

This is Al Tricarico reporting the February 16, 2022, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI — Paul and Sarah Mourreale



Reporting for Covenant Reformed Church, Pastor Paul Mourreale writes, “We found out that the building we’ve been meeting in has been sold and that February 20th will be our last Sunday there. Since then, we have found a new place to meet and have begun discussions with another church about possibly purchasing their building.” Despite this setback, the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ring true for the church: “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” Mourreale continues, “We have been greatly encouraged by the prayer of the OPC and by the encouragement of our body. The Lord has brought multiple opportunities for outreach. One connected to a diaconal need, and another is a person who was met in the local library and was interested in learning more about the Bible. He is meeting weekly with one of our members to study the Bible together. We have three new families that have begun attending our church since our last report.” Please pray that God would provide Covenant Reformed Church with wisdom as it seeks a more permanent home, and give thanks that particularization is on the near horizon.

NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS — Carl and Stacey Miller



The Lord continues to work in wonderful ways in New Braunfels. We received three more families since my last update, including the births and baptisms of four covenant children. There has been a consistent stream of visitors, several of whom are settling in. One of the new families is pumped about evangelism and will be involved in our outreach activities. Caleb Maltby finished his internship with us at the end of December. It was a joy to have him! I have five young people in our Communicants Class. Please pray that God will bring healing and quick recovery to those who are sick in our body. Pray that the Lord will bless our outreach. Pray also that He will open doors for us to find a larger facility to meet in. We are starting to outgrow our current space. Finally, continue to pray for us and our progress towards particularization.

ZEELAND, MICHIGAN — Michael and Naomi Schout



Although Grace Fellowship OPC is only a few years old, God has already led hundreds to call this church home. Pastor Michael Schout writes, “We continue to be amazed by the stream of regular visitors. There are so many people who are spiritually thirsty. We’re also witnessing an increase in counseling—which we view as a healthy sign that the gospel is doing its transforming work and people are coming into the light. It’s been incredibly encouraging to see the body fulfilling the ‘one another’ commands of Scripture as we walk together.” Schout continues, “The Lord is providing contacts through invitations, and we continue to seek ways to reach out to these individuals. A few people in particular attend church somewhat sporadically, yet they keep circling back. We’re reaching out through counseling, mercy ministry, and other means. This summer we’re looking forward to ‘connect groups’ during the adult Sunday School timeslot. These groups will be led by elder/deacon teams and will provide people an opportunity to not only get to know their elders and deacons, but one another. It will be open to members and visitors.” Concerning prayer, Schout asks “for wise stewardship of our resources, humility and joy in the gospel, and a generous love for the lost in our circles and community.”

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH — David and Wendy Chilton



It has been a good season of varied work across the Presbytery of the South. After several months of preparation, a new Bible Study in Brevard County, Florida (the Space Coast area), had its first meeting in February. With six couples of varied demographics, the study is off to a great start and even had visitors to the first meeting. Pray it would develop into a mission work. I also had an encouraging scouting trip to Nashville, meeting with an interested couple and a trip through Louisiana and Mississippi. Please pray for God’s leading in all these things.

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