



## **Short Term Teams 2019**

*Unleashing Hope for the Most Vulnerable*

### **SPRING**

#### **SPAIN – Service Trip** *April 25-5, 2019*

Do you enjoy working with your hands and completing projects? This team will help increase the capacity for ministry of one of OCC partners in Spain, Monte Olivos. Monte Olivos is a retreat center for Muslim workers serving in the Middle East and North Africa. It is a place for workers to receive training and find rest. This coming year they are putting in a new building in an effort to be able to bless even more people who are serving in Muslim ministry. The team will help with some of the finishing touches in order to expedite the launching of this new building. Projects may include painting, furnishing rooms, and landscaping. The efforts of this team will be a tremendous blessing to this ministry.

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**PUERTO RICO – Rebuilding Lives & Homes**  
***March 24 – April 2, 2019***

OCC desires to continue to respond to the needs that prevail in Puerto Rico from the devastating Hurricane Maria. Join this team to link arms with families who are still recovering and trying to rebuild their lives. The team will partner with a local ministry to help rebuild homes for 1-2 Puerto Rican families. This trip will be labor intensive and **construction experience is required**.

**MIDDLE EAST - FULL**  
***March 28-7, 2019***

This trip entails providing training to Kurdish and Syrian refugees at two community centers/schools in the Middle East. The possible training and volunteer opportunities desired could be around teaching English, music (especially violin), personal health, dance, soccer, business training, computers, theological training, medical training (dentists & hygienists needed) or other income generating ideas. The priority is to provide practical support and tools to Syrian refugees and the Kurdish people so they can find better employment or have the opportunity to launch their own small business which will help them find financial stability and an opportunity to move out of a life of poverty. The team will also have the opportunity to visit a few refugee camps as well.

**KENYA – SM High School Trip - FULL**  
***April 6-14, 2019 (Spring Break)***

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come alongside this ministry in Kitale, encourage the workers, reach out to children both living at the center and on the streets in Kitale, as well as learn about the water and agricultural development projects being developed to help communities who are receiving these children. This trip will be a life changer and a once in a lifetime opportunity!

### **ETHIOPIA – Pastor’s Training**

***March 23 - April 13, 2019 (1-2 weeks within that timeframe)***

Do you love teaching the word of God? Want to encourage others in the ministry? We’re looking for 1 or 2 people to join our team training pastors and leaders in Ethiopia.

## **SUMMER**

### **NORTH AFRICA–Medical Mission**

***June 16-29, 2019***

Join this exciting team as they travel in North Africa providing medical care for children with disabilities. The team will come alongside our OCC ministry partners who run centers to reach out and help those children with disabilities. Our partners there would greatly welcome anyone in the medical profession that might have a heart for these children and be able to assess their medical needs and offer any support. There is also plenty of opportunity to equip and train caregivers as well. Not only will the team be able to provide medical assistance, but will also be able to encourage workers as we visit the various ministries around the country. This will be an excellent opportunity for exposure to Muslim ministry and you will surely walk away with a greater vision for the world around us! **(Special need for Occupational and Physical Therapists!)**

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**THAILAND, REDLIGHT PATTAYA – Anti-Trafficking Training & Outreach**  
***July 6-19, 2019***

This team will stay in Pattaya, Thailand, one of the biggest Red Light districts in the world. We will be serving with our OCC partners, Not Abandoned, at their “Employment Education Center” which offers free job skilling training for women you are trafficked into the sex industry. At the center our team will offer specialized classes to women who are currently trafficked into the sex industry. Such classes could be in computers, business, financial planning, hairstyling, baking, or any other expertise that you may have that can be put to use! The team will also participate in evening relational outreach with women working in the bars. This is an opportunity to build relationships with the women and let them know that someone cares for them. This will be an unforgettable trip that will surely leave a lasting impact on your heart.

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***July 7-21, 2019***

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## FALL

### **\*CHILE – Construction & Outreach** ***November 15-24, 2019***

This trip is for anyone who enjoys serving through participating in an actual hands-on project! Our team will work together with our partners, IAM ministries, in Chile to help with the construction of a church in a small community called Melipeuco. In this community, there is a growing local church led by a Chilean pastor who has a deep passion to reach out to meet the needs of the indigenous Mapuche communities around them. The church meets regularly in a rented facility, but their biggest need right now is to have an actual structure of their own to meet in. In addition, we will participate in various outreaches to build relationships with the beautiful people in this community.

### **THAILAND, REDLIGHT PATTAYA – Anti-Trafficking Training & Outreach** ***October 5-18, 2019***

REDLIGHT Pattaya training and outreach is an exciting opportunity to reach out and make a difference in lives trapped in human trafficking. Participants are fully exposed to the raw realities of human trafficking but also are directly involved in developing relationships with victims of trafficking by helping them exit the life of oppression and bondage. The goal is to see ladies reached and placed in job training programs and opportunities. Participants will meet girls, women and men victimized by trafficking and hear their stories as they visit their places of work in a city where this issue is most prevalent.

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**PERU – Medical Mission**  
***November 2-11, 2019***

Calling all medical professionals who have a heart to use their medical skills to impact people around the world, we need you! During this trip we will come alongside our partners, IAM ministries, to address some of the medical needs in the town of Tacna, Peru. Healthcare in this area is unreliable and expensive for the local people. The churches we are working with in the area desire to bless their community by offering people affordable healthcare. On this team we will help offer general health screenings in several locations throughout the city. We are seeking doctors, nurses, physical therapists, dermatologists, chiropractors, optometrists, dentists just to name a few. There can be a lot of unique opportunities to serve here so let us know what skills you have and we can see how we can put them to use!

**THE HOLY LAND – Peace & Reconciliation (18-35 year olds)**  
***November 2019***

OCC has a heart for social justice, peacemaking, and relationships. We desire to continue to grow that heartbeat by offering an opportunity for folks to gain new perspective through visiting the Holy Land. We are using the platform and relationship we have with Churches for Middle East Peace as a key partner. Facilitated by professional conflict resolution specialists and religious leaders, this inspirational trip will not only be an eye-opening spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see people and places in Israel and the West Bank, but it will also explore the Biblical themes of reconciliation and social justice. We will also be discovering the powerful connection between faith and practice and spirituality and action, all while exploring the land of the Bible. The team will learn from both Israeli Jewish and Palestinian guides and guests, who will create opportunities to learn and discuss religious, political, and economic issues facing the region.

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## **INDIA**

***Dates: TBA***

Join this dynamic team to experience beautiful people, culture, cuisine, and ministry in India! This team will be working with two of our OCC partners. The first will be encouraging OCC sent missionaries who are looking for a team to pray strategically for work happening in their city. The second will be working with a dynamic Indian leader who has a strong church planting movement and is involved in developing leaders who are reaching India for Christ.

**PLEASE NOTE: Additional trips may be added in the coming months!  
Check [www.occ.org/stw](http://www.occ.org/stw) for the most updated list and for further information.**

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