

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the August 21, 2019, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Nick and Rosemarie Lammé

In his last report in May, evangelist Nick Lammé shared about an open house they hosted in the Memorial Hills neighborhood on the topic of grief. Nick mentioned a woman named Sandra in particular who came a bit reluctantly but left encouraged. In the weeks that followed, Nick was able to follow up with Sandra again. After talking for some time, Sandra opened up about her life, including her harrowing story of being rescued from the floodwaters of Hurricane Harvey, and her husband's passing earlier this year. "I am thankful that I was able to console her and pray with her, especially since she does not consider herself a religious person. And I am grateful to the Lord for opening up this door for ministry which continues to today." Please keep praying for Sandra, that the Lord would soften her to the gospel. Nick also writes, "As I continue to minister to Harvey victims, my daily prayer is that the Lord would bring me into contact with people who do not know him, or who need to be reconnected with the body of Christ. The Lord has been good in hearing this prayer and answering it. Including Sandra, there have been four other contacts with families who don't know our Savior. I covet your prayers for my efforts to reach these people with the gospel."

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA — Calvin and Connie Keller

Pastor Calvin Keller shares that Harvest Presbyterian Church has much to give thanks for. They are rejoicing in the birth of new covenant child Joshua Lauer, and are awaiting the births of three more covenant children. Harvest is thankful for the good time of teaching and fellowship at their Covenant Nurture Fellowship Group. They are also grateful for their Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and all the teens and young adults who attend. "It's a blessing to hear their fervent prayers for the lost." Pastor Keller appreciates prayer for new visitors, the Lord's blessing on his door-to-door evangelism, and for Harvest's outreach picnic scheduled for September 21. They are planning to invite neighbors and friends to the picnic, as well as everyone in the park. They will have activities for the kids and an easel-based gospel presentation. In addition to this outreach, please ask the Lord to bring non-Christians to their upcoming *Christianity Explored* Bible study.

NEON, KENTUCKY — Jay and Andrea Bennett

Pastor Jay Bennett is happy to share that the new members class at Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church is going well. Pray for Blake, Braxton, and Patience as they prepare to be interviewed by the session for membership in September. Jay also shares the praise that the church has had some new visitors start coming on a regular basis. They are neighbors who were invited by members of Neon RPC. Pray that they would continue to come and be enfolded into the church. The small group study in Pikeville continues to meet every two weeks and is also going well. The group just finished Hebrews and is now studying the doctrines of grace. Fall semester at Alice Lloyd College is about to begin. Plans are in place to resume walk-up evangelism on campus and they already have five students interested in having a Bible study there! Finally, the outreach to a local women's rehab center that was mentioned in the last report was brought to a halt shortly after it started, but it may be restarting soon. Please pray for an open door for this ministry to take place once again.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — David and Jane Crum

Regional Home Missionary Dave Crum writes, "2019 has been a year of both setback and advance, both disappointment and encouragement. Our second church planter in Corona, Rev. Andrew Canavan, is doing a wonderful job and the members of CPC are so glad that the Lord provided for their need after the loss of the previous church planter. In June the provisional session of Anaheim Hills decided that some more time was needed for the particularization of that mission work, but those same elders remain confident that the body of believers will be stronger because of the delay. In Pasadena and Carson several families have moved away, but the Lord has sent visitors to each of the works. Officer training continues strong in Pasadena, as well as a brand new opportunity for outreach. Pearl City, HI and Yuma, AZ share the same challenge in that families committed to the church are not necessarily committed to living in those cities for the long term (mainly due to the fact that they are military families) and turnover is high. But there have been encouraging signs at both mission works. Lastly, please pray for a brand new target area for a mission work in Thousand Oaks, CA."

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