

This is John Shaw reporting the February 2, 2022, edition of *Home Missions Today*. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

#### MERRILLVILLE, INDIANA — Ryan and Rochelle Cavanaugh



On behalf of Mission Church, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and support these four years. We can feel your prayers and love! The last two years have been difficult, but through it all, Jesus has shown his faithfulness and goodness in countless ways. On a recent Sunday, we brought a family of seven into membership. We have another family of seven who are regular attendees. Visitors are so common now on Sundays that it's odd when we don't have visitors! We have also been praying for other churches and organizations to partner with us, and Jesus in his faithfulness has done that! It is amazing to see Jesus build his church and to grow in our trust for him to provide for, build, and grow his church in his way and on his timetable. Though Mission Church is saying goodbye to this update, I want to remind you that we still need your prayers, encouragement, love, and partnership in the gospel. Would you please pray for us and consider if there is any way you could partner with us? If you are able, please contact me at [pastor@missionchurchopc.org](mailto:pastor@missionchurchopc.org). Again, I thank you all for your prayers, love, support, and partnership. It is truly a joy to know that we are not alone. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

#### SUGAR LAND, TEXAS — Mark and Lorie Wheat



Reporting from southwest Texas, Pastor Mark Wheat shares the latest update on Good Shepherd OPC. Wheat writes that although the church hasn't received new members since its last HMT update, the Lord has brought visitors to Good Shepherd through the church's website. "We are compiling a list of new contacts and seeking to follow up with them. Next month, we are planning a mini-retreat for the church. In this retreat we want everyone to know what is happening, to make sure everyone has a place to serve, and give everyone the opportunity to share. In December, Good Shepherd hosted a Christmas event; members took invitations and walked their neighborhoods with their children. Regarding discipleship, our men's and women's Bible studies are well attended. Please pray for the love of Christ to be found among us, for new members, and for the Lord to provide us with men who desire to be officers." To learn more about Good Shepherd OPC in Sugar Land, check out Wheat's article in the February issue of *New Horizons*.

#### BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — Markus and Sharon Jeromin



Please keep praying for Gathering Minister Markus Jeromin and Grace & Peace for Battle Creek, an exploratory ministry of the Presbytery of MI & ON in a county of 135,000 with not a single NAPARC congregation. Pastor Jeromin writes, "We are still very much in need of interested individuals. Do you know anyone who may know someone? Students at Kellogg Community College have been hearing the gospel clearly explained. Pray that these and others would attend the weekly Bible study and that the small group of believers attending would grow into a viable core group. Ask the Lord to send mature men with leadership potential. Pray that He would bless my fatherhood counseling at the crisis pregnancy care center. Pray also for my networking with area pastors, and that our mini-conference on race, scheduled for April, would bring lots of attention, be well-attended, and result in new Bible study participants. May God be glorified through our efforts to establish a new OP congregation in needy Calhoun County!"

#### MOLINE, MICHIGAN — John and Katie Terrell



Praise the Lord for his blessing on Living Hope OPC in Moline, Michigan. Pastor Terrell writes, "The Lord continues to add to our numbers. In August we were averaging about 100 and this past Sunday we had about 180. We have plans for different potlucks and other fellowship events. Our desire in doing this is to bring people from different church backgrounds together and continue to gel as one group, one family under Christ." Regarding outreach, Terrell shares, "Getting to know one's neighbors is a really helpful thing in general, but I also find it is an easy opportunity for outreach. My kids and the next-door neighbor's kids play on our sledding hill. When they're outside, Katie or I are often out there talking to them. Each time we get a bit more of their story and they are progressively more interested in hearing our story of faith in Jesus Christ. Right now, we are trying to show that their experience of growing up around Christianity is different than the faith we have in Jesus Christ. Please thank the Lord with us for what he's doing in our group. Numbers aren't everything but they are not an evil thing either. Please pray that Living Hope becomes an oasis for lost and hurting people to know the Gospel and find rest for their weary souls."