

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the September 29, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

CUMMING, GEORGIA — Kevin and Rachel Medcalf

Providence Presbyterian Church has a new meeting place! Praise the Lord for this answer to prayer (last shared in the June 9 edition of *Home Missions Today*). Providence continues to add members and looks forward to two new families joining in membership in the near future. Pastor Medcalf sees 1 Corinthians 15:58 as a passage of Scripture particularly relevant to Providence's current season of ministry: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Recently, a member at Providence met with and shared the gospel to a few Mormon young men. Pray that this outreach would bear fruit. Pray as well that the congregation would be refreshed by Pastor Medcalf's sermon series on the Gospel of John. Finally, ask the Lord to lead even more men and women to this fellowship of believers.

DORR, MICHIGAN — John and Katie Terrell

Please welcome John and Katie Terrell to denominational Home Missions support! John Terrell has been called to serve as the organizing pastor of Living Hope OPC in Dorr, Michigan. Living Hope is a daughter church plant of Harvest OPC (shepherded by Rev. Dale Van Dyke). This work receives support through the Neilands Fund, a financial reserve for mother-daughter church-planting efforts. Pastor Terrell writes, "Early in the pandemic, Harvest OPC in Grand Rapids had people meet together and livestream in different locations. One group was in the Dorr area—they met on the lawn at someone's house. The meeting and people really gelled together, and they developed a sense that this could—and *should*—be a church plant." The Terrells have four children: Esther (9), Josiah (8), Moriah (6), and Miriam (4). Hailing all the way from Australia (where John pastored for the past five years), this family of six has made a long trip to minister in the Presbytery of Michigan and Ontario. Lately, Pastor Terrell has been drawn to Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 12: "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor. 12:9). Pray that God would make these words true of the saints at Living Hope, and that he would bless Dorr with gospel growth.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN — Shane and Rachelle Bennett

This summer Reformation OPC took important steps toward particularization. The church's new members class has eleven students, many of whom Pastor Bennett expects will join the congregation. Elder training has concluded and will soon move to examination and (potentially) certification in front of the session. In addition, there are several families the church is happy to count as regular visitors. Reformation's financial giving has also increased; the mission work is close to independently meeting its operating budget. Reformation will kick-off a mid-week study on biblical covenants this fall. Pray for God's blessing on this Christian education effort. Pray as well for Pastor Shane Bennett as he recovers from silent reflux (a condition which has injured his vocal chords and requires 4–6 months to mend).

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST — DeLacy and Debbie Andrews

Lacy preaches in Yorktown, Virginia, on first and third Sundays, administers the Lord's Supper and teaches Sunday School at Landis OPC in Marion, North Carolina, on second Sundays, and preaches at our mission work in Bluffton, South Carolina, on the fourth Sunday of each month. He continues to serve on the provisional sessions in Yorktown, Virginia, Marion, North Carolina, Bluffton, South Carolina, and Neon, Kentucky. He also serves as a mentor for Intern Corey Paige, as he labors in Marion. Lacy is exploring opportunities for new mission works within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Southeast, including an outreach Bible Study in Suffolk, Virginia, that hopes to begin in early November. Pray for the Yorktown and Bluffton mission works as they search for an organizing pastor and for more suitable meeting places.

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