

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the October 12, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

NEON, KENTUCKY — Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church, Jay & Andrea Bennett



For the past two-and-a-half months, Neon Reformed Presbyterian Church has been engaged in flood recovery efforts following devastating regional flooding in July. Pastor Jay Bennett reports that the Lord has faithfully provided financial and volunteer aid for the church in this time of great need. He gives further thanks for the recent reception of a new communicant member as well as the birth of a covenant child, who will be baptized soon. Jay Bennett, along with the entire NRPC congregation, is eager to return to their own worship space in the near future and looks forward to continuing exterior renovation. Please pray for the diaconal work that is taking place in Neon as NRPC seeks to reach out into the community to assist with ongoing clean-up and rebuilding efforts while sharing the gospel of Jesus.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — Peace for Battle Creek, Markus & Sharon Jeromin



Thank you for your faithful prayers for the Presbytery of MI & Ontario's "parachute drop" church planting effort in Battle Creek, MI. Desiring to reach a county of 135,000 without any NAPARC congregation, in 2020 the Presbytery's home missions committee began efforts to find and gather a core group via the part-time labors of Rev. Markus Jeromin. His activities included networking with NAPARC churches in SW Michigan, befriending like-minded area pastors, advertising on social media, volunteering, evangelizing, counseling, and running mini-conferences and a weekly Bible study. A team of core group members sufficient to move the project forward has not yet materialized, therefore Rev. Jeromin recently shifted his focus to other ministries. Key relationships will be maintained and the search for a core group continues. Pray that the Lord would cause beautiful fruit to grow from the many efforts to build Christ's church in Battle Creek, and that He would still be pleased to raise up an OP congregation in this strategic and spiritually needy location.

WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI — Covenant Reformed Church, Paul & Sarah Mourreale



Join Covenant Reformed Church in giving thanks for the Lord's provision of a potential building to purchase! Please pray that this congregation may be wise as they seek a permanent space and would be patient, waiting on the Lord and his timing. In addition to the prospect of this new permanent meeting space, Pastor Paul Mourreale also gives thanks for recent contacts made with those who are new to the area and a diaconal encounter in which the gospel was shared. As Reformation Day approaches, Covenant Reformed Church looks forward to celebrating, fellowshiping, and growing together as a congregation at their Reformation Day event.

ZEELAND, MICHIGAN — Grace Fellowship OPC, Michael & Naomi Schout



Pastor Michael Schout reports, "The Lord continues to shower kindness in the form of visitors and ministry within the body! We've recently launched new discipleship ministries such as Sunday School, men's and women's Bible studies, youth and young adults, and mid-week home groups." In addition to having a steady stream of visitors on Sundays, there have also been fruitful evangelistic opportunities resulting in new connections and relationships. Schout asks that you pray "for wisdom and grace as we navigate a growing congregation while seeking to grow in our core values and mission of making disciples who together worship the Savior, walk with each other, and witness to the lost - all by the transforming power of the gospel."

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