

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the April 17, 2019, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WACO, TEXAS — Jason and Amanda Kirklin

“Continue to pray that we grow well,” says Pastor Kirklin of Trinity OPC. The mission work is seeing a good number of visitors every Sunday, and they’ve even had to order more chairs! Though it’s sometimes hard for Jason to catch all visitors before they leave, he’s thankful for a warm and welcoming congregation that does their part. The members of Trinity are also faithful to invite others to church. One church family recently had conversations with three different people about Trinity, and one of them decided to come for a visit. Another example is an undergrad student who is not yet a member. He began attending worship a few months ago and he has since started bringing two people with him. Pray that the Lord would continue to grow the church numerically and spiritually. Also pray for the church as they work through officer training. They are a decent way into it, but not particularly close to being done. “As we are continuing to grow, it’s even more important for us to have godly, faithful officers at Trinity.”

MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA — Ryan and Rochelle Cavanaugh

Ryan shares that attendance is up at Mission Church, they just welcomed five covenant youth into membership, and there are four people in membership training who are new to the reformed faith. He asks that you pray for the congregation to have boldness and creativity in their outreach this year. He also shares a recent interaction he had in a mall food court. He saw three people sitting at a table, two young women and a young man. One of the young ladies was wearing a 90’s band t-shirt. Ryan commented that the band was more from his generation than hers and that sparked a conversation. He eventually invited them to church on Easter and the man replied that he was an atheist. Ryan asked him, “if it could be proven that Jesus rose from the grave, how would that change your life?” He replied that it would change a lot because he has done a lot of bad things. From there they discussed more questions and Ryan got the man’s number to follow up. Please pray for that follow-up and that they would visit the church.

DAYTON, OHIO — Brad and Cinnamon Peppo

First Street Reformed Fellowship is approaching one year of evening worship services. Members of the work have also been gathering for weekly theology studies, small group meetings, and for a monthly Christian-skeptic discussion forum. With Pastor Brad’s Sunday morning responsibilities at the Wilmington mission work wrapping up, plans are being made to move the Dayton group to Sunday morning worship by the end of the summer. The hope is that this move to a more customary service time will facilitate more visitors and regular attendance. It will also allow the work to begin its Sunday school program. Pastor Brad asks for prayer for this change as it will mean the loss of some temporary supporting families, present some logistical challenges, and may even require a change of location. Please pray that God will bless the transition with a net gain in the growth of the work.

PRESBYTERY OF CONNECTICUT AND SOUTHERN NEW YORK — Bill and Margaret Shishko

RHM Bill Shishko asks you to rejoice with Harvest Church in East Haddam, Connecticut. On February 8 this group was recognized as a mission work by the session of Westminster OPC in Hamden. Please be in prayer that the Lord would give opportunities for gospel conversations during Harvest Church’s outreach at Celebrate East Haddam, a local fair to be held on Saturday, April 27, and that through those conversations the Lord would send new people to worship and bring them to a decided faith in Christ. The congregation rejoices that one of its young men will be attending the Timothy Conference in mid-April. East Haddam is a picturesque, semi-rural community on the eastern bank of the lower Connecticut River. The Rev. Dick Gerber has been serving the group under the oversight of the Westminster OPC session.

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