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Short Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

A Newsletter From the Office of the Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator

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*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be His glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with His glory!
Amen and amen! —Psalm 72:18-19*

Considering Domestic Short-Term Missions

Nearly two years after the first wave of COVID hit, OPC Short-Term missions continues to cautiously plan around COVID travel restrictions. Although we still have a few international opportunities open at this point, this could be a great time to consider some "outside-of-the-box" domestic opportunities, like "Churches Helping Churches", where one church can lend a hand to another.

Are you looking to find a service project for your youth group or other group in your church? Are you open to helping another church with their Vacation Bible School, maintenance project or some other creative idea? We could pair your group up with a church that could use some help, but doesn't have the volunteer resources. Let's work together to lift one another up during these difficult times.

Go to our website to find out more: OPCSTM.org.



Meet the CDM's New Intern, Hannah White!

Hannah White is from Norman, Oklahoma. She is currently a student at Oklahoma Baptist University where she played soccer for five seasons. Her major is "Global Marketplace Engagement" which she hopes to use in working for a ministry or on the mission field when she graduates in the spring. Hannah attends Shawnee Presbyterian in Shawnee, OK. Hannah will be helping with administrative and communications work in the Committee on Diaconal Ministries office from January through April, 2022, so you may be hearing from her in the near future. Welcome, Hannah!



Short-Term Missions OPPORTUNITIES



CZECH REPUBLIC: TEAM PRAHA

Team Praha is back, Lord willing! The Youth Committee of the Presbytery of Southern California plans to send a team of young people to serve alongside Jerry and Marilyn Farnik in the Czech Republic for three weeks in the summer of 2022!

We're looking for mature young people (aged 16 to early 30s) –willing to serve, eager to teach Vacation Bible School, and able to share their faith with Czech teens and young adults.

THE UGANDA MISSION

As of now, there are several opportunities open to serve with the Uganda Mission. Keep in mind, COVID travel restrictions may apply.

BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

The Boardwalk Chapel still has a few openings for this summer:

- Guys and girls (16 & 17 years old) in each iteration for Junior Staff
- One church group for the apologetics training week
- Domestic staff

CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

Attention Churches in the Midwest, Michigan & Ontario, Wisconsin & Minnesota and Ohio Presbyteries

Redeemer OPC, in the Grand Rapids area, is looking for a service project for a team from their church to carry out for or with your congregation in the Midwest, Michigan & Ontario, Wisconsin & Minnesota, and Ohio Presbyteries. It could be painting, landscaping or even something more highly skilled, depending on the makeup of their team. They are making themselves available to serve for one week. They anticipate the team to be from 4-8 people.

They would like to hear from you by February 28th, if at all possible. The earlier, the better!

Does your church need extra hands to get a Vacation Bible School off the ground for the summer of 2022, or maybe a maintenance or outreach project you've been putting off because of a shortage of help?

Or is an opportunity to serve a church just what you are looking for? OPC Short-Term Missions can pair you up with a church in need of help!

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

TORNADOES AND FIRES

OPC Disaster Response has been quiet recently, praise the Lord! Even though there are no active disasters for volunteers of OPC Disaster Response, we continue to work behind the scenes on building our registry and dispersing funds to those in need. Two opportunities in particular have developed. The first came by the way of generous donations toward the recent Kentucky tornadoes. Money designated to helping the tornado victims was sent to OPC Disaster Response. With no OPC Church members affected by these tornadoes, we've prayerfully considered working through other reformed denominations to get monetary help to those victims. We are so thankful for the consistent love and care our members show to those in need.

The second came after devastating fires destroyed homes in a development in the greater Denver area on December 30, including the home of an OPC family. OPC Disaster Response is in contact with the local church to assess the needs, has dispersed some initial funds and plans to determine if a special fund should be established for their aid.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE FUND

To date, \$115,694.00 has been received, and the CDM continues to keep this fund open for donations in the event of other dire requests. The CDM has disbursed \$82,695. of that to brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you for your contributions and prayers!



That may sound like a lot of volunteers, but to ensure we have enough hands for each disaster response effort, additional volunteers are always invited! Are you interested in serving as a disaster response volunteer, but have some questions? Check out the frequently asked questions page on our website: OPCDisasterResponse.org.

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