



SERVE THE WORLD

OPPORTUNITIES 2020

“Use what’s in you to bless the world around you!”

PERSPECTIVES

Jan. 22-May 6, 2020

Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30PM @ OCC

Overlake is hosting a 15-week course called, “Perspectives on the World Christian Movement,” a paradigm shifting course that helps people discover how God is redeeming people from every tribe, tongue, and nation and how he calls all disciples to participate with him. The course explores the Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic dimensions of God’s redemptive story. We strongly encourage you to consider taking this course and inviting others to join as well. It will radically challenge the way you perceive your world, the Bible, and your purpose here on earth. You can register at www.perspectives.org.

ADOPTION OF UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS

In the last year, Overlake has adopted 9 Unreached, Unengaged People Groups (UUPGs) in Sierra Leone, Israel, Iraq, Libya, Venezuela, and Paraguay. An UUPG is a group of people who share a similar culture and language and to our knowledge have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus or have any known Christian worker among them. Through our OCC ministry partners and missionaries we have around the world, we have a goal to engage these unreached people groups over the next 5 years! This is all very exciting, but we will need your help through prayer, mobilization of teams, research, finances, and more. Email LynneG@occ.org you’d like to be involved!

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIPS

The Kitale Project: KENYA

Overlake is championing a phenomenal ministry which rescues children from the streets of Kenya and reintegrates them back into loving families. Through our partnership with Agape Children’s Ministry, thousands of street children have been successfully reintegrated back to families. Every year Overlake sends several teams to come alongside the ministry there, to encourage the workers, help cast vision to local pastors, and love on children both living at the center and on the streets. This trip is an incredible opportunity and will ruin you in all the right ways!

Teams for 2020: April (SM), May, July, & Nov

Redlight Outreach: THAILAND

Not Abandoned is one of Overlake’s closest partners! Their vision is to provide love, hope, and options to women who have been trafficked into the sex industry in Pattaya, Thailand. Pattaya is one of the largest destinations for sex tourism in the world with an estimated 200,000 women living in bondage. NA provides opportunities for job skill training and various services for these women through their educational center. Every year we send around 1-2 teams to do direct relational outreach to the women in the bars, giving them value and offering hope they so desperately need. In depth training will be provided and no special skills needed to participate. Come join our next team!

Next Team: Oct. 17-30, 2020

Disability Centers

NORTH AFRICA, Ongoing 2020

Overlake, in partnership with one of our missionaries, have been instrumental in launching over 30 centers who serve children with disabilities in an area of North Africa, with another opening this year. One of our largest needs these centers have, is training for their staff and therapists. Therefore, we are seeking to build a pool of Christian Physical and Occupational Therapists in the area who would desire to use their vocation to bless the work in this region. Our goal is to send at least 2 teams a year of PT/OTs with the specific goal of training. Please contact us if you are interested in being involved in this project. Also please spread the word to PT/OT friends!

Team Overlake

SEATTLE ½ MARATHON, Jan-June 2020

Have you ever wanted to do something about global poverty, but not quite sure where to start? We invite you to join a group from Overlake who will run/walk the Seattle half Marathon alongside Team World Vision teamworldvision.org to help provide life-changing clean water to children and communities around the world. Whether you are a regular runner or have never ran before, this is for you. Starting in January, you will be provided with weekly group training sessions, a training plan, email encouragements, and fundraising guides. In Africa, there is a saying: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Join us! Let's go farther together!

Spring Break Family Trip

PUERTO RICO - April 3-12, 2020

This trip is specifically designed for families who desire to have an opportunity to serve on mission together as an entire family or with a son, daughter, or grandchild! What better way to spend your Spring Break than building new relationships, serving others, learning a new culture and sharing the love of Jesus, all in one beautiful location. This team will seek to bless the community of Guayama, who is still rebuilding from Hurricane Maria, through practical acts of service such as painting, building repairs, clean up, children's ministry, etc. This will be an incredible learning opportunity for your kids and a memory you will forever share together as a family!

Peace & Reconciliation Trip

MIDDLE EAST – April 2-12, 2020

This team will link up with our partners overseas to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support to refugees. Opportunities will include spending time in refugee camps and serving at our refugee educational centers. There is a special need for English teachers, registered nurses who can train, theological trainers, and counselors for children. Your heart will be forever changed by incredible people you will meet, the stories you will hear, and the tenacity of the people.

Pastor's Training

ETHIOPIA - March 2020

Do you love teaching the word of God? We're looking for 1 or 2 people to join this team to provide training for pastors and leaders in Ethiopia! Each training is 1-week long. There will be a total of 3 trainings in 3 locations. Choose a week or join all three!

Summer Family Trip

LUMMI RESERVATION, NEAR BELLINGHAM, WA – July 11-18 2020

Come join this cross cultural experience right in our backyards! The focus of this trip will be on building relationships among the Lummi tribe just to the north of us and demonstrating God's love to them. Our team will work on home repairs, painting projects, and general neighborhood cleanup. In addition, we may be involved with VBS at various apartment complexes, sports outreach, home visitation, youth and adult Bible study/mentoring, as well as ministry to seniors through crafts and music. This is a great opportunity to serve as an entire family, learn about tribal life, and build bridges among our neighbors. Seeking to build a multi-cultural team!

Medical Mission

PERU - Fall 2020

Are you a medical professional who desires to use their vocation to impact people around the world? We can use you! This team will come alongside our local partners in Tacna, Peru who have a vision to bless their community with ongoing, quality, and affordable healthcare in an area where many medical needs go untreated. We are seeking doctors, pediatricians, nurses, physical therapists, dermatologists, chiropractors, and optometrists just to name a few. Let us know your expertise and I am sure we can put you to work!

LOCAL SERVE TEAMS

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Delivery is OCC's ministry to at-risk moms transitioning out of homelessness. Volunteers are needed to mentor, provide childcare, process donations and help with meals. For more information, contact Misty at info@specialdelivery.org or visit specialdelivery.org.

SAFE PARKING

OCC'S Safe Parking ministry provides a temporary and safe place for up to 15 homeless men and couples to live in their vehicles in our back parking lot. We always need help with lunch that is provided every Saturday as well becoming a companion to one of our residents. Email Tom Boerman at tomb@occ.org for more information or visit occ.org/safeparking.

BRIDGE RECEIVING CENTER

OCC recently launched The Bridge Receiving Center bridgereceivingcenter.org, a safe place for children entering foster care to land to receive services while a permanent placement can be found. Volunteer help will become an integral part of this ministry and a huge blessing to the kids. Contact Tracyr@bridgereceivingcenter.org if you'd like to help out!

REFRESH CONFERENCE

The Refresh Conference is put on every year by Overlake to provide training, equipping, and refreshment to foster and adoptive parents. We always need a ton of volunteers for this event! The dates are March 6-7, 2020. For more information visit therefreshconference.org and if you'd like to help out, email Dawn at dawnm@occ.org.

EASTSIDE ACADEMY

Eastside Academy is a school for at-risk youth in the local area and is one of Overlake's local partnerships. They are always seeking individuals who have a heart to mentor students as a mentor relationships have such a tremendous impact on the lives of these students. For more information, contact Aaron Tally at aarona@occ.org or visit eastsideacademy.org.

HIV CARE TEAM

Join our team that cares for people with HIV in our community. These are folks who often have little or no family/friend support and would appreciate anyone to help with misc tasks as well as just to be a friend. Contact Cary at caryjchan@gmail.com for more information!

PRISION MINISTRY

Do you have a heart for those who are incarcerated and want them to experience the love of Jesus? We need folks interested in becoming a Pen Pal for inmates as well as graders for Bible studies. Contact Danny at danny.carrao@outlook.com if interested!

FOOD BANK

OCC is partnered with the Woodinville Storehouse, a local food bank which services low income families in our area. Food donations are collected every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Serve the World desk. Questions? Contact Debbie at d_sasaki@yahoo.com.

FOSTER PARENTING

OCC is passionate about caring for vulnerable children with those in foster care being some of the most at-risk. If you are interested in providing a safe, loving space for one of these children while they wait for permanence, please contact Dan Hamer at danh@occ.org.

GENESIS PROJECT

Do you have a heart for women who have been trafficked into the sex industry here in the US? The Genesis Project has opportunities for you to be involved! Find more information at genesishow.org or e-mail volunteers@gpseattle.net.

Short Term Mission Trips at OCC

What kinds of things do you do on a mission trip?

Teams from Overlake serve in a variety of different capacities such as providing trauma care to refugees, coming alongside church planting movements, reaching out to women trafficked into the sex industry, caring for street children, responding to natural disasters, and much more. One thing that most of our trips have in common is that we seek to share Jesus' love with vulnerable people around the world.

I have never been on a mission trip. Do I need any special qualifications? I'm not sure what I have to offer.



Not at all! Can you smile, hand out Bibles, pray, and care about the lost? Your presence and prayers make all the difference in corners of the world where there is no witness of Christ. Additionally, in your pre-trip training you will be equipped and prepared for the activities of that mission trip. One thing we believe is that you don't need to have any special qualifications or be a spiritual giant to be able to serve, just a heart open to God that is willing to be used by Him!

How do you decide where teams go?

Every year Overlake sends out multiple short term teams to a variety of different countries. Almost all these teams are connected to missionaries who were sent out from Overlake and organizations that we have ongoing partnership with. Some of the countries we typically send teams to are: Thailand, Kenya, India, Spain, Chile, Israel, Peru, Puerto Rico and more.

I've never traveled overseas, is it OK for me to join?

No problem! What a better way to experience overseas travel than with a group of Christians from your church. It can seem frightening to think of stepping on a plane and leaving what is known to what is unknown, but that is part of God's plan to grow your faith. What you may not know is that every team is led by a caring, trained, and experienced leader who will prepare you each step of the way. You will find all about what to pack, how to prepare, what shots you need, how to get a passport, and even what to expect cross-culturally. You will grow in your faith as you obediently take that next step.



Can I bring my kids?

We greatly encourage exposing children to missions! Some trips are suitable for the entire family while others primarily for adults. Check out our trip list for age appropriate opportunities!

I want to go, but I just don't have the time.

Most of our trips are 10 days to 2 weeks. We try to schedule them to fall over weekends or existing national holidays, so that most team members only have to take 5 – 8 days off work to participate. Plan ahead and take a trip with a different kind of purpose! Trust me, there will never be a “perfect” time!

I really want to go, but I just don't have the money.

Usually trips cost between \$2,000-\$3,000 depending on length and location, but don't worry, we will help train you on support raising techniques. As you pray about going, God will lead you in decisions on how to save, make money, and ask for support from friends and family. He will also surprise you with financial support from people or places you would never have imagined. Remember, where God guides, He provides.



I just don't really feel 'called' to do missions.

Neither did John or Allison or Jake. They went out of obedience and discovered the amazing blessing of being available to God. God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. You may not be called to spend the rest of your life living overseas, but missions is one of the primary purposes for why the church exists. Your experience internationally will help you discern God's plan for your life.

What is the process to join a mission trip with OCC?

- 1) Check out our Mission Trip List as well as our Process to Join an OCC Team at www.occ.org/teams.
- 2) Contact Pastor Laura at LauraA@occ.org to get your name on an Interest List for a specific trip or to ask any questions.
- 3) Apply for a team and attend all Team Training Meetings
- 4) Go, Serve, and be ready to be changed! You have no idea the blessings that await you!