



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

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

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*And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2 ESV)*

## Cultivating a Heart for Missions

One of the blessings of the household of God, of the family of believers, is the multi-generational relationships that can develop. At Calvary OPC in La Mirada, CA, my siblings and I grew up with a surrogate grandmother in our congregation. Mrs. Olinger treated us like her grandchildren. Grandparents have a special influence on their grandchildren. The greatest impact that Mrs. Olinger had on me was that she instilled in me a heart for missions. She was very faithful in keeping missions before our congregation.

Mrs. Olinger, now in her 90's, continues to promote missions in her church - and to me! This past week, she mailed me an article by a missionary who had recently visited her church. I had seen this article previously, but was greatly encouraged by re-reading it. It is entitled, *Send Me Your Short-Term Missionaries*, and is very helpful in sharing how to "reduce if not eliminate" the problems of STMs, so that we can continue to reap the many wonderful benefits that STMs produce. Thank you, Mrs. Olinger, for your faithfulness in keeping missions before the church!

May the Lord bless you in whatever role you might play in cultivating a heart for missions within your congregation and your family, and may He raise up many "Mrs. Olingers" in His church to promote the important work of missions! Read *Send Me Your Short-Term Missionaries* under "Background Reading" at [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org).

## Current Opportunities for Service

Visit [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org) for full details

**Haiti Renovation Project in February** A team is being organized to go to Haiti in February 2015 to perform further renovations to the home of OP Missionary Ben Hopp and family. Volunteers skilled in tile, plumbing, electrical, kitchen renovation, and cabinet construction/installation are encouraged to review the Project Plan available at [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org) under "Global STMs – Current Opportunities." **Contact:** Project Manager Broc Seaman at [brocseaman@mac.com](mailto:brocseaman@mac.com).

**Help Refurbish OP Church Building in Utah** Volunteers with painting, carpentry, drywall, or electrical skills are needed to help complete renovations at the OP church building in Magna, Utah, where Pastor Jason Wallace has established quite a witness to the local Mormon community. **Contact:** Jason Wallace at [wallace.2@opc.org](mailto:wallace.2@opc.org).

**Teachers Needed in Uganda** The OP Uganda Mission is looking for men and women who are interested in teaching to help them with their Karamoja Education Outreach (KEO) project for 1-3 months. **Contact:** Martha Wright at [marthakaramoja@gmail.com](mailto:marthakaramoja@gmail.com).

**Teach English to South Korean Missionaries** The Missionary Training Institute is looking for individuals to help teach English to South Koreans who are being trained for missionary service. For further information, visit [www.mtikorea.org](http://www.mtikorea.org) and click on "Teachers."

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## Can Your Church Use A Team?

Is there a ministry, outreach program, or church building project that your church could undertake if it had the help of volunteers from other OP churches or presbyteries? In making such a need known, a church actually provides an opportunity for those who seek to share their time, gifts, and skills!

We can help you get the word out and look for a team! It's not too early to start planning for the summer of 2015! Contact us at [OPCShortTermMissions@opc.org](mailto:OPCShortTermMissions@opc.org) or visit [www.opcstm.org](http://www.opcstm.org) to complete a form to "Request a Team to Help Your Church."

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