

# OPC STORM Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

June 21, 2013

## 2013 Short Term Missions Season Begins

*"Therefore I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the nations, And I will sing praises to Your name."*

*2 Samuel 22:50 (NASB)*

Months of praying, planning and preparing are beginning to bear their fruit as we enter the summer months. Since late May, a team from the RPCNA, has been working with our mission in Karamoja, Uganda. The school program they're running has swelled from 11 kids on Monday to 95 on Friday!

Here in the US, a team from Covenant OPC in Orland Park, Illinois has spent the week under Pastor Bill Welzien's tutelage, witnessing firsthand his gospel presentations in Key West, Florida, and receiving classroom instruction on evangelism

Within a week's time, the first of four teams will head *North* to Quebec to work with Missionary Ben Westerveld running the summer's first English for Kids summer camp. A team from the Presbytery of Southern California will fly *South* to Haiti to minister with Missionary Ben Hopp through a VBS program to children in various churches there. During the second week of July, the first of two teams to the Czech Republic will fly *East* to help Affiliated Missionary Jerry Farnik run an English Camp outreach. About the same time, we will send a team *West* to the Sendai area of Japan to continue the ministry to the victims of the tsunami of March 2011.

### URGENT NEEDS

- **Haiti Team in August:** If these spots are not filled in the next few weeks, there is the possibility that it will be cancelled. Interested? Email [nakhla.1@opc.org](mailto:nakhla.1@opc.org)!
- **Cleanup and Rebuilding in New Jersey:** The post-Sandy response effort continues. Willing? Email [farre954@regis.edu](mailto:farre954@regis.edu)!
- **Construction in Neon:** Both workers and funds have diminished in Neon, Kentucky, but the work is half done. It would be so great to complete this manse refurbishment. Able? Email [Bennett.1@opc.org](mailto:Bennett.1@opc.org)!

- **Roofer on Boardwalk Chapel:** The Chapel roof has a significant leak. Equipped? Email [zozzaro.1@opc.org](mailto:zozzaro.1@opc.org)!

### International Mission Teams

- 5/23 - 6/25 Various ministries RP Missions team **Karamoja, Uganda**
- 6/23 - 7/4 VBS team "Team Haiti" to **Haiti**
- 6/24 - 6/28 English for Kids team #1 to **Quebec**
- 7/1 - 7/5 English for Kids team #2 to **Quebec**
- 7/8 - 7/12 English for Kids team #3 to **Quebec**
- 7/12 - 7/19 English Camp team to **Czech Republic**
- 7/15 - 7/19 English for Teens camping team to **Quebec**
- 7/18 - 8/1 Disaster Response team to **Japan**
- 7/22 - 8/13 Various ministries "Team Praha" to **Czech Republic**

### Domestic Mission Teams

- 6/13 - 6/21 Evangelism Team #1 at Keys Ministries in **Key West, FL**
- 7/9 - 7/16 Evangelism Team #2 at Keys Ministries in **Key West, FL**
- 7/20 - 7/26 VBS Team with Venture Ministries in **Zoar, WI**
- All Summer! Boardwalk Chapel Ministries in **Wildwood, NJ\***
- All Summer! Various disaster response teams in **Brick, NJ\*\***

\* Read an article by OP missionary to Uruguay Jeni Richline on the Boardwalk Chapel's impact here: <http://boardwalkchapel.org/about-us/a-night-on-the-boards/>

\*\* Hurricane Sandy Response work is going well, but much work remains to get all OPC families back into their homes. Please consider investing some of your summer serving. Email Charlie Farrell at [farre954@regis.edu](mailto:farre954@regis.edu)

Is your church's opportunity listed? Could you benefit from having a team come to you? Please visit [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org) for more information on opportunities to serve. If you have a project or ministry opportunity that you would like to discuss with Short-Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator David Nakhla, please contact him by phone 562-760-7606 or e-mail at [nakhla.1@opc.org](mailto:nakhla.1@opc.org).