

OPC S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief and Missions

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In Everything Give Thanks!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thess 5:16-18 (NKJV)

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for reflecting on the Lord's goodness to us over the past year. His gift of goodness does not always come painted with colorful flowers and glowing sunshine. Rather, we may find that we have to peer through the dark clouds and stormy skies to discover His goodness, love, and care for us. And yet, isn't it interesting how often it is in those times of distress and trial that we find the Lord to be so near. We have many reasons to thank the Lord pertaining to Hurricane Sandy:

- He preserved the OPC with no loss of life
- He united two congregations as one (Faith Bible Church + Redeemer OPC = Faith Bible OPC in Brick, New Jersey)
- He raised up two diligent and capable servants to serve as site coordinators both in New York and in New Jersey
- He led many to contribute towards the Sandy Response efforts in the amount of \$179,000
- Read more at www.opcstm.org under "STM News."

OPC Spared in Midwest Tornadoes

Following the news of the destructive tornadoes that ripped through the Midwest on November 17th, we were thankful to learn from our deacons in the Presbytery of the Midwest that our OPC church buildings and congregations had not been directly affected by the very severe weather. We also received good news from our sister denomination, the URCNA, that they, too, had escaped harm. Praise the Lord!

Typhoon Relief Fund Established

The OPC Committee on Diaconal Ministries has established a fund to which contributions can be made towards relief work being undertaken in the Philippines by reformed churches and organizations following Typhoon Yolanda. Gifts should be made payable to "Orthodox Presbyterian Church," and noted for "Typhoon Yolanda Relief." Please mail to The Administrative Offices of the OPC, Attn: CDM, 607 N. Easton Road, Bldg. E, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Read more at www.opcstm.org under "STM News."

Help Build a Wall in Haiti in January 2014

Are you a skilled mason or welder looking for a decidedly cross-cultural experience? Do you have free time in January 2014, and want to escape winter for a week or two? Perhaps you would consider serving in Haiti!

Ben Hopp, OPC Missionary to Haiti, is looking for 8 to 10 men to help build a 525 ft long wall around the missionary property at Kaliko. Two teams of men (including 2 welders and 6 to 8 masons or experienced cement/block workers) are needed to work one-on-one with our Haitian brothers in building the wall and fabricating gates for the project.

Schedule:

Team #1: Wednesday, January 15 – Thursday, January 23, 2014

Team #2: Thursday, January 23 – Friday, January 31, 2014

If you are interested, please contact David Nakhla at nakhla.1@opc.org.

Current Opportunities for Service

- Help Wrap-Up the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Effort: Volunteers are still needed in New Jersey to help get the last few OPC families back in their homes.
- Help Complete a Re-Construction Project in Neon, Kentucky: Workers are still needed to help renovate the pastor's apartment and refurbish the church front.
- Key West, Florida: Come, learn and practice hands-on evangelism with Pastor Bill Welzien as he presents the gospel in an open-air style at Mallory Square!
- Uganda: This largest of OPC mission stations is ripe with opportunities for short-term service throughout the year!

Visit www.opcstm.org for more details on these national and global opportunities!

Current Missionary Associate Openings

- **ASIA** Individuals able to teach English at the university level (at least a Bachelor's Degree).
- **JAPAN** A married couple or two singles (ideally of the same gender) to assist in the mission's various outreach activities (Learn more at www.opcstm.org, under "Global Opportunities.")
- **QUEBEC** An individual able to speak (or interested in learning to speak) French to assist in the outreach ministry of Eglise Reformee St-Marc de Quebec.
- **UGANDA** One individual to assist with homeschooling missionary children; one individual who is skilled with his hands to assist the missionary deacons.

Request MA applications from Douglas Clawson at clawson.1@opc.org.