

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the November 24, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

DEER PARK, NEW YORK — Bill and Margaret Shishko

The Lord is wonderfully answering your prayers! We're in the process of purchasing a church facility (Cleft of the Rock Bible Chapel) in Commack, New York—in our target area for a Forward Operating Base for the OPC in Suffolk County, New York. The story of this provision is amazing! It's located on nearly two acres of land in a heavily trafficked and easily accessible area of western Suffolk County. And all for only \$425,000! Pray that we will be able to raise all of the funds to pay for this. Pray as well that we would have wisdom regarding how to reach out to the Commack community once we have moved into our new facility. Pray that all will go smoothly and quickly in the legal work of purchasing the new facility. Lastly, pray that any necessary improvements would be completed between January and March 2022.

ARROYO, PUERTO RICO — Bradney and Eileen Lopez

Praise the Lord that this mission work has continued to see new visitors come through its doors. In fact, Pastor Bradney Lopez is now preparing to teach a new members class with seven participants. Puerto Rico's COVID policies and the church's facility problems remain an obstacle for growth. Lopez writes, "The restrictions of COVID-19 are difficult. This has limited me from going freely and meeting new people or going out to have conversations. Another challenge is that we don't have water service in our building, so we're unable to have Sunday School classes. God willing, within this coming couple of weeks, we're going to have water and reestablish Sunday School, which has been the main way to disciple." Please pray for the Lord's blessing on Eileen's pregnancy, with the newest Lopez due in January.

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY — Chris Byrd

This fall, Grace OPC held a Back-to-Church service and barbecue to celebrate and kick-off a new season of church ministry. Attendance was an encouraging 115—including 35 guests. Twelve of these returned on subsequent Sundays, and five are now regular attenders. October was an encouraging month. I led a Revival Prayer Weekend at Grace, in hopes of building a greater culture of prayer in the church and learning to pray as the Lord Jesus taught us to pray. It included four hours of teaching on prayer and five hours of small group prayer. It was a rich time of prayer, and recently several members have shared that the weekend has continued to have an impact on them and their families. One direct result to come out of the weekend was the formation of four small-group prayer fellowships that now meet each week to spend an hour praying for the lost and for Grace church along the lines of the Lord's Prayer. Praise the Lord also for three new members we received through reaffirmation of faith in October. Pray for three unbelievers who I am meeting; pray the Lord will open their hearts to receive His Word that they may know eternal life in Jesus!

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA — Dave and Elizabeth Holmlund

RHM Dave Holmlund is encouraged about the ministry at Park Church (Doylestown, PA), thrilled at the arrival of two new families into the congregation, and hopeful for the prospects of finding the right church planter to serve this work. Pray for wisdom for Dave and for the session of Living Hope (Allentown, PA) as they oversee Park Church. Out in Chester County, Christ Church Downingtown has had some recent growth through the completion of a large new members class and the public reception of two new families as members. While it isn't a church plant, an item for thanksgiving in the presbytery also concerns Cornerstone OPC in Ambler as they celebrate the installation of Rev. Zach Siggins on November 28.

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