



# S.T.O.R.M. Report

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*Photo credit: Hurricane Maria Relief volunteer, Mike Myers (Nov. 2018)*

On the eve of Thanksgiving Day, we are thankful to report that the OPC has been spared in the California Camp Fire. None of our church buildings or members in the region were directly affected by the fire. Praise the Lord!

Reports of the "most destructive wildfire in California history" are now compounded by the news that forecasted rain could complicate the search for fire victims and cause mudslides.

In seeking to give diaconal aid to those impacted by the Camp Fire, the Diaconal Committee of the Presbytery of Northern California and Nevada, and the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, have made an initial gift on behalf of the OPC to fire victims at Ridge PCA in Paradise, CA.

OPC Disaster Response commends this as a worthy ministry of mercy to brothers and sisters in Christ who have lost their homes and all their earthly possessions, many of them barely escaping with the shirt on their backs.

Visit [RidgePresbyterian.org](http://RidgePresbyterian.org) and click on the banner "Give Directly to the Camp Fire Relief Fund."

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## HURRICANE FLORENCE RELIEF UPDATES

### **Hurricane Relief Volunteers Needed in New Bern and Wilmington, North Carolina:**

We are so thankful for those who are serving in North Carolina as Hurricane Relief Volunteers....but we need more! Please visit [OPCDisasterResponse.org](http://OPCDisasterResponse.org) and click on "How to Volunteer."

### **Blessings Bags Distributed to Hurricane Florence Victims:**

Report from Matt Miner, Ruling Elder, Pilgrim OPC, Raleigh, NC

A team of youth volunteers from Covenant OPC (New Bern, NC) and Pilgrim OPC (Raleigh, NC) was able to distribute 105 "Blessing Bags" to families who had been badly hurt by Hurricane Florence.

The bags contained a \$25 gift card, a snack, a bottle of water, a flashlight, an informational brochure about the OPC, and an invitation to worship at Covenant OPC.

A number of these neighbors in New Bern expressed openness to visiting at Covenant. Virtually all were appreciative of this expression of kindness from God's people.

We trust that the Lord will continue to build his church and further the gospel ministry in New Bern.

## SHORT-TERM MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Visit [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) and click on "Current Opportunities" for details:

February 11-15, 2019: The OP Mission in Uruguay is seeking adult volunteers with teaching experience (particularly ESL) to participate in an "English Club" outreach in Montevideo, Uruguay. Note: February is summertime in Uruguay!

Summer 2019: The English Camp team will once again travel to the Czech Republic to teach English at a popular Family Camp led by OPC missionaries Marilyn and Jerry Farnik. Applications now being accepted.

Summer 2019: Team Haiti will once again travel to Haiti to lead VBS programs with OPC missionary Ben Hopp and his family.

Missionary Associates are needed on four OPC mission fields: Asia, Quebec, Uganda, and Uruguay.

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