

The Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the November 23, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

FARMINGTON, MAINE — Grace Reformed OPC, Micah & Eileen Bickford

Join with us in giving thanks for the work the Lord is doing at Grace Reformed OPC! As of late, the congregation has received three new members and conducted three covenant baptisms. In addition, they have welcomed a steady stream of visitors, whom they are making a conscious effort to pray for and engage with. With the Christmas season around the corner, Grace Reformed is in the process of planning a Christmas Lessons and Carols service which the congregation is excited for. Please pray for this local body and their continued growth.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA — Pasadena OPC, Matt & Lois Cotta

Pastor Caleb Smith reports a busy but encouraging past few months, as Pasadena OPC held a church-wide conference, transitioned back to their previous meeting place, saw nine men complete leadership training class, and now anticipates upcoming officer nominations. The body has been encouraged by regular corporate attendance and a recent profession of faith within their midst. With much to be encouraged by at current, there is also much to look forward to. At the turn of the new year, Pasadena OPC hopes to begin home groups which will meet for mid-week Bible study. Pray for their efforts to faithfully attend to the means of grace, and that the church's ministry will be effective and full of zeal for the glory of God.

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA — Thousand Oaks OPC, Caleb & Erica Smith

Pastor Caleb Smith attests to the Lord's provision, saying, "The fact that we have a stable and growing body of believers in this city [near Los Angeles] is proof of the Lord's provision. The unity and sweet fellowship we enjoy as a congregation in this region where the cultural and political atmosphere promotes division, suspicion, and animosity is testimony to heavenly things at work here in this visible world." He continues, "We currently have around 10 souls in the process of becoming members and see visitors almost every Sunday." The Lord has been exceedingly gracious to Thousand Oaks, even through various trials. Pastor Smith shares that the cost of living in the Los Angeles area poses a significant threat to the financial stability of the congregation and its members. Please pray that the Lord would meet the needs of his people in this place so that their ministry might increase.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Chris & Megan Hartshorn

Regional Home Missionary Chris Hartshorn reports, "The Lord continues to bless the mission works of our presbytery. On the sixth anniversary of our first worship service at Corona Presbyterian Church, we held our particularization service! We also thank God that Pasadena OPC (Matt Cotta) is moving toward particularization. Great things are taking place in Yuma, Arizona (Jeremy Baker), and our two newest works, Thousand Oaks Presbyterian (Caleb Smith) and Providence North Scottsdale (David Schexnayder), are growing steadily. Please pray for Doug Watson and our Redeemer Hawaii work as Doug labors tirelessly 2,500 miles away from the rest of our presbytery. Please pray that God might lead us to form new groups in Arizona, Hawaii, and Southern California. Please also pray that our church planters and their congregations would be bold in evangelism and outreach and that we would see many converts coming into our churches as a result of their labors in the harvest field."

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