

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the April 28, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

DEER PARK, NEW YORK — Bill and Margaret Shishko

Pastor Bill Shishko writes, “Thank the Lord that, as of March 16, Margaret and I are now residents of Deer Park, NY – the planned center of activity for The Haven, OPC. We decided to front-end the number of home improvements we need to do to make our new house a more suitable place for ministry, but that is slowing down the process of our settling in. Pray that these home improvements will be completed soon (and that we have patience in the process!). Pray, too, for our testimony of the Gospel to the various workers at the house. We have already begun to reach out to our neighbors and to the Deer Park community, but pray that we will do more in the months ahead and that the Lord will bring fruit from our outreach. And pray that The Haven will soon be able to get a suitable facility in Deer Park so that we can do ministry in a Forward Operating Base for mission work in Suffolk County, Long Island, NY.”

MIFFLINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA — Ron and Carol Beabout

“God is blessing us in many wonderful ways and we are so thankful,” says Pastor Ron Beabout. The big news out of Grace and Truth Presbyterian Church is that, at the beginning of April, the congregation began meeting at the Juniata Christian School in McAllisterville. With their consistent attendance around 30, the library was becoming a bit crowded for the group. So far the move has been very positive. The school has great visibility in the community, as well as lots of space, easy access for those with disabilities, and the relationship with the school has been a blessing. In the last month Grace and Truth has seen four newcomers directly as a result of finding them online. Pastor Ron shares that they expect to see at least two new families this coming Lord’s Day, thanks to the efforts of core members inviting friends and coworkers. He asks that you please pray for their continued growth. He also asks that you pray for the three men who are being prepared for office in the church. Lord willing, they would love to be ready for particularization around this time next year. Pray toward this end. And finally, please lift up Ron and Carol in prayer as they face ongoing health concerns.

DAYTON, OHIO — Tyler and Natalie Detrick

Pastor Tyler Detrick shares, “First Street continues to minister the gospel in downtown Dayton! Here are a few ways you can pray for us: You can thank God for a number of new people interested in becoming part of our work. Please also praise God for various visitors and a growing number of college students. You can also praise God for the door that He has kept open to sharing the gospel with our Turkish Muslim friends. Even as we have discussed difficult topics (Christ’s Sonship, etc.) they have remained interested in hearing Pastor Brad Peppo speak to them from the Scriptures. Finally, you can pray earnestly for our continued search for a new location to worship. We were very close to beginning worship at a local Turkish American Society building, owned by some of our Muslim friends, but legitimate concerns about how that move would be perceived by other Muslim groups brought those plans to an end. Now we are searching diligently for a new space, even as we see our numbers filling out our present space. Pray that God will lead us to the right place that He would use at the right time for His mission!”

YUMA, ARIZONA — Jeremy and Gwen Baker

Since Yuma’s report last month, Pastor Jeremy Baker wanted to share an additional update of what will be going at Yuma OPC in the coming months so you can be praying. He writes, “The combination of 20 plus people moving (new orders), and not operating at 100% due to COVID, resulted in this season being sort of a re-start when it comes to procedures and ministry opportunities. As we get back to normal, we are re-engaging in outreach/evangelism efforts. Our plan is to have at least one outreach opportunity/focus per month. We are also going to work on an ‘outreach/evangelism supply station’ where we have flyers, tracks, books, Bibles, etc. available for our folks to utilize. The session continues to discuss and pray about what might be next for Yuma OPC. While we have two men that are ready to start elder training sometime in the fall, we are still not close to financially self-supporting. Please pray that we would have wisdom on this issue of whether we should move forward toward training/particularizing. Pray for more military and year-round families to join us! And finally, pray that we would continue to grow in our love for the Lord, one another, and for the lost.”

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