

Not a Tourist Brochure

The Caribbean Islands— so different, yet so similar. As you are aware, each island is so full of variety, each community so unique, each culture and people's ways of expressing themselves varies vastly. Every one of the 30 countries/territories of the Caribbean region is different from the next, and not only in the food and geography, the flags, and the national anthems, but also in what is important to each country. With over 7 official languages and over 43 million people, there is so much to discover. No, I am not writing a tourist brochure to promote the area, but within the region, we can experience the great variance of our Creator God in mankind.

Yet the citizens of the Caribbean are also alike. There is a genuine warmth and friendliness, a relaxed way of life, an identity with others from the region, and a strong Christian heritage with many

having a living and vibrant faith in the Lord, knowing the Word of God. I always enjoy meeting Caribbean people all over the world- it brightens my day. The believers in the area also have the same glorious Gospel that the world *needs* to hear.

In this Caribbean Waves we take pleasure in presenting to you stories to read and discover how the people of the Caribbean are making an impact in different countries and in different contexts to this needy, lost world.

The reason there will be "a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages...." will be due to people from our region obeying the Lord's command to "go and make disciples of all nations."

There is a whole vast world out there, beautiful and broken in need of the Good News that we have; many have never heard anything good about Christ. Tourists not needed, labourers are.

-Paul Wheatley, field leader of OM Caribbean

Hurricane Relief

Dominica

In August 2018, OM Caribbean sent a second group of short-term volunteers to Dominica to provide relief for families affected by the 2017 Hurricanes Irma and Maria and show the love of Christ to those in need.

The team was led by Maylene Peters, the island leader for OM Trinidad & Tobago.

Throughout the team's time on the island, they were able to help numerous families in practical ways. Each team member utilized his or her specific skills to minister to the people.

Rick, an electrician, led the team in wiring several differ-



ent houses for electricity, while Adrian used his experience with farming chemicals to teach farmers to use natural solutions to combat problems they had been experiencing. Vanessa, a veterinarian, spent time at various farms vaccinating pigs, goats, and cows against disease. The team also constructed a pig pen for a family, painted houses, distributed different types of seeds to 30 different farmers, harvested pimentos and cassava, and pulled weeds.



Haiti

16 mud structures that were damaged during the hurricanes were replaced with concrete structures. The completed houses were modest so as not to stand out in the community. The families were involved in the rebuilding and some have made more additions to the basic structure.



Meet one of our Missionaries!



One of our missionaries from Trinidad is currently serving in South Asia. Please pray for her ministry among unreached people who have never heard the name of Jesus!

Where are you serving,

and what do you do there?

I am working in South Asia in a country with less than 2% of believers. Currently, I am the Field Communications Officer working to share what God is doing among the unreached with the hope of motivating our audience to PRAY.GIVE.GO.

What are the greatest spiritual and physical needs you have seen in the area where you work?

Literacy is a great need in this nation, as many people do not have a formal education. As such, a large portion of the population, especially in the rural areas, can't read or write. As a result, one of our main ministry tools is storytelling through movies and drama, as well as the use of audio Bibles.

The churches here are very young and still learning the importance of evangelism and discipleship. It is crucial that we work along with existing churches to help them in reaching out to their community and working together.

What has God taught you during this time?

I could say so much but what is coming to mind right now is:

Missions is everyday life. It's choosing to glorify God in everything, because missions isn't an event- it's a lifestyle. It's not just about showing love and grace to the unsaved but also to your roommates, teammates, family and friends who are believers. Loving your neighbour no matter their faith.

We are called to make disciples and that requires a long-term commitment and not just a two-week trip. I've been on short-term trips and it was great, so I'm not against it. However, I only saw what I did, not realizing the long-term workers who live there are the ones who must follow-up and love the people we served for a week or two. I see the huge importance of having people working in the country long-term to disciple new believers.

How can we pray for you?

Pray that every day I live by the spirit. Pray that I will always work with excellence and unto to God.



From May 2018 to September 2018, we had 27 Caribbean nationals serve on short-term outreaches: from Dominica to Taiwan, from Israel to Portugal, from Moldova to Russia, as well as our ship, *Logos Hope*.

As of September 2018, we have 60 missionaries from 11 different islands around the Caribbean serving in 13 countries around the world as well as our ship, *Logos Hope*.

Are you a Jesus follower? Has God grabbed your heart for the billions of people around the world who have never met a Christian?

We would love to help you GO. A week, a month, a year or longer— we have teams all over the world ready to receive you and help you get involved.

Please go to our website, om.org/Caribbean, and click the "Join Us" tab. It's easy and you can see many possibilities to get involved. If you find a possible outreach or ministry that fits you, again, click the "Join Us" tab and then "Begin Application."

Where is God calling you?

If you would like to use your profession in a secular employment to **make His glory your purpose**, contact us for more information!

EVANGELISM

Our passion is to every day bring many thousands of people to an understanding of the Gospel message by all possible means.

RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

OM is the arms of response for many churches bringing compassion to the suffering and dignity in lifting the disadvantaged.

CHURCH PLANTING

In everything we do, our goal is to establish healthy faith communities that impact their society, especially where there are none.

JUSTICE

We care about justice because God does, whether by helping India's Dalits into a better tomorrow, confronting human trafficking or raising HIV/AIDS awareness.

MENTORING

Discipleship in OM means hands-on training, side by side, on international teams under national leadership. It's walk, not talk.



**transforming lives
and communities**

OM today is a mission movement of 3400 people from over 100 nationalities. We work in over 120 countries and aboard the ship Logos Hope. Our name, Operation Mobilization, captures our heartbeat: to act personally and to mobilize followers of Jesus worldwide to join together to know Christ and to make Him known by all means, especially in places where He is not known. We do this through creative evangelism, relief and development, church planting, advocating for justice and mentoring tens of thousands annually.

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"I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from each nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9

GIVE

The Rohingya people are a displaced people group originally from a northern province of Myanmar (Burma). Since August 2017, more than 600,000 Rohingya refugees have arrived in Bangladesh, fleeing ethnic cleansing in Myanmar. Many refugees have had their houses burned, family members tortured and killed, and have lost all their possessions except the clothes on their back.

OM is working to provide emergency aid to about 5,000 Rohingya refugee families, including water, hygiene kits, and transitional shelter. Furthermore, OM workers plan to institute training and trauma counseling for thousands of refugees who have suffered so greatly.

Will you join us in helping Rohingya refugee families?

If you would like to give financially, please go to:
<https://give.omusa.org/om/help> to provide assistance to Rohingya refugees.

Please pray for OM teams who are working with local churches and Christian organizations; for the financial resources to provide refugees with food, water, shelter, tarps, and hygiene supplies; and for God's healing power on traumatized Rohingya people.

Logos Hope-Not Just a Book Ship



400 Jesus followers from 40+ countries serving together to make Jesus known!



"One thing God has been teaching me [since joining Logos Hope] is to trust him without a safety net. Not to trust in my own abilities, talents or other people but to trust in him alone. To not only know but believe that his grace, love and mercy is sufficient."

-Nickolae Beckford
Jamaica

"...My 4 years on board the Logos Hope [have been] the most impactful years of my life. It has also shaped my future. I now understand the unlimited number of ways you can serve God, whether you're living on a ship or not. The opportunity of service to Him is open to all who are willing to hand over their lives to Him."

-Brandon Kemp, Bahamas

