

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the August 31, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA — Heritage OPC, Ethan & Catherine Bolyard



The Lord continues to establish the work of our hands. After a lengthy building renovation project, we completed the fellowship hall and kitchen this summer, enabling us to restart our monthly fellowship meals. In God's providence, we received three individuals into communicant membership in the month of June and will offer another cycle of new members classes this fall. Likewise, several of our covenant youth completed a communicants class, and our deacon candidates finished officer training. This summer we also started a new hospitality rotation ministry in which visitors and out-of-town guests are welcomed to eat with a family following morning service. We have been encouraged by the zeal of the congregation and pray that our church culture would be increasingly marked by a hospitable spirit. On a personal note, my wife, Catherine, gave birth to our fifth child (and first girl), Eleanor Grace, on August 2!

## YUMA, ARIZONA — Yuma OPC, Jeremy & Gwen Baker



Although things in Yuma slow down a bit during the summer, this year's attendance has remained steady. It has been an encouraging summer as we received two new couples into membership and heard one public profession of faith! We also have a retired couple that have been visiting and are considering relocating to Yuma. Looking forward to the coming months, we are eager to start two Sunday night small group Bible studies that will meet twice monthly. Our hope is that these small groups will be an opportunity to encourage community and provide another opportunity to invite folks to church who may not be attending morning worship at this time. The Lord has been faithful in continuing to bring us a steady stream of visitors, even throughout the summer. Please pray that we would have even more year-round visitors.

## CLARKSTON, GEORGIA — Clarkston Mercy Ministry, Melaku & Meron Tamirat



Clarkston Mercy Ministry continues to be affected by the pandemic, as several participants favor meeting via Zoom rather than in person. Despite this, Pastor Melaku recently started an in-person Bible study. Other encouraging news includes the organization of new ESL and after-school programs, as well as the arrival of a new Kenyan refugee family who has since started attending Bible study and corporate worship at Redeemer OPC. Pray that Rev. Tamirat would grow in diligence and commitment to evangelism and the work of this unique ministry as he seeks to "preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2).

## PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-ATLANTIC — Charles & Margaret Biggs



Since January 2022, I am grateful to have visited many congregations in the PMA to minister God's word and promote home missions. Acacia Reformed (Manassas, VA) continues to thrive by God's grace. Word of Life (Howard Co., MD) celebrates its one-year anniversary this September and continues to be blessed with slow yet steady growth. Our Bible study in Short Pump (West Richmond, VA) is thriving in unity and hospitality facilitated by a new building, which will house evening worship services this fall. On the Eastern Shore (Exmore, VA), there is a group desiring to plant a church and is vigorously evangelizing in the area. Please pray for "Biggs Team RHM" (my family) as we travel around our presbytery, that we may come with the "fullness of the blessing of Christ" (Rom. 15:29). Lastly, pray for Spirit-wrought zeal in our people, that they would have compassion on the lost and that the Lord would send laborers (us!), moving us forward in these gospel works according to the Master's love and power (Matt. 9:35ff; 28:18-20).

Look for the next Home Missions Today on Wednesday, September 14, 2022.

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