

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the July 24, 2019, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

YUMA, ARIZONA — Jeremy and Gwen Baker

Pastor Jeremy Baker writes, “Yuma has beautiful weather most of the year but July and August can be very hot! Most Yumans are in and out of town for these months. Even though our attendance drops a bit in the summer, Yuma OPC continues to be a very encouraging place! The congregation enjoyed a game night in June and we did have one neighbor attend. Folks are using the down time in the summer to get together more frequently and to continue strengthening relationships. We praise the Lord for the continued blessings of a close-knit fellowship that is always looking for opportunities to invite others to church and to spread the gospel in daily circumstances. Please pray that the Lord would be pleased to add to our number, especially year-round Yuma residents.”

DAYTON, OHIO — Brad and Cinnamon Peppo

Pastor Brad Peppo reports that First Street Reformed Fellowship is entering the next major phase of its development. After a year of meeting for evening worship, the mission work is moving its services to Sunday morning and also adding a nursery and Sunday School program. God has enabled the group to continue meeting at their present location in a historic Lutheran Church in a developing downtown area. The work will no longer be meeting in the sanctuary for worship but has been given permanent space in another part of the building which will be very convenient for their present needs. First Street’s mother church, Covenant OPC in Vandalia, and her grandmother church, Redeemer OPC in Beavercreek, have been contributing families, financial assistance, and officers to help the work get off the ground. They are entering this next stage with a solid core group of eleven families. Please pray for the fruitfulness of their labors!

MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA — Ryan and Rochelle Cavanaugh

Pastor Ryan Cavanaugh of Mission Church shares, “Our attendance is usually in the high 30s to low 50s, but recently we have had two Sundays where we broke 60 in attendance! Praise God! Lord willing we will also be bringing in 12 to 15 new members this summer. We have had guests visit us who are new believers, unbelievers, Roman Catholics, and people from churches where they’ve felt underfed. Please pray we continue to grow together as a church and form transparent, redemptive relationships. In addition, pray for guests to continue to come, for adult baptisms and fresh conversions, and for favor and creativity in planning our fall outreaches. Finally, pray for boldness in personal evangelism and outreach.”

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO — Michael and Elizabeth Diercks

The Presbytery of Ohio is currently supporting three mission works: Grace Fellowship in Huron, OH; First Street Reformed in downtown Dayton, OH; and Wilmington Reformed in Wilmington, OH. Mike Diercks, the part-time regional home missions coordinator, shares the news that Grace Fellowship in Huron, on July 14, has formally brought in a church group whom, over the past several years, has developed a love for Reformed and Presbyterian doctrine, worship, and polity. This has been an amazing work of God to witness the two churches becoming one! RHMC Diercks has been traveling to the churches throughout the presbytery, sharing what God is doing in the mission works as well as encouraging their involvement in home missions. In addition, RHMC Diercks has been helping three recent contacts in various parts of the presbytery who have expressed interest in a Reformed and Presbyterian testimony in their communities. Please pray that the Lord would continue to bless and grow his church in the Presbytery of Ohio.

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