have received.” Praise the Lord for His provision!

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE (CPR) FUND

While thankful for the \$104,404.19 received in the OPC COVID-19 Fund, the CDM continues to keep this fund open for donations in the event of other dire requests. The CDM has disbursed \$77,695 of that to brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for your contributions and prayers! Find out how the donations are being disbursed on our website: opcdisasterresponse.org/opportunity/covid-19-pandemic-response-fund/.

For more information on any of these opportunities, go to: OPCDisasterResponse.org.

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