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## Short-Term Missions for All: STM 2023!

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Whether you're intrigued by the adventure of exploring and evangelizing in Prague, getting a taste of the Ugandan "outback" in Karamoja, or honing your evangelism skills at the sunny Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, OPC Short-Term Missions really does have an opportunity for all! Although there are many differences in these fields, they have one thing in common: there are people at each location who need to hear the gospel! Time is running out to get in on these trips, so be sure to learn about each one below and reach out to the contact person listed for the field you're interested in—even if it's just to ask a simple question! Parents, have you ever talked to your son or daughter about participating in short-term missions? Short-term missions is a great way for them to travel and sightsee while deepening their relationship with Christ. Find out more on our website: [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org)

### UPDATES

#### Helping Your Brother in Need: Crates for Ukraine Update—

In all, the OPC delivered an amazing 307 crates to Dallas and Chattanooga as part of Mission to the World's Crates for Ukraine Winter Edition. Seventy-two OPC Churches from 16 presbyteries in 24 states participated! MTW L'viv team leader, Doug Shepherd, is hugely grateful for the OPC's participation in the effort, and says we are "punching way above our weight class." Conservative estimates for the overall CFU Winter effort came in at over 800 crates! Praise the Lord for the connected church and for His work during this horrific time.

#### Turkey Earthquake Fund Update—

To date we've collected \$112,507 in donations! Thanks to all those who have given! Recently OPC Disaster Response agreed to send \$20,000 of those funds to one of our ministry partners in the region and is considering other avenues where these funds may minister while sharing the gospel. The fund continues to be open to accept donations. Please continue to pray for Reformed pastors and missionaries in the region.

#### Registrants Respond to Neon Needs—

A recent plea to the Disaster Response registrants for volunteers brought many inquiries to our volunteer coordinator. Thank you! Mike Kelly now has many additional hands for the rest of the month of March, **but more are needed for April and May!** Our faithful site coordinators, Mike and Sylvia Kelly, have been busy meeting with those in the Neon community to find out more about each specific need.

#### A Time of Spiritual Growth in the Ugandan Wilderness—

Jed Homan, OPC Uganda Mission missionary associate, returned home on March 1, 2023 following his six-month term in Uganda. During his time in Uganda, Homan worked to repair and improve mission

equipment/vehicles, water, and solar systems, and met other maintenance needs. He was an eagerly welcomed visitor to the mission, as the missionaries on the ground were thankful for his timely assistance and aptitude for fixing just about anything. Jed returned grateful for the experience and thankful for the opportunity to serve. He says, "Though some days and some tasks were challenging at times, overall, it was a time of spiritual growth for me."

### SERVE

#### 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!

##### 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 Farnik for three weeks of youth ministry and service in Praha, Czech Republic! These three weeks will be packed with evangelism and sightseeing.

##### Team Puerto Rico 2023

Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura (OPC) in Guayama, Puerto Rico is eager to welcome individuals or a group to help with Vacation Bible School, engage in opportunities for community evangelism, and help complete tasks around the church property.

Check out these opportunities on our website: [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org)

#### Disaster Response Opportunities—

##### Neon, Kentucky Flooding

Spring volunteers are needed for April and May! 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 507 registered volunteers to date!

Learn about these opportunities and more by visiting our website: [OPCDisasterResponse.org](http://OPCDisasterResponse.org)

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