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The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

—Psalm 97:1

Support for Our Missionaries in Ukraine

With the anticipation of needs due to the war in Ukraine, the OPC Committee on Diaconal Ministries Disaster Response Subcommittee has determined to immediately send an initial \$5,000 to our missionaries serving in L'viv, Ukraine, and is prayerfully considering opening a disaster response fund to aid future needs. Please pray for our missionaries in Ukraine, for safety and as they work to aid those in need.

We will update on the OPC Disaster Response website and on social media as additional information becomes available.

A Short-Term Trip to South Sudan, Again!

by David Nakhla, Administrator for the Committee on Diaconal Ministries, OPC Short-Term Missions and OPC Disaster Response Coordinator

Even as refugees continue to languish in United Nations Internally Displaced Person camps in their own country of South Sudan now for more than eight years, what a joy to see them drink heartily from God's Word as it was offered to them this past week by OPC missionaries and pastors, James Folkert and Charles Jackson. One man, who besides the difficulty of living in the camp also suffers a debilitating handicap and cares for his family without the help of his wife who died in recent years, testified, after the invigorating teaching, "My belly is now full for the next three years!"

In these camps, supplies are low. Food is supplied by the UN once per month. If you don't carefully ration your food you might run out and then your family goes without until the next shipment arrives. Outside of true physical hunger, there is an evident spiritual hungering for deep nourishment from God's Word.

One of the reasons for the visit to Juba in South Sudan was to talk to the brothers in the Sudanese Reformed Church (SRC) about the possibility of having their young men trained at the OPC's Knox School of Theology, established and run by the OP Uganda Mission in Mbale. Knox is a 12 hour bus-

ride from Juba.

Jackson, the director of Knox, plans to build "Juba Lodge", a dormitory which will enable young men to come from South Sudan, stay, and study for a semester at a time. The hope is that some of these young men will come from the refugee population, giving them a way to move forward with their education, that upon completion they might return and bring spiritual nourishment to many hungry souls in the IDP camps as ordained ministers of the Sudanese Reformed Church.

Besides making plans for how to bring further spiritual nourishment, the OPC has also been privileged to participate in supplementing with some physical nourishment. The intent is to do this once again. Please pray that the Lord would provide continued opportunities for the OPC to come alongside this sister church and her members, even as we learn from them as they cling to the Lord despite great suffering. Please also continue to pray that the Lord would bring peace to South Sudan.

Read about David's previous trip on OPCCDM.org.



Short-Term Missions

OPPORTUNITIES

CZECH REPUBLIC: TEAM PRAHA

Unfortunately this opportunity has been closed due to COVID concerns.

THE UGANDA MISSION

As of now, there are several opportunities open to serve with the Uganda Mission. Keep in mind, COVID travel restrictions may apply.

BOARDWALK CHAPEL, NJ

The Boardwalk Chapel is hosting their Open Air Preaching Conference, Memorial Day weekend, May 26-May 30. "A conference challenging men to break the sound barrier and street preach during the busiest weekend of the year."

Check our website for more information on any of these opportunities: OPCSTM.org

CHURCHES HELPING CHURCHES

Attention Churches in the Midwest, Michigan & Ontario, Wisconsin & Minnesota and Ohio Presbyteries

Redeemer OPC, in the Grand Rapids area, is looking for a service project for a team from their church to carry out for or with your congregation in the Midwest, Michigan & Ontario, Wisconsin & Minnesota, and Ohio Presbyteries. It could be painting, landscaping or even something more highly skilled, depending on the makeup of their team. They are making themselves available to serve for one week. They anticipate the team to be from 4-8 people.

They would like to hear from you by the end of this month, if at all possible. The earlier, the better!

Does your church need extra hands to get a Vacation Bible School off the ground for the summer of 2022, or maybe a maintenance or outreach project you've been putting off because of a shortage of help?

Or is an opportunity to serve a church just what you are looking for? OPC Short-Term Missions can help to pair you up with a church in need of help!



there's always room for more to serve OPCDisasterResponse.org

That may sound like a lot of registrants, but to ensure we have enough hands for each disaster response effort, additional volunteers are always invited! Are you interested in serving as a disaster response volunteer, but have some questions? Check out the frequently asked questions page on our website:

OPCDisasterResponse.org.

Churches Helping Churches Success Story



"We are the Hill Family: Steve, Carrie, and Joshua. We attend Redeemer OPC in Ada, Michigan. We participated in a 17-day short-term missions trip to Neon, Kentucky, to build out the Master Bathroom.

We truly enjoyed serving in Neon."

A small bathroom was rebuilt in the manse in Neon, Kentucky in 2017, as part of our "Churches Helping Churches." The work was graciously completed by the members of Redeemer OPC, Ada, Michigan and generous donations from Shiloh OPC in Raleigh, NC.

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