

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the March 4, 2020, 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

Reflecting on the first year of his two-year call, evangelist Nick Lammé shares that he is greatly encouraged by all that the Lord has done and will do. One area of particular encouragement is the Bible study that began this past August. The study was started in the family home of Providence OPC (Kingwood, TX) church members living in the city of Crosby. Crosby is in East Houston and up until then, Nick had no outreach in that part of the city. The study has grown and remained steady over the last seven months! One couple, Patrick and Wendy, who currently attend a small Pentecostal church, are regular and faithful attendees. They participate in every aspect of the study and look forward to coming each week. After one study, Wendy thanked Nick for the lessons on how to read the Bible. She told him that the study had “revolutionized” the way she read and applied the Scripture. Attendees continue to invite people and they are planning to move the study out of this family’s house and into the nearby community center in the next few weeks. By doing so, they hope to be able to attract people who might not be comfortable meeting in someone’s home. Pray that the Lord blesses this study and continues to grow it in an area where there is little Reformed witness in Houston.

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA — Michael and Samantha Seufert

Winter is almost over and spring is on the horizon in the Twin Cities. Pastor Michael Seufert shares that Mission OPC is gearing up for their annual “Zwingli Sausage Supper” to be held later this week (3/6 and 3/7). In the past, the event has been both a community outreach and an opportunity to fellowship with other area Reformed churches. This year, Mission OPC will host Dr. David VanDrunen, professor at Westminster Seminary California. Friday evening, Dr. VanDrunen will lead a discussion on the Lord’s Supper. Saturday morning, he’ll lead two seminars on topics related to Christians and culture. Please pray for a fruitful time of fellowship, as well as edification through Dr. VanDrunen’s teaching. The congregation continues to settle into the rhythm of church life with her new minister. Pastor Seufert and his family remain grateful that the Lord has called them to serve at Mission in St. Paul. Michael is also grateful for the excitement and the positive reception of the ministry of the Word in these past months. He asks for prayer that his family would find a house soon in what has proven to be an unexpectedly difficult market. Additionally, Mission has been encouraged by several new families who have been worshiping with them of late. Their prayer is that they will care for them well.

HURON/SANDUSKY, OHIO — Larry and Kalynn Oldaker

Pastor Larry Oldaker writes, “Thank you for your prayers for us here on the north coast in Sandusky, Ohio. It’s been a long winter of sickness for many families. The two families who’ve expressed interest in membership are among those who have been sick. We are waiting until they are able and ready to be interviewed. Every winter along Lake Erie we go into ‘winter hibernation’ and things slow down. We’ve had a few visitors and we praise God for that. This past Lord’s Day, March 1, the congregation met for a meeting called by the overseeing session. The purpose of this meeting was to elect two men as ruling elders, elect myself as the church’s first regular pastor, and petition the Presbytery of Ohio to organize Firelands Grace OPC as a separate and new congregation. People are excited about the future God has for us. We also have the possibility of getting a building that we can meet in. We need a new meeting location. Praise God for us as we move forward this year and as we look for ways to share the gospel here. We want to share Jesus!”

KEY WEST, FLORIDA — Bill Welzien

Keys Presbyterian Church (KPC) has once more taken to planning the 30th Anniversary Celebration of their first worship service. The date is coming up soon on March 22. The church had originally planned the celebration in September 2019 (to correspond with the original September 1989 start) but it was postponed due to the sudden death of Pastor Welzien’s wife Sessie. Pastor Welzien highlights that this celebration is a testimony to the faithfulness of God. He states that there is no earthly explanation for this mission work to continue to exist in such a secular, godless area. Many have heard the gospel, and many have learned the truths of God’s sovereignty through this ministry, as this is the only Reformed work in Monroe County. Pastor Welzien asks for God’s people to join him in prayer as he hopes to pass the pastoral mantle to a younger man who can lead the flock into the future. He says, “My desire is that this work continue faithfully until the Lord Jesus returns.” Please rejoice with the saints of KPC over God’s faithfulness and pray for the congregation and with them as they continue to look to the Lord for his future blessings!

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