

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the September 15, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

McALISTERVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA — Ron and Carol Beabout

Writing from Grace and Truth OPC, Pastor Ron Beabout reports, “Our families are enthusiastic about the progress of our mission project here. Attendance was up significantly over what it was last summer, and giving has been strong. Much of the outreach continues to be done by our families at work and at home. We gained three new congregants this summer and one non-communicant member through the sacrament of baptism. Grace and Truth will conduct several door-to-door brochure distributions, starting with the neighborhoods closest to the school where the church meets, and then expanding outward to the rest of McAlisterville. Members will be giving out copies of *What Is Truth?* (a gospel tract written by the Rev. Dr. Eric Watkins). I appreciate Paul’s prayer of thanksgiving in Philippians 1:3-6, particularly verse five: ‘...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.’ God is building his church in central Pennsylvania through a strong partnership, joined together from several sources and made effective by several means of support, the chief of which is prayer. All of us here at Grace and Truth OPC thank you for ‘your partnership in the gospel.’”

CLARKSTON, GEORGIA — Melaku and Meron Tamirat

Pastor Melaku Tamirat writes, “The mission has been blessed by the Lord with the arrival of a new refugee family from Eritrea. Their two children came to the country as refugees a few months ago. They’re now living together in Clarkston, attending our weekly Bible studies, and worshipping with Redeemer OPC (Atlanta, GA) on Sundays. Pray that they will be able to settle in well. This fall, the Clarkston Mercy Ministry will be engaged with running an ESL class, teaching basic computer skills to refugees, and leading a course on American values (good values to learn from American culture, and elements of the culture that Scripture requires us to reject).” Pray that the ministry’s weekly Bible studies would be effective in drawing men and women to the Word of God and to God’s worship.

MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA — Ryan and Rochelle Cavanaugh

We’ve had an exciting summer. Mission Church spent a week at the Lake County Fair where seventy-thousand people come through each year. We handed out lots of solid materials and invites to church, particularly for our new series on Revelation, beginning Sunday, September 26. We’re planning door hangers, invite flyers, online advertisements, and encouragements to invite friends and neighbors. We also have a new family visiting! Pray that Mission Church might be a home for these people. Please pray as well for boldness and love as we share the gospel—that our Lord would bless this outreach for our encouragement and for his praise and glory. Now that school’s starting, we’re looking forward to Jesus bringing his people to Mission. Please join us in praying for five families this year. We at Mission are encouraged and expectant to watch Jesus move as we see him do more than we could ask or think.

DOWNTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA — Greg and Ginger O’Brien

Life at Christ Church Downingtown has been busy with new visitors, preparing for officer training this fall, and more, as our Lord continues to nourish us through the Word and sacraments. There have been many encouragements together with some painful losses. One of those encouragements has been the opportunity to minister to a single woman and her two sons, who are leaving a large evangelical church and for the first time attending a Reformed church. Much about Christ Church is different, new, and—as those of us who didn’t start off in the Reformed world can testify—somewhat strange. But through worship, prayer, hospitality, and gospel conversations, the Lord himself has been this woman’s strength and her shield, her very present help in times of trouble. Please pray for our new members’ class—that these godly men and women would join our roles in testament to Christ’s faithfulness to his beloved church. Pray as well for: the family mentioned above, a new worship location, upcoming officer training, and for the salvation of the lost in our area.

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