

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the October 27, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## **NEON, KENTUCKY — Jay and Andrea Bennett**

Reflecting on the Lord's care for Neon Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jay Bennett recalls Isaiah 55: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways" (Is. 55: 8–9). This fall the church has received two new visitors from the community—a married couple currently taking the church's new members class. Neon Pres. continues to share the good news with its neighbors; Pastor Bennet reports: "We set up a book stand at two fall festivals, sharing the gospel and inviting community members to worship with us. On one occasion we spent about an hour discussing the doctrine of the Holy Trinity with a local Pentecostal pastor. He wasn't persuaded, but the truth was shared. We also continue to lead Bible studies with men from a local addiction recovery center every Thursday evening." Please pray for the church as it considers a major remodeling of the face of its storefront building. Pray as well for continued faithfulness in outreach and fruitfulness in evangelism.

## **SANDUSKY, OHIO — Larry and Kalynn Oldaker**

Since Firelands Grace OPC's last feature in *Home Missions Today*, the Lord has blessed this congregation with a promising potential building, new members, and an increase in offerings. This winter is also shaping up to be a busy season for the church. Pastor Larry Oldaker hopes that the next few months will be filled with building renovations and moving, as well as a broadening of the church's Sunday School ministry, evening worship, and men's group. In light of this, Pastor Oldaker asks that the OPC be praying for the mission "to not lose sight of gospel witness." Pray that the Lord would bless gospel conversations currently being had by members with new and old friends, and that God would use these connections to bring more people to worship. Praise the Lord for his wisdom and love: "And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken" (Is. 62:12).

## **WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI — Paul and Sarah Mourreale**

Pastor Paul Mourreale writes, "The people of Covenant Reformed Church are encouraged by what the Lord is doing among us. We have visitors to our mission work on a regular basis, many of whom stay and become members. In fact, we've added three or four new families since we last reported. From suggestions given at the Church Planter Training Conference in Maine this past August, we've been working to improve our online and social media presence. This has had the benefit of getting some new people involved in serving the mission work. One area of prayer that we need is for a new facility. Aside from somewhat outgrowing the space, our current arrangement is a sub-lease of sorts with another church. Neither congregation has any kind of contract with the building owner and so we could potentially lose our meeting place at any time. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide for our facility needs."

## **THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA — Caleb and Erika Smith**

Thousand Oaks Pres. is meeting in a new facility centrally located in the community; this change has already attracted a handful of visitors. Pastor Caleb Smith writes, "We're about to finish our second membership class. We're very thankful for the new families that are joining our church!" Next up, the church looks forward to hosting a conference on marriage and the family, conducted by Dr. Alan Strange. Pray for the Lord's blessing on this effort. Pray also that the church would be eager to talk with others about Jesus, that the Lord would raise up local leaders, and that the mission would be witness to adult conversions.

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