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Devastation in Turkey and Syria

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We continue to be gripped by the dreadful stream of news coming out of central Turkey and northern Syria following the devastating earthquakes that began on February 6. We give thanks that two sister NAPARC denominations/federations (the Presbyterian Church in America – PCA, and Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church - ARP), have Christian contacts in the affected areas through whom they are able to bring relief in the name of Christ. Additionally, a third sister NAPARC denomination/federation (the United Reformed Churches in North America - URCNA) has contacts in other areas of Turkey where believers are seeking to respond to the needs of their fellow countrymen. It's encouraging to have already received more than \$82,000 in the first two weeks since the OPC Turkey Earthquake Fund was opened. We anticipate many opportunities to use these funds to the glory of Christ and for the good of his church once the initial relief phase has been completed by first responders. May the Lord guide and direct those in the midst of this trial, bringing comfort and peace through the suffering and sorrow. Find out more on our website: OPCDisasterResponse.org

UPDATES

Crates for Ukraine Update—

We've had a tremendous outpouring of love for the Crates for Ukraine effort from the OPC family! We may not make our goal of 400 crates by March 1, but we're very thankful for each church who worked hard to participate. The Lord provides and we are very grateful! As of today, the PCA effort in total is reporting nearly 900 crates registered to be sent to Ukraine. Praise the Lord and may those in need be blessed! There are still five days left to register, if your church is interested. Find out how at OPCDisasterResponse.org

Six Months after Kentucky's Thousand Year Flood—

After six months, some may wonder why there's still a need for help in Neon. Seth Long, an elder at Neon Reformed OPC, answers by describing the area's current landscape: "The whole thing looks like a scene from The Hunger Games. It's dark; it's still muddy, there's still dirt on the streets, there are storefronts boarded up and down the streets." Read the full article at OPCDisasterResponse.org

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Short Term Missions Opportunities—

Boardwalk Chapel Ministry Teams: 2023 & 2024

The Chapel is looking for adults to serve on staff and teens to serve on Junior Staff in 2023! They are also looking for your church's youth group to spend a week at the Chapel. Save your spot for Summer 2024!

Cross-Cultural Mission Training

Want to learn more about foreign mission work? This unique training program will take place May 12 – June 12, 2023 and will be based in Tepic, Mexico.

English Camp in the Czech Republic

The Czech Republic English Camp team has been filled! Praise the Lord for His goodness.

Missionary Associates Needed in Montevideo, Uruguay

The Uruguay Mission is seeking people to assist with outreach, evangelism, and music in worship.

Serve at the Uganda Mission

The Uganda Mission is welcoming visitors willing to serve in the areas of childcare and hospitality. There is also a great need for individuals willing to do facility maintenance.

Serve in Japan

The Japan Mission is happy to receive mission teams willing to assist with a variety of tasks!

Teach ESL at the Missionary Training Institute in South Korea

Interested in traveling to South Korea and teaching English to missionaries? Two or Three ESL teachers are needed to serve in 2024.

Team Praha 2023

Join Jerry and Marilyn Famik for three weeks of youth ministry and service in Praha, Czech Republic! These three weeks will be packed with evangelism and sightseeing.

Check out these opportunities on our website: OPCSTM.org

Disaster Response Opportunities—

Crates for Ukraine

There are only a few days left to register your interest in supplying crates! Register now!

Neon, Kentucky Flooding

Spring volunteers are needed beginning in March! Don't miss this opportunity to join Neon Reformed in reaching out to serve the community.

Turkey Earthquake Fund

Donations to this fund will be used to bring a ministry of mercy to those suffering from the earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria at the beginning of this month.

Register to be a Disaster Response Volunteer!

Let us know you are interested in serving so that we can call on you when the need arises. There are currently 490 registered volunteers to date!

Learn about these opportunities and more by visiting our website: OPCDisasterResponse.org

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