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## Ready to Share a Powerful Gospel

by Peace Buchanan

This past week at the Boardwalk Chapel we saw guests and staff assemble, digging into the Word, studying evangelism in the theoretical and the practical. Some who came are experienced evangelists, and others are novices. All Christians, no matter how gifted in evangelism, are waging war against the world, the flesh, and the devil in order to preach the Gospel to themselves and maintain an openness and readiness to share with others.

“Even if I’m preaching the Gospel clearly as I ought, people will reject me. But they’re rejecting Christ,” said Addie, who was encouraged by this reminder in the School of Evangelism. “People will reject the Gospel, and it’s not in my power to open their eyes. It’s really refreshing and encouraging because it takes the burden off of me and allows me to rejoice and trust in God to give the increase as he sees fit.”

Yes, evangelism is a struggle at times. But there is no shame in that struggle. We are weak and God knows it. The Gospel is what is powerful. The God whom we serve is not helpless to save souls.

Patrick, a guest at the School of Evangelism, remarked on how he saw God’s all-knowing power in the seemingly coincidental conversations on the boardwalk. He shared about how he passed a tract to a man and took the opportunity to tell him the reality of God’s law and God’s grace. Patrick recalled,

The amazing thing was, the man told me, “Earlier today, I had a thought about really wanting to turn my life around. And then all of the sudden I’m walking here and you come up to me, talking about the Gospel.” That just really shows that the Lord is completely sovereign over all. He will use his way to bring people to the knowledge of his Son.

God is mighty to save. It is our glorious responsibility to proclaim this fact. So let us put on the armor of God. Let us bow our heads in desperate, humble prayer. Let us speak words of compassion to those around us, whether on the boardwalk in New Jersey or unsaved friends and family. When at the Chapel, sharing the Gospel every night builds a readiness that encourages attendees to continue on when they get back home. We want to be ready to share this powerful Gospel.

Visit [OPCSTM.org](http://OPCSTM.org) to read more.

## UPDATES

### A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words—

In this case, we might say a video is worth several thousand words. The Committee on Diaconal Ministries presented a video at the 89th Annual OPC General Assembly held earlier this month to help tell the story of Neon since the flood destroyed Neon Reformed OPC July 28, 2022.

You’ve been with us through this disaster, in prayer, in volunteering, and in donating. This effort couldn’t have happened without our OPC Disaster Response family! Watch it on [OPCDisasterResponse.org](http://OPCDisasterResponse.org), and share it with your congregation.

### Amidst Turmoil, God Revives the Lost—

Across the southern portion of Turkey where multiple devastating earthquakes struck earlier this year, people continue to hurt physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Many first response and recovery efforts have run their course, but crises remain. In all of this, God is working, stirring hearts and using the hands and feet of His people.

This month, the Refugee Ministry Subcommittee of the CDM determined to send \$50,000 from the Turkey Earthquake Fund to OPC sister church, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP), as they cooperate with partners in the affected areas of Turkey. With significant ministries of mercy already in place and an eye towards the ministry of mercy to the displaced and refugees, it is hoped these funds will be a direct blessing to the people of Southern Turkey.

Read more at [OPCDisasterResponse.org](http://OPCDisasterResponse.org)

## SERVE

### Short Term Missions Opportunities—

#### 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

This team is full! Pray for the team as they prepare to travel July 24 - August 14.

#### Team Puerto Rico 2024

Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura (OPC) in Guayama, Puerto Rico is eager to welcome individuals to serve at their Vacation Bible School next summer.

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

### Disaster Response Opportunities—

#### 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 earlier this year.

#### 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 524 registered volunteers to date!

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

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