

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the April 13, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA — Matt & Lois Cotta



Pastor Matt Cotta writes, “We are extremely grateful for our growth as a congregation! Though some members have moved out of state, the Lord continues to add to our number those whom He is gathering to Himself. There have been several pregnancy announcements within the congregation. In addition, a recent convert from Islam has been attending our new members class and plans on being baptized and received by the church.” Pasadena OPC hopes to particularize later this year. Please pray for church-planting intern Mingzhe Isaac Zhou and his family. Pray that Pasadena OPC’s Chinese-language Bible study would grow, that Isaac would make new contacts, and that this study might become the seed for a future church plant. Please be in prayer as well for wisdom and God’s provision as many are having a difficult time dealing with housing costs in the LA area.

MANASSAS, VIRGINIA — John Paul & Corinne Holloway



“We rejoice that we’ve had our first baptized infant, Talitha Mary Sabbagh,” writes Rev. John Paul Holloway. “We have also continued to have new people visit the work. Recently, a member of another nearby OP church attended with an unbelieving friend who lives in Manassas and is exploring Christianity. We continue to pray that this woman would consider the claims of the gospel and believe upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.” As the spring weather warms up, the congregation of Acacia Reformed Church looks forward to fresh opportunities for speaking with their neighbors and inviting them to worship. Praise the Lord for the congregation’s faithful attendance and growth in love and service. Pray for continued growth in zeal for evangelism, that this body of believers would share its faith with neighbors, coworkers, and friends in the area.

CLARKSTON, GEORGIA — Melaku & Meron Tamirat



Reporting from Clarkston, Pastor Melaku Tamirat shares about recent developments at Redeemer OPC’s refugee ministry. He writes, “The Lord has provided for me to do a series of Bible studies with two groups. Additionally, every Saturday and Sunday afternoon we have been proclaiming the good news.” Pastor Tamirat offers three prayer requests. 1) Pray that God’s children at Redeemer Mercy Ministry would serve with boldness and passion using godly wisdom. 2) Pray for God’s blessing and guidance on Rev. Tamirat’s time management. And 3), pray that Redeemer Mercy Ministry would be diligent in the work of evangelism, saying together with the apostle Paul “I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings” (1 Cor. 9:23).

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO — Mike & Elizabeth Diercks



On March 25, the Presbytery of Ohio joyfully received Wilmington Reformed Church (Wilmington, OH), with the church’s three new elders and two new deacons, as a new and separate congregation. Just two weeks later, Light of the Nations in downtown Dayton was also received; the presbytery installed two elders, one deacon, and pastors Tyler Detrick and RHM Brad Peppo. Please pray for the Pres. of Ohio’s potential mission works. The first is in Bridgeport, WV, where a group of faithful saints has been meeting for several years. The second is a small, independent church located in New Castle, IN. Checkout the “Presbytery of Ohio - Home Missions Updates” YouTube channel for more information on regional church-planting efforts. And finally, watch for information on our upcoming Outreach Conference with Dr. Carl Trueman, where we’ll discuss the world we live in and responding to challenges we now face.

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