

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the March 3, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — Markus and Sharon Jeromin

We are pleased to welcome Pastor Markus Jeromin, evangelist in Battle Creek, MI, to denominational support. Pastor Jeromin considers himself blessed to minister in the OPC. He first labored as pastor of Providence OPC in Manistee, MI for seven years, after which he and his family served in the OPC mission in Uruguay, South America for three years. He now splits his time between the cities of Battle Creek and Kalamazoo. He is minister of Outreach and Evangelism at Community Presbyterian Church in Kalamazoo and Gathering Minister for Grace & Peace for Battle Creek. Able to focus on his passion of evangelism, Pastor Jeromin says he is “living the dream”. Please pray that he would quickly be able to find people in Battle Creek who want to study the Bible and who’ll become interested in a church planting work, and that to this end the Lord would bless his efforts at networking, evangelizing in the mall, and volunteering at the crisis pregnancy center and Christian skate park. Please also pray that the community college would re-open to non-students so that he could have an evangelistic presence there, and for wisdom in the planning of additional outreach efforts and events.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Carl and Stacey Miller

Pastor Miller writes, “Stable, Growing, Serving, and Joyful are four fitting words to describe New Braunfels OPC since the last report. The congregation remains on a good path towards particularization. We continue to have faithful, active members, new visitors, and consistent regular attenders. Following the latest membership class, three families are going through Session interviews, and if approved, one man will be joining by profession of faith. He and his young daughter will be baptized. The others will be joining by reaffirmation of faith. Praise the Lord! Plans are in place to start another class in April. Members are stepping up and stepping out in service. A group in our church is seeking to put together helpful items and services for folks in need in the community. This was sparked by the recent winter storm in Texas. We’ve started a new Sunday School class on an ‘Introduction to the Bible’ and a new ‘Learn to Sing’ midweek class. Both are being taught by Caleb Maltby, a member and man under care of our presbytery. We’re very excited about the Learn to Sing class, as Caleb teaches attendees how to sing hymns in the Trinity Hymnal. He goes over basic music notation, as well as learning to sing four-part harmony. Please continue to pray for the men in officer training. Pray for God’s protection of the congregation. And pray for continued fruit in outreach and discipleship.”

CUMMING, GEORGIA — Kevin and Rachel Medcalf

Praise God for new visitors and new members at Providence Presbyterian Church. Pastor Kevin Medcalf writes, “We are currently in the process of electing new elders, but we need deacons! We have no candidates at this point. Please pray that God would see fit to raise up deacons in our church. We also seem to be outgrowing our space, so we have an open eye for a new one. Pray for the Lord’s perfect provision and timing. Members in the congregation continue to witness to co-workers and acquaintances as they have opportunity. This is becoming a struggle for some, or simply living out their faith for that matter, because companies are beginning to mandate training which involves the acceptance of the LGBTQ+ lifestyle, among other things. Pray for wisdom and boldness in the gospel amidst these mandates. I’ve had the opportunity to witness to some while engaging in a hobby of my own, for which I thank God. Please pray that these interactions bear much fruit for the kingdom.”

PRESBYTERY OF THE MIDWEST — Bruce and Sue Hollister

We are also glad to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Bruce Hollister, newly appointed Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of the Midwest. He and his wife, Sue, have five grown children and ten grandchildren (and counting!). Pastor Hollister planted New Covenant Community Church in Joliet, IL, and pastored there for more than 25 years. New Covenant initiated a plan of transition in 2020 which envisioned Pastor Hollister serving in a continued pastoral role during the search for a new senior pastor. However, the Lord initiated a redirection, as the PMW Home Missions Committee approached Bruce about considering taking up the labors of RHM for the Presbytery. Bruce and Sue prayed about this opportunity, increasingly seeing it as a wonderful fit for Bruce’s gifts and experience, and a great way to serve the Presbytery. Please pray for Bruce as he seeks to learn about the development, status, and needs of the various mission works, follows up on other contacts, and as he and Sue begin traveling both to the mission works and to the established churches of the PMW in order to encourage the work of Home Missions.

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