

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the November 10, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA — Christopher and Sara Drew

Reporting for Faith Presbyterian Church, Pastor Christopher Drew writes, “We’ve been blessed with several new visitors in the past two months. We should soon receive a new family of three and another family of four. And another couple recently visited looking for a faithful church.” Praise the Lord! Faith Presbyterian Church is praying that the Lord would bring forth two men to be elders for the congregation. Please join the church in praying as well for a more suitable location in which to meet. Pastor Drew recalls the words of Psalm 127:1: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.”

ZEELAND, MICHIGAN — Michael and Naomi Schout

Our Triune God is advancing His mission here at Grace Fellowship in Zeeland. Since purchasing and moving into our new facility, we’ve seen a steady wave of visitors. Among the most encouraging parts is that many of these visitors are coming from outside of NAPARC church backgrounds, several of them non-Reformed and in some cases non-churched. We’re looking forward to seeing what God has for us in terms of additional staffing, potential church planting, and stewarding the gifts He’s provided. Please pray that we would continue to seek God’s help in pursuing a culture of evangelism and hospitality. With our size, it’s tempting to circle the wagons and let our feet off the gas of pursuing the lost sheep.

CORONA, CALIFORNIA — Andrew and Rebekah Canavan

The mission work in Corona has been blessed with recent growth, receiving new members and welcoming new covenant children—with more of both on the way! It’s always encouraging to see members seize opportunities for outreach. Some recent examples of this include a college student inviting new friends to worship, a member who is a teacher leading a Bible study for students and their families, and another member seeing fruit after praying during our month of evangelistic prayer. We would appreciate prayer as we plan our Christmas Lessons & Carols service for next month—one of our biggest outreach events of the year. Also, please pray that the Lord would raise up elders and deacons and that he would continue to provide for the mission work’s financial needs as 2021 comes to a close. In all of this, please pray that God’s Word might be our cornerstone and the Gospel would be our message.

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO — Brad and Cinnamon Peppo

It’s been exciting to see God finally opening doors for an ESL ministry at the (newly renamed) Light of the Nations church plant in downtown Dayton. This is an effort that the church has been seeking to launch for over a year now, but which had been repeatedly delayed by COVID and facility issues. Six weeks after opening at LOTN’s new building, we’ve seen participation from *twenty* different students from three different language groups. Each week I have the opportunity to present the Gospel to the whole group through the study of a specific verse of Scripture. Volunteers from LOTN and from the plant’s mother church, Covenant OPC in Vandalia, have been doing an excellent job in their instruction and in helping the students experience the love of Christ. Additionally, our Quran and Bible discussions continue to take place every few weeks, and our Turkish friends seem to be growing in their recognition of the fundamental differences between the Christian faith and Islam. Please pray that God would open eyes and soften hearts through both of these ministries.

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