

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the December 7, 2022, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WACO, TEXAS — Trinity Presbyterian Church, Miller & Stephanie Ansell



Trinity Presbyterian Church is grateful to the Lord for a wonderful season of peace, unity, and growth among the body. As of late, the congregation has witnessed three baptisms and received a total of six new communicant members, expecting at least seven more to join soon. Meanwhile, the ladies of Trinity Presbyterian are enjoying a new women's Bible study, and the whole body joyfully continues the practice of hospitality. Pastor Miller Ansell also shares that the session is excited to introduce elder visits soon, as well as bring new officer candidates before the congregation to be voted on. Please pray for the graduate students, young families, and recent marriages of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

DAYTON, OHIO — Light of the Nations OPC, Tyler & Natalie Detrick



With December 2022 being the final month of financial support for Light of the Nations OPC, Pastor Tyler Detrick shares his reflections on the Lord's work over the past four years: "It's amazing to see what the Lord has done to establish His church in Dayton, OH. Many of you will remember the beginnings of our group when church planter Brad Peppo gathered a group of believers in the upper room of a Lutheran church. Since then, the Lord has added to our numbers and provided us with a large building downtown. The Lord has opened doors for ministry in this location, especially ESL ministry and ministry to Muslim neighbors. Now we look forward to more laboring, growth, and church-planting in our future. We are excited to begin a Spanish-speaking Sunday School class in 2023 and pray our ESL students will come! We're eager to see what doors open as the gospel goes forth. At the close of this final update, we want to express our gratitude to the Lord and to you. We are so thankful for the loving labors of Covenant OPC in Vandalia, our 'mother church', and for the committed prayers and support throughout the OPC."

CLARKSTON, GEORGIA — Redeemer Mercy Ministry, Melaku & Meron Tamirat



From Redeemer Mercy Ministry's recent newsletter: "In addition to visiting local coffee shops frequented by refugees, evangelist Melaku Tamirat continues to conduct Bible studies for adults and children. For the adult studies, he is looking for larger space. 'When people bring their children, the ministry apartment is very crowded,' he says. He also accommodates the varied work schedules of attendees by meeting with families in their own homes. Though his weekly children's Bible study was interrupted over the summer when his family moved to a new home, Melaku says the kids themselves recently asked that he begin classes again. These classes include refugee children as well as kids from the apartment complex ministry. Though ministry has its challenges, Melaku takes comfort that 'neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.' (1 Cor. 3:7)"

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



Pastor Ethan Bolyard writes, "This fall marks the fifth anniversary of our becoming a mission work. To celebrate the occasion, we had a church-wide BBQ, which we hope to make an annual event. In addition to our monthly women's fellowship, we've begun a men's reading group, which meets twice a month in the fellowship hall to discuss Richard Phillips' *The Masculine Mandate*, share requests, and pray together. Since the last report, we've also certified three men as candidates for the office of deacon and intend to have an election in January. Please pray for the covenant youth who, having finished the communicants' class, are contemplating making profession of faith."

