

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the November 9, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA — Harvest OPC, Calvin & Connie Keller



November marks the final month of a successful schedule of support for Harvest OPC in Winston-Salem, NC. Harvest OPC began as a Bible study in 2014, and the first morning worship service was held in May of 2015 with five families. Last Sunday, Harvest OPC had ninety-one people in morning worship. Pastor Calvin Keller praises the Lord for a steady stream of regular visitors and for the young people of Harvest who eagerly invite friends and strangers to worship. After several years of prayer and searching, the congregation has established a Facilities Use agreement with a United Methodist Church in town. It is hoped that they will be able to meet in the new facility by the beginning of December. Last month, the congregation nominated elders and deacons for further training in hopes of certifying them for election. As the body of Harvest OPC looks toward the future, it is their prayer that they will continue to be a reformed and evangelical church that delights in the gospel and welcomes new people. Pastor Keller writes, “We want to shine the light in the darkness and show the watching world we serve a Savior whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light!”

GUAYAMA, PUERTO RICO — Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura, Bradney & Eileen Lopez



Pastor Bradney Lopez excitedly reports that during the last month, Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura has received new visitors almost every Sunday. Pastor Bradney expects to have at least three people taking membership class in the coming month and is encouraged that the Lord is leading new people to the church. He shares that through various outreach events and visitor feedback, it has been clear that many local people are searching for reformed worship, and they are finding that at Sola Escritura. Additionally, the congregation is collectively looking forward to more evangelism events, open air preaching, and the production of new podcasts. Please pray that Pastor Bradney and the members of Sola Escritura would have more opportunities to evangelize and that more OPC congregations would take root on the island.

WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY — Grace OPC, Chris Byrd



Evangelist Chris Byrd writes, “This has been a very encouraging fall at Grace Church in Westfield. Our average Sunday morning attendance is over 90, and almost weekly we have new guests. Since August, we have received 3 new families into membership, and Pastor Tim Ferguson is currently meeting with several regular attenders who are interested in membership. We also had our first Session retreat in October, which was a tremendously beneficial time of reflection, evaluation on the past and present, and vision casting for the future. We introduced the vision to the congregation by having Al Tricarico come and speak to Grace about small groups, which will begin in 2023. The fall has also been an encouraging season of evangelism and outreach. At the end of the summer, I prayed that the Lord would give me 3 more people this fall to begin doing personal evangelistic Bible studies with. He has already provided two of them! Pray for those I am meeting with, that the Lord will grant the gift of saving faith through His Spirit and Word, and that they would all become true followers of Christ!”

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