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as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)*

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2. A Roadmap for those who know they want to go, and are Ready to Plan a Trip!
3. Easily scroll through a photo gallery of ALL Current Opportunities At A Glance.
4. Narrow your search for a short-term missions trip with the "Location" and "Ways to Serve" drop-down lists.
5. Click on each opportunity for Quick Facts, a Contact Person, and a description
6. Read the full S.T.O.R.M. Report online, or print a bulletin insert or poster version.
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OPC Disaster Response Update: Hurricane Maria: Puerto Rico Report

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The Jesus Es La Verdad congregation will be celebrating the ordination and installation of OPC licentiate and pastor-elect Roberto Quinones on March 3, 2018. Members of the PNJ will be there to participate in this joyous occasion, which the church hopes to celebrate with the local community as a means of outreach.

The Reformada congregation in San Juan is thankful for the completion of construction that enables them to open their doors and hearts to their neighbors. Pray that ongoing outreach efforts into their neighborhood would bear fruit.

Pray also for the Arroyo congregation's outreach into their neighborhood. Following Hurricane Maria, some needs became known immediately. Others have shown up only later. Refrigerators have lain dormant for five months. Now that the power is back on in Puerto Rico, the refrigerators of at least two members have refused to go back to work.

Generous donations that have been received into the OPC's Hurricane Relief Fund are being used to repair a roof and a rental facility, and replace refrigerators, as those needs arise. The need for mercy shows up immediately in broken homes and families. The need will show up later, too. May the Lord use Word and Spirit to bring about healing.

Request an email version of the full S.T.O.R.M. Report from:

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