

# Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the March 29, 2023, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## **DOWNINGTOWN, PA — Christ Church Downingtown, Greg & Ginger O'Brien**



Rev. Greg O'Brien writes, "In early March we held a conference titled, 'Should you trust the Gospels?'"—it was a wonderful first conference, with rich though accessible content and a few visitors from the Downingtown area in attendance. We have also had several new visitors, and currently have 16 individuals going through a new member course. One of the individuals in the course is disabled and is brought to our services by an assistant. This assistant has been with us most Sundays for four months. When we announced a new member course, she approached me, presumably about the man she helps. She mentioned it wasn't just for him, but that she also wanted to join. She went on to tell me she previously didn't want anything to do with God, but that the Lord has worked in her heart, and she now believes! Our church is rejoicing in this dear woman and the Lord's work in our midst."

## **THOUSAND OAKS, CA — Thousand Oaks Presbyterian Church, Caleb & Erika Smith**



The Lord is at work in Thousand Oaks! A steady stream of visitors has been in attendance, a new quarter of Sunday school commenced with adults studying the Westminster Confession of Faith and teens studying the book of Romans, planning for Vacation Bible School has begun, and another membership class concluded successfully. Rev. Caleb Smith gives particular thanks for a young man who recently publicly professed faith in Christ for the first time. This young man has been a blessing to many as he has been absorbed into the congregation. Rev. Smith also gives thanks for the Lord's answer to prayers for administrative help and for skilled musicians to aid public worship. Please join the congregation in praying for their dear friend who has recently received a terminal cancer diagnosis. Please also pray that the Lord would add to the number of Thousand Oaks and raise up leaders in their midst.

## **FARMINGTON, ME — Grace Reformed OPC, Micah & Eileen Bickford**



Pastor Micah Bickford writes, "We have had many visitors over the past several weeks, as well as a number of new contacts and opportunities to follow up with them. I also recently had an opportunity to meet an elderly couple who have not been regular attenders of a local body for many years and now desire to have a connection with a congregation. I am looking forward to building a relationship with them through regular visits. Pray for continued visitors, and that these visitors will turn into new members."

## **WESTFIELD, NJ — Grace OPC, Chris Byrd**



Rev. Chris Byrd reports, "The Lord has given us much to praise Him for this winter. In January we ordained and installed a new ruling elder, which has been a blessing to the session. The church also continues to grow: six people are now meeting with Pastor Tim for membership, four of whom plan to join the church by new profession of faith. One of these is the teenage daughter of a new believer in our church. I have been doing an evangelistic Bible study with this young lady and her brother for the past year and a half. Last month the Holy Spirit brought forth fruit, and she called on Christ for salvation! There is a new joy in her, and she is eager to become a member. Praise the Lord! Pray with us for all those still outside of Christ who are hearing the Gospel regularly through our evangelistic Bible studies, weekly from the pulpit, and daily through the witness of Grace church members."

