

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the March 30, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

DATYON, OHIO — Tyler & Natalie Detrick

The Lord has guided our church to the point of particularization! We look forward to becoming a new and separate congregation of the regional church on April 8th. Light of the Nations OPC has received five new members since our last HMT update. In addition to launching a new website, we also anticipate a harp concert outreach this spring, several opportunities for evangelism downtown this summer, and the beginning of a new sermon series in Daniel this fall. Regarding our Quran/Bible program, we were able to transition from Zoom meetings to in-person discussions. With half a dozen men in attendance from each group, we made important strides in our efforts to befriend and discuss our faith with these Turkish gentlemen. They were kind enough to roast lamb kebabs for us! Please pray for continued success for our ESL ministry, and that we would be effective in reaching Spanish-speakers who are starting to come to worship with us. Pray also for stability for our work in this upcoming season of change.

FARMINGTON, MAINE — Micah & Eileen Bickford

Pastor Micah Bickford writes, "God has been faithful during a season of change and transition as families have moved and new visitors have come. We are currently planning a new members class. In April I have an opportunity to speak at InterVarsity Fellowship at the University of Maine campus in Farmington." Bickford serves Grace Reformed Presbyterian Church, which started in 2013 as a Bible study. Please pray for God to grow and strengthen this church plant!

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA — Calvin & Connie Keller

Pastor Calvin Keller of Harvest OPC writes, "Give thanks our church is building a culture of evangelism. One member has begun a Bible study for friends and co-workers. They are working through J. I. Packer's *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*. Several of our young people attend.; they have been encouraging one another in their witness for Christ. We have had one person attend Harvest from this study. As the weather is warming up, we are scheduling several "Church in the Park" events. We will have a church picnic and invite others to join us with devotions and discussion afterward. The last time we did this, several people visited our church. Also, give thanks for two engaged couples who plan to be married this summer. Pray for counseling needs in our congregation. Finally, give thanks for a good meeting between our Building Committee and a United Methodist Church that is considering a use-agreement with us. Pray that if this is the Lord's will, he will open the door for us to use this building, which would serve our needs wonderfully."

WACO, TEXAS — Miller & Stephanie Ansell

Trinity Presbyterian Church in sunny central Texas has had a number of new members join since its last HMT update. The church has also witnessed several infant baptisms and one adult baptism! Pastor Miller Ansell writes, "The congregation continues to unite through fellowship meals, game nights, book clubs, and hospitality. Our ladies fellowship is growing. We've also started a second round of officer training. This spring we're looking forward to public hymns sings, street preaching, and men's fellowship." When asked about recent evangelism efforts, Ansell shared, "A member and I recently attended a lecture on 'Grieving in Death.' As we spoke to folks, we were able to pray with them and encourage them in the faith." Pray for God's blessing on Trinity's mens fellowship and church officer training. Pray as well for continued unity and outreach.

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