

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the February 5, 2020, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA — Ryan and Rochelle Cavanaugh

Pastor Ryan Cavanaugh writes, “Looking back at all that Jesus has done at Mission Church in 2019 is overwhelming. In his mercy, we were able to bring 17 people into membership and baptize 3 covenant children and a new believer. Looking forward to this year, we have 2 families totaling 11 people who are now seeking membership! We have formed a hospitality committee to welcome our guests and help grow our congregation together in love. Also, we pray this will help our outreach committee as we seek to make greater connections in our community this year. We are currently planning for Easter, as well as for the County Fair in August. We are also planning to host a Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University class this year. Please pray that our merciful Lord would bless our outreach efforts. Ask the Lord to continue to bring us guests. And please pray that the Spirit would continue to join us together in love and unity.”

YUMA, ARIZONA — Jeremy and Gwen Baker

On the last Lord’s Day of January, Yuma OPC had their annual “State of the Mission Work” meeting, and the state of the work is strong! Pastor Jeremy Baker reflects, “It is hard to believe that we have already been meeting for worship on a weekly basis for over 4 1/2 years! My family and I love serving in Yuma and feel blessed to be a part of what the Lord is doing here.” Since last summer, two families have joined (both military), one family comes regularly (military), and another family (year round) will likely join soon. The work will also have the joy of welcoming three covenant children in the next month or so. In addition to growing in number, Yuma is growing in love for the Lord and for each other. Even Yuma’s visitors have commented on the warmth and love that is evident when they visit for the first time (John 13:34-35). Pastor Baker asks you to pray that winter visitors would find the church and that God might be pleased to add “year round residents” to their number. Pray that the Lord would develop/provide elders and deacons. And finally, pray that the congregation would continue to grow in their love for the Lord, one another, and for the lost.

COEUR d’ALENE, IDAHO — David and Rebekah Graves

The Lord in his goodness continues to bring visitors to Coeur d’Alene Reformed Church. Pastor David Graves reports that, despite the onset of winter in January, visitors are coming their way and several keep returning. One family that has been attending evening worship since July started worshipping on Sunday mornings as well. Additionally, the unity and excitement of the congregation continues to grow. The men are still meeting on Friday nights to discuss *The Bruised Reed* by Richard Sibbes, and the discussions have been fruitful, especially for those new to the Reformed faith. Praise God for these blessings! Please pray that God would continue to unite the congregation and add to their number. Pray as well for the upcoming implementation of a new Sunday School program with an adult class and two classes for younger children. Pastor Graves shares, “On a personal note, we give thanks to God that our middle son’s recurring illnesses have ceased since he had a tonsillectomy in early December, and we thank those who have prayed for him over the previous months.”

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Carl and Stacey Miller

Pastor Carl Miller writes, “We praise our gracious God for His blessing at New Braunfels OPC.” The church joyfully welcomed a new family into membership last month. New member training has recently begun with two others. The men of New Braunfels have enjoyed fellowship and study at the monthly Men’s Breakfast where Pastor Miller is teaching lessons on disciplines of godly men. The congregation has joined the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce and is praying for good fruit from connections and advertising there, especially with new move-ins to the community. Members continue to have zeal for sharing the hope that is within them with friends and those the Lord brings across their path, also inviting many to church. Please join the congregation in prayer as they seek a new meeting place that will provide the ability to have AM and PM worship, as well as more flexibility for Christian Education and other ministries. Please also pray that God will continue to build His church, bringing more and more people into fellowship at New Braunfels.

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