

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the December 21, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

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



Pastor Jeremy Baker writes, “Winter is the ‘busy’ season in Yuma. This is a very encouraging and exciting season for our work. In our membership class, we have a family looking to join and three covenant youth look to make profession of faith. Our winter visitors are back, with the addition of three new couples! Lastly, we are getting closer to particularizing and will begin officer training for two men in January 2023! Please pray that the Lord would continue to add to our number (especially year-round permanent families) and for the men in officer training.”

## **MANASSAS, VIRGINIA — Acacia Reformed Church, John Paul & Corinne Holloway**



The Lord is at work at Acacia Reformed! Rev. John Paul Holloway shared that a man recently professed faith and joined the body while another family with three children also joined--the oldest of which professed her faith as well! The congregation is looking forward to several events in the near future which include a Christmas Caroling event, passing out gospels of John and encouraging people to visit the church, and learning from another church in our presbytery this spring how they lead an evangelistic ESL class. Please pray for unity, joy, contentment, and zeal for evangelism among the believers as Acacia Reformed.

## **CORONA, CALIFORNIA — Corona Presbyterian Church, Andrew & Rebekah Canavan**



December 2022 is the final month of Corona OPC’s Home Missions financial support schedule. Pastor Andrew Canavan expresses his thanks, saying, “We are grateful to the Lord for a wonderful service on November 20th (6 years to the day of our first morning worship service) as Corona Presbyterian Church was recognized as a new and separate congregation of the OPC. As we conclude denominational support, we are so thankful for your prayers. The Lord has used the faithful prayers of God’s people to enable us to weather the inevitable bumps along the way--and a completely unexpected global pandemic which, unfortunately, shared a name with our city! Our prayer for the road ahead is that the Lord will continue to add to our number, grow us in spiritual maturity, and give abundant fruit through the ordinary means of grace. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will use the Word to bring the lost to faith in Christ and to root believers in the gospel of grace. On behalf of this new congregation, let me simply say ‘Thank you!’ and extend an invitation to join us for worship anytime you find yourself in sunny Southern California!”

## **PRESBYTERY OF OHIO — Mike & Elizabeth Diercks**



Rev. Mike Diercks continues to serve the presbytery of Ohio with the creation of monthly videos designed to share some of the stories from the Presbytery’s home mission works. Mike has also developed a template to help sessions and churches cultivate a spirit of church planting which can be delivered as part of an elder retreat, weekend workshop, or Sunday School class. Additionally, Rev. Brad Peppo and Mike Diercks have recently made contacts in Chillicothe, OH, where they are hoping to start a Bible study in 2023. Another contact was made with an independent church in Indiana that has expressed an interest in joining the OPC. Mike has visited, shared information about the OPC, and discussed the process of joining. They are planning to make a formal vote in early January to determine the next step. Praise the Lord for all that is taking place in the Presbytery of Ohio!

