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"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all."  
—1 Thessalonians 3:16

## OPC Disaster Response: Raging Flood Waters in Neon, Kentucky

by David Nakhla, OPC Disaster Response Coordinator

Pastor Jay Bennett and his family went to bed as normal on Wednesday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup>. At 2:30 am they were awakened by a blaring flood warning on Jay's phone. By the time they were roused and looked outside, the floodwaters had reached a level that would have been unsafe to wade through. Living in the second-floor apartment above the solid brick building of Neon Reformed OPC, they were safe from what would become a raging torrent of water. Sadly, it's become clear that there were many in Eastern Kentucky who were not so safe.

As the early morning hours progressed, they watched their Toyota Corolla float away, down the river that, just hours before, had been State Highway 317. Their Toyota 4-Runner was subsumed as well. They knew water had entered the church building below when they began to hear items in the bottom of the stairwell knocking against the wall as they floated and as glass windows exploded under the pressure of the rising river outside.

Please pray for the congregation of Neon Reformed OPC in Neon, KY, and the surrounding region. Praise the Lord for sparing the lives of all the church members from injury, and remember those who are mourning the lives of those lost in this flash flood. Pray for travelling merdes for those heading into Neon to assess and respond. And pray about when you might participate in the clean-up and rebuild effort that will be soon to come. Please consider registering as an OPC Disaster Response volunteer now at [opcdisasterresponse.org](http://opcdisasterresponse.org). OPC Disaster Response has established the "Kentucky Flood Fund" to receive donations. Checks should be made out to "Orthodox Presbyterian Church" and designated, "Kentucky Flood Fund" on the memo line. Please mail to: The Committee on Diaconal Ministries, Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 607 Easton Road, Bldg. E, Willow Grove, PA 19090. Online donations can be made at: [give.opc.org](http://give.opc.org).

### SERVE

#### The Uganda Mission—

OPC Foreign Missions is currently looking for full-time facilities engineer for the OPC Uganda Mission. **A financial support package is included.** Short-term help is needed as well.

#### The Boardwalk Chapel—

##### Staff Position Openings:

There are staff positions open for both men and women through the end of August. Contact [boardwalkchapel@gmail.com](mailto:boardwalkchapel@gmail.com) if interested!

#### Evangelism Conference: Aug 29 - Sep 2

Led by Rev. Al Baker and Rev. Christopher Byrd, this conference is all about growing in evangelism! All are invited! The Cost: \$400 if you sign up by July 29.

Find more opportunities on our website, [www.OPCstm.org](http://www.OPCstm.org)

#### Crates for Ukraine—

"Crates for Ukraine" aims to gather and deliver basic supplies to the neediest areas in Ukraine. There is a great need to be met, both in donating supplies and in delivering them to Krakow, Poland. **Registration for the summer phase of "Crates For Ukraine" will close on August 7.**

#### Looking for Help in Tornado-Damaged Kentucky—

A volunteer schedule is being currently being compiled for August. If you are willing to assist with response efforts, please contact [Rob Brinks](mailto:Rob.Brinks@opc.org).

Find out more by visiting [OPCdisasterresponse.org](http://OPCdisasterresponse.org)

### UPDATES

#### The Ukrainian Plight Continues—

By Trish Duggan, Communications Coordinator for OPC Disaster Response

Although the news headlines have veered some from the war in Ukraine, the turmoil in that region continues. Reports from our missionary contacts tell us that the mood in Ukraine remains tense. OPC missionaries have returned to Lviv, along with other formerly displaced Ukrainians, to serve again in a new, uncertain "normal."

The need continues for humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees and those who remain in Ukraine. Mission to the World, the PCA foreign missions' office, has a strong foundation in Ukraine, with many missionaries and partners in the region who now work to provide aid to the afflicted.

As far as we know, there is no end in sight for the war. David Nakhla, OPC Disaster Response coordinator, continues to research and pursue various opportunities in which the OPC could potentially get involved. As these opportunities for service are solidified, we will pass them on to you.

Read the full article at [www.opcdisasterresponse.org](http://www.opcdisasterresponse.org)

#### E4K St. Georges: A Little Taste of Heaven

By Anne-Marie Coulumbe, Reformed Christian Church of Beauce (ERCB) Coordinator

Cue the slow-motion scene with music by Vangelis, "Chariots of Fire." Moses crosses the red sea and Pharaoh's army is swallowed up after him. The skit captivates the attention of the children after being told of God's faithfulness to his people.

Daily Bible skits were just one of the highly anticipated activities for children attending English for Kids in St. Georges, Quebec, Canada. Hosted by the Reformed Christian Church of Beauce, the camp was a means of engaging with families in the community and teaching the children biblical truths. Anne-Marie shares her reflections on the camp in her daily recordings of events and prayer requests. Read her entries on [OPCstm.org](http://OPCstm.org).

#### E4K Quebec City: Great is Thy Faithfulness!

By Ben Westerveld

What a week! Sixty kids enjoying English conversation and learning about the story of Noah. In response to my questions, "Who gave us the rainbow? Who sent the flood? Who saved Noah in the ark? Who give us a new earth of righteousness?" – all the kids chanted, "God!" When I stated, "The Lord God is..." , all the kids responded, "faithful!" When I added, "He keeps his..." they all completed the sentence "promises!" While rainbow colors were every-where, the best of all was hearing the kids sing, Great is Thy Faithfulness! It brought tears to many eyes.

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