



July 28, 2023

Catastrophic Flooding in Vermont

On July 12, 2023, the communities in and around Barre and nearby Montpelier, Vermont were hit with historic and catastrophic flooding of the Winooski River, when more than 8" of rain fell on the region. Pastor Carl Durham reports that, while the members of Covenant OPC in Barre, VT were spared, there is great need in both Barre and Montpelier, VT. The scope of the damage caused to homes throughout Vermont grows daily.

Covenant OPC is reaching out to the community to aid those in need of mucking and drying out and welcomes others to join them in that effort. Members of the church have been able to aid and pray with a few homeowners, including a man who provides overflow housing for group home residents in the area. COPC member Dan Bair is learning of new opportunities every day. Please pray for that these efforts will open up opportunities to present the Gospel.

Volunteers are welcome! Contact the volunteer coordinator, Craig Comstock by emailing vermontvolunteers@opc.org

Visit OPCDistasterResponse.org to read more.

UPDATES

2023 STM Mid-Summer Update—

So far this summer, one STM team has traveled to St. Georges, Quebec to serve the local children at the St. Georges English for Kids Camp and six teams have served at the Boardwalk Chapel in Wildwood, NJ. Read what they have to say about serving the Lord, reaching out to the lost, and spending a part of their summer on mission!

Read their testimonials on OPCSTM.org

English for Kids Testimonial: “My View from the Kitchen”—

6:00AM. “Time to make the donuts!” Mornings started early at English for Kids Bible Camp at the Reformed Church of Beauce.

This was my family’s second year serving with the OPC’s short-term mission to Quebec. Whereas I was a teacher last year, this year I had the unique perspective of working in the kitchen, providing meals for the U.S. team.

It was awe-inspiring to see Christ use our OPC young people to serve, teach, lead, and love the children of St. Georges-de-Beauce, and to form life-long friendships with each other over the course of one week. These young people took on BIG responsibilities and exceeded expectations. Many of them expressed how lonely it can be to be in smaller OPC congregations with limited interaction with other OPC young

people. This week was an encouragement to our youth just as much as they were an encouragement to the children.

Read more at [OPCSTM.org](https://opcstm.org)

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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 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](https://opcstm.org)

Disaster Response Opportunities—

Vermont Flooding

Volunteers are needed for August! Contact Craig Comstock at vermontvolunteers@opc.org

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.

Ukraine Crisis Fund

As the war in Ukraine continues, the church continues to seek to minister to those who need it most. Donations will be used to support the church in their ministry of mercy.

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 527 registered volunteers to date!

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

Where you can find us: Facebook: OPC Disaster Response & OPC Short-Term Missions Instagram: @OPCSTM

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