

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the April 14, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

ARROYO, PUERTO RICO — Bradney and Eileen Lopez

Pastor Bradney Lopez shares, “Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura is seeing many visitors lately, praise God! Every Sunday we have about 60 in attendance. We’re also receiving good responses to our weekly podcast. People seem to be resonating with our main focus which is to teach reformed theology in a simple way. Right now, we have a man from a different church background in our membership class. He has been faithful to come to worship and Bible study and enjoys talking about the doctrines of the church. We also have another family coming faithfully to church each week that our family has personally been encouraging to come for some time. Please thank God with us for these newcomers who are hungry to understand God’s Word. Please also pray with us that the church would continue to grow and that the Lord would provide a building for us to call our church home.”

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY — Chris Byrd

Praise the Lord for His work in and around Grace OPC, Westfield, NJ over the past several months. Pastor Chris Byrd writes, “In February we launched a weekly evangelistic ESL program to build relationships and share the Gospel with immigrants. One student, Helen, whose background is Roman Catholic, recently started attending worship (which is interpreted into Spanish by one of our newest members who is a professional court interpreter!). In a few weeks I’m beginning a Bible study through the Gospel of John with her and a few other immigrants we’ve been witnessing to. We’ve also begun seeing fruit from our door-to-door and neighborhood outreach, as several unbelievers from the neighborhood have been attending Sunday services recently. One man, Naunihal, an Indian Sikh who lives down the street has now come to visit Grace seven times. Pray that the Lord will bless the Word being sown in the hearts of these people and that He would bring forth saving faith by His Spirit! And pray that the Lord would continue growing a Great Commission-mindedness among the members of Grace church that He might use us to grow His Kingdom here in a mighty way!”

FARMINGTON, MAINE — Micah and Eileen Bickford

Pastor Micah Bickford is happy to report on some good news at Grace Reformed OPC. He says, “We are excited to be holding our first new member/inquirers classes! This is certainly a sign of God’s faithfulness and an answer to prayer. Please ask God to bless and guide those in attendance. Pray, too, for more inquirers classes to be needed in the months to come. We are thankful for the persistence of our women’s Bible study and look forward to resuming a men’s fellowship in the near future. Pray that God would direct these studies to his honor and glory, and that they might serve as an opportunity to bring unbelievers into the fold. Finally, we’d appreciate continued prayers for growth and increasing opportunities for outreach as restrictions lessen.”

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Dave and Jane Crum

Regional Home Missionary Dave Crum writes, “February 2021 was a wonderful month. In what will forever be known as ‘the year of Covid’ we saw the Lord do an amazing work. On February 21, Rev. Jon Moersch, serving as the moderator of the Presbytery of Southern California, led the worship service for the installation of Rev. Caleb Smith in his new role as church planter of our newest mission work in Thousand Oaks, CA. The Lord, and He alone, will receive the glory for this church plant in a ‘lockdown’ year. Then, on the last Sunday of February, four young members of the growing work in Yuma, AZ, (two young men and two young ladies from four different families) professed their faith in the Savior and took communion for the first time. Pastor Jeremy Baker, having taken them through a communicant membership class, had the distinct pleasure of administering to these covenant children (one of which was his very own daughter) the vows of membership. It was such a wonderful day! Praise God with us for His sovereignty over all things and continue to pray for the upbuilding of His church in Southern California.”

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