



S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

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Focus On: English for Kids



Let the little children come unto me ... Matthew 19:14 (ESV)

"English for Kids" is a phrase you are probably very accustomed to seeing and hearing in conjunction with short-term missions in the OPC, but do you know what it means?

French-speaking families in Quebec actively seek opportunities for their children to learn to speak English at an early age. St-Marc's Reformed Church has specifically targeted this demographic with its "English for Kids" and "English for Teens" camps. This summer marks the 13th year that these popular, Bible-centered, English-immersion camps have been organized and promoted by St-Marc's, where OP Missionary Ben Westerveld serves as Pastor.

Teams from Reformed churches in Canada and the US lead the kids camps. All activities are conducted in English. Local bilingual volunteers serve as liaisons and send the children home with French translations of the Bible lessons. The camps end with an event to which family and friends are invited, and the church follows up with families afterwards. The teen camp provides opportunities to practice English, study the Bible, and enjoy traditional camping activities like fishing, canoeing, and campfires!

There are openings to help lead the kids and teens camps in 2017. See "Current Opportunities" on page 2.

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Summer Plans in the Czech Republic

From the March 2017 newsletter of OP Missionaries Jerry and Marilyn Farnik:

"Preparations have begun for summer events here – the outreach English Camp (July 15-22) and the Biblical Counseling Conference (July 26-29) in the Šumava mountains, the mountain trip for youth to the White Carpathian mountains (July 31-August 4) and the Children's Bible Camp (August 7-11) in Prague. We are thankful that both the **English Camp team** and **Team Praha** have been formed in the US and are now getting ready for these events, as well. We have given out many hundreds of invitations, but now it is important to pray that God would give people a desire to participate in the events and hear the Gospel."

Team Haiti and Team Praha Are Filled!

Two popular short-term missions trips are all set with their teams for the summer of 2017! Team Haiti will help OP missionaries with VBS programs on the island of Lagonav, and Team Praha will spend 3 weeks in the Czech Republic helping OP missionaries with ministries to children, teens, and young adults!

Current Opportunities for Service:

Visit OPCSTM.org and click on "Current Opportunities" for all the details and contact information for:

- May 2017: Work teams needed on weekends to help clean, repair, and spruce up the Boardwalk Chapel for summer
- June-July 2017: Individuals and a team needed to help lead "English for Kids" Bible Camps in Quebec City
- July 2017: Skilled volunteers needed to join Team Haiti and help with construction projects at OPC in Magna, UT
- August 2017: Young people with camping experience needed to help lead "English for Teens" Bible Camping Trip in Quebec
- 2017 Openings at the Boardwalk Chapel:
 - Young men needed to join the summer staff and work on the Evangelism Team
 - Anyone available to work in Aug-Sept is encouraged to apply to serve as "End of Summer" staff
 - Two weeks are open for church groups to serve as Ministry Teams this summer
 - Youth groups are encouraged to sign up for fun, fellowship, and free concerts on weekends in September
- Funds and skilled volunteers needed to rebuild the master bath in the manse apartment at Neon OPC in Neon, KY
- 2017-2018: There are opportunities to serve as a full-time university instructor of interactive English conversation in Asia
- 2017-2018: ESL teachers needed to serve for 10-week terms at the Missionary Training Institute in South Korea
- Missionary Associates needed in Uruguay (varying degrees of proficiency in Spanish required)
- Missionary Associate needed in Quebec

30th Anniversary of Bill Welzien's Ministry in Key West!

We are quite late with this "news" story, but want to share it nonetheless! August 2016 marked 30 years since OP Pastor Bill Welzien began doing his open-air easel evangelism at Mallory Square in Key West, Florida!

Visit the Keys Evangelistic Ministries website at Keys-Christian.org and click on "Quarterly Newsletter" to read an inspiring anniversary message from Bill, "Glancing Back and Forward."

Evangelism training with Bill Welzien is available to groups year-round in Key West. Visit OPCSTM.org and click on "Key West Evangelism Training" under "National STMs" to learn more.

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