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*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

With Grateful Hearts

by David Nakhla, Coordinator, OPC Short-term Missions and Disaster Response

As we come to the end of hurricane season and into Thanksgiving season, it's our privilege this year to give thanks to the Lord for his kind response to those pleas for mercy lifted up at the beginning of what was predicted to be an active hurricane season. 2021 was in fact an active season, yet the Lord, by in large, spared the OPC the brunt of the storms. Of course, we are reminded to "give thanks in all circumstances", and so we rest in the hands of our almighty God, reminded that the worst faced in this life is but a "light momentary affliction...preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison" (II Cor 4:17). This reminder was poignant in the OPC Disaster Response video released in 2019. (If you haven't yet seen it, you've really missed something...check it out here.) What a gift to live day to day in that reality. We rejoice recently

reaching the goal of 300 registered disaster response volunteers. If you have not yet registered, you could be within 5 minutes of clicking here!

Maybe you have been waiting in the wings for COVID restrictions to lift in order to serve in a short-term missions capacity. You may be excited to learn that the fields (and borders) are beginning to open back up. Praise the Lord for His provisions! Missionaries, serving near and far, have spent much of these past two years without the encouragement of regular visitors. Check out the STM opportunities now—and check back often, as more should surface in the near future!

And thank you for joining in the labors of both OPC Short-Term Missions and OPC Disaster Response in 2021 by way of your time, talent, and treasure.



CZECH REPUBLIC: TEAM PRAHA

What is "Team Praha"? Three weeks in the summer serving alongside long-time missionaries, the Farniks, to run a vacation bible school, share your faith with Czech teenagers, all while taking in the beautiful sites of the Czech Republic.

SUMMER MISSIONARY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM—UKRAINE

This opportunity is a unique one!

It offers:

- an intense cross-cultural missions internship
- personal mentoring
- identity in Christ
- a role in God's world mission

The Leopold Green Internship, offered by our L'viv Church Planting Team in beautiful Ukraine, may be right for you!

THE UGANDA MISSION

Several opportunities are available for those with a desire to serve the Lord and a willingness to give up creature comforts. It's not for everyone, but it could be for you! Both short-term and missionary associate opportunities are available now!

BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

The Boardwalk Chapel is currently taking applications for summer staff for 2022. Weekly church teams are filled up, but you can get on the waiting list or book for the summer of 2023! Find out more: boardwalkchapel.org.

CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

Sometimes your church just needs a few extra hands to help, whether with a building project, vacation Bible school or other outreach. There are about 330 churches in the OPC! We realize it's early to think about things like VBS, but as you begin to formulate ideas, keep in mind the larger church family can help. In the months to come, we'd like to pair willing volunteers with churches in search of help. Email us and let us know your plans for the summer!

Check our website for more information on any of these opportunities: OPCSTM.org

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE (CPR) FUND
The Committee on Diaconal Ministries is thankful for the \$104,489.19 received in the OPC COVID-19 Fund. The CDM has disbursed \$84,695. 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/. To contribute to OPC Disaster Response, go to: give.opc.org/diaconal-ministries-summary.

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