



S.T.O.R.M. Report

Short-Term Outreach, Relief & Missions

From the Office of the Short-Term Missions Coordinator

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Cultivating a Heart for Missions



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)

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.

Visit www.opcstm.org

For more info & opportunities to serve

Request email copies of the full S.T.O.R.M. Report from:

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Haiti Renovation Project (February 2015)

A team is being organized to travel to Haiti in February 2015 to perform further renovations to the home of OP missionary Rev. Ben Hopp and his family in Kaliko.

Needed are volunteers experienced in:

- Tile
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Kitchen renovation
- Cabinet construction and installation

Skilled volunteers are encouraged to review the detailed Project Outline available at www.opcstm.org under "Global STMs – Current Opportunities," and contact Project Manager Mr. Broc Seaman directly at brocseaman@mac.com to discuss joining the team!

Current Opportunities for Service: (visit www.opcstm.org for all the details)

Help Refurbish OP Church Building in Utah

Volunteers skilled in painting, carpentry, dry wall, and light electrical work are needed to help complete renovations to 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.

Teachers Needed in Uganda

The OP Uganda Mission (www.opum.org) is looking for men and women who are interested in teaching to help with its Karamoja Education Outreach (KEO) program for 1-3 months.

Contact: Martha Wright at marthakaramoja@gmail.com.

English Speakers Needed to Help Train South Korean Missionaries

The Missionary Training Institute is looking for individuals to help teach English as a second language to South Koreans who are being trained for missionary service. For further information, visit www.mtikorea.org and click on "Teachers."

Other Opportunities for Service:

Neon, Kentucky Help renovate the church building/manse
Brick, New Jersey Help wrap-up Hurricane Sandy relief
Key West, FL Learn evangelism skills from Pastor Bill Welzien
Uganda Many opportunities for short-term service year-round
Quebec Reach out to citizens of Quebec at an "English Café"

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, or visit www.opcstm.org to complete a form to "Request a Team to Help Your Church."

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