

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the October 13, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Carl and Stacey Miller

Pastor Carl Miller writes, “The congregation in New Braunfels is happy to report the reception of many new members over the past few months, in which we had reaffirmations of faith and a baptism as well. This summer, and continuing this fall, South Austin OPC and New Braunfels have shared a pastoral intern, Caleb Maltby, who exhorts regularly from the pulpit, and team-taught Sunday School with me, along with carrying out other duties. He has been a true blessing to both congregations. Outreach and visitors remain strong. We are also rejoicing in the birth of two new covenant children. Please pray for the four mothers in our congregation currently with child. Continue to be in prayer as the congregation moves toward particularization. The Lord continues to guide us in all things, and we rejoice in His good and mighty gifts to this local body.”

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Mark and Lorie Wheat

Please welcome Pastor Mark Wheat to denominational support! Called to serve Good Shepherd OPC, Pastor Wheat has moved from California to Sugar Land, Texas, with his wife, Lorie, and their children, Evan, Honor, and Selah. He also has a married daughter named Justly who lives in the Houston area with her husband, Shawn. For five years now, this young church plant in Southwest Houston has been slowing building momentum through Bible study, prayer, and person-to-person invitations to worship. The church is now able to conduct both morning and evening services each week. Please pray that God would bless Pastor Wheat’s ministry here, and that the gospel would go forth in the Houston community.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — Markus and Sharon Jeromin

Gathering Minister Markus Jeromin writes, "Grace & Peace for Battle Creek represents something new and previously untried within the bounds of the Presbytery of MI & ON. The goal is to plant a church in a place where the need for a conservative Reformed witness is great, but there is not already an existing core group. How is this being attempted? Most important are the diligent prayers of God’s people, denomination-wide. Personal contacts are also a must. (Do you know anyone with a connection in Battle Creek?) Survey evangelism at the mall and community college, volunteering in two local ministries, a planned mini-conference on race this winter, advertising on Facebook and Instagram, distributing invitations to weekly Bible studies, and networking with pastors and other local leaders are among the tools being used. Please pray that God be pleased to raise up a new OP congregation in Calhoun County, Michigan.”

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Christopher and Megan Hartshorn

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Chris Hartshorn to denominational support as the Regional Home Missionary for the Presbytery of the Southern California. Pastor Hartshorn writes, “I took up my new work on October 1 after a three-month sabbatical. I’ve visited our current mission works and am looking into starting some new Bible studies with the hopes that they might become mission works in the future. We have also been talking with several churches that are considering becoming a part of the OPC. Please pray for fruitful labors, and that God would provide all that is needed to particularize in Corona, Pasadena, Thousand Oaks, Yuma, and on the Island of Oahu. Please also pray that we could establish new mission works in all three of the states in our presbytery—California, Arizona, and Hawaii.” Pastor Hartshorn is joined by his wife, Megan, and their four children.

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