

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the December 22, 2021, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

DAYTON, OHIO — Tyler and Natalie Detrick

God has answered our prayers for a fruit-bearing ESL ministry! We have a growing number of regular attenders who are hearing the gospel each week as they learn English. Some families are beginning to worship at our church. God has also blessed us with new members. We have added around ten new members since our last report, and we are looking forward to an upcoming congregational meeting in which we will consider next steps for our church plant. We are also looking forward to keeping up with our present ministries. It is exciting to consider how God might grow our ESL ministry in the upcoming season and how he will use the relationships with our Muslim friends which seem to be deepening. Finally, my family now lives across the street from the church, and we are eager to deepen our relationship with neighbors and to see them visit the church. Please pray for effectiveness in these ministries!

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA — Calvin and Connie Keller

Harvest OPC gives thanks for its men's leadership class, which has been a time of fellowship and growth in the knowledge and love of God. Pastor Keller and his wife give thanks for twenty-five neighbors who came to their annual Christmas open house—they made four new contacts and two people asked for information about the church. Pray for Harvest's "Church in the Park" outreach picnics, planned for the spring and summer, as well as evangelism training in preparation for going to the Boardwalk Chapel. Finally, please continue to pray for a new meeting place and the possibility of a building-share with a United Methodist church.

WACO, TEXAS — Miller and Stephanie Ansell

What makes Waco, Texas, a city ripe for ministry? For one, Waco is home to Baylor University, the oldest university in Texas, and the world's largest, private Baptist university. Rev. Ansell reports, "Through evangelism we had a graduate student profess faith for the first time. He should be baptized in early January! We continue to grow through more children, many visitors, and evangelism. God has provided financially. And there is more and more unity in the body." Trinity Presbyterian Church anticipates eleven new members joining the church's rolls in the next few weeks. Praise the Lord! Trinity will have its first yearly congregational meeting this winter. In the summer, the congregation looks forward to science camp. Regarding prayer, Ansell asks, "Pray for our parents with young children, that we wouldn't shy away from talking about Jesus."

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA — Matt and Lois Cotta

The Lord has been providing above and beyond all for which we asked and hoped. Our attendance numbers for our morning worship service have been averaging in the mid/upper 50s for the past couple of months. We have several regular attendees preparing for membership and we are looking forward to receiving seven new members (four communicant) in January. For the past few months, financial giving has exceeded our approved budget. And our church-planting intern, Mingzhe "Isaac" Zhou, and his family have been a true blessing to our congregation since coming out here in July. We are excited to see how the Lord will use them in the future, especially among Chinese-speaking people in the region. Isaac has launched a Chinese-language Bible study that meets in his home. Both Isaac and I regularly invite people we meet to come to church and to the church's Bible studies. Please pray for Isaac as he prepares for licensure, and for the men in the congregation who are being trained for the offices of elder and deacon.

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