

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the June 21, 2023, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## WILMINGTON, NC — Heritage OPC, Ethan & Catherine Bolyard



With great thankfulness, Rev. Ethan Bolyard writes, “As we come to the end of denominational support, the saints at Heritage rejoice at what the Lord has done in and through his people since we became a mission work in October 2017. By God's grace, we purchased and renovated a building, became an organized congregation, and witnessed the installation of a minister, two elders, and three deacons. Along the way, the Lord enabled us to add an evening service, Sunday School, prayer meetings, a hospitality rotation, men’s and women’s fellowships, and church library. As we look back, we are thankful for the way God has worked through the prayers and support of the OPC. Thank you for your gospel partnership, and pray for the Lord to establish the work of our hands in the years to come.”

## WEST PLAINS, MO — Covenant Reformed Church, Paul & Sarah Mourreale



Pastor Paul Mourreale reports, “The congregation of Covenant Reformed Church is incredibly thankful for the diligent prayers throughout the OPC for us. The Lord continues to bless us and build his church. Recently we welcomed six new members into our church by reaffirmation of faith. We continue to have newcomers to our body and are thankful for good attendance. In addition, we have three men who have begun officer training, for which we rejoice. We are reminded of Psalm 127, ‘Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.’ It is the Lord who is building his church. Pray for us as we are in the process of finalizing the purchase of property to build on. Pray for the Lord's blessing, that we are able to raise the necessary funds to build.”

## KING OF PRUSSIA, PA — Good News OPC, Nate & Amy Jeffries



Rev. Nate Jeffries, the newly installed church planter for the daughter plant of Calvary OPC (Glenside, PA), is eager to take up the work of church planting in King of Prussia, PA. He shares, “I received a text, ‘I have plenty of tea leaves and a sweet cat at home near the synagogue, so give me a call when you need a little peace and quiet.’ This was the response after I reached out to a young man who is visiting Good News OPC (in our space at the above-mentioned synagogue) after more than a decade away from church. ‘This is too easy,’ I thought. Sixteen years of substance abuse and rebellion may stand between us, but a common background as homeschoolers and a shared love of tea gave us a starting point for conversation about the risen Lord and his faithfulness amid our unfaithfulness. We pray for more stories of this kind at Good News OPC as we seek to gather worshipers for Christ in King of Prussia, PA.”

## MARYVILLE, TN — A.J. & Chelsea Millsaps



Evangelist A.J. Millsaps writes, “As of late, much has changed in East Tennessee. Most notably, the group meeting for worship in Athens has been designated as a daughter plant of Sandy Springs OPC. Zion OPC, as the mission work is now called, is gathering for worship each Lord’s Day morning and evening and has received fifteen members. There have also been a number of additional visitors in attendance. As for outreach, ZOPC recently had a booth at Moofest, a festival in Athens. There we passed out tracts, OPC literature, and ZOPC coffee mugs. Throughout the day, we made many new contacts. On top of this, I continue to lead a weekly Bible study with a group in Knoxville, which has taken on a few more visitors. Pray that contacts and first-time visitors would get involved at ZOPC and the Knoxville study. Pray also that God would protect this young work from the attacks of the Evil One.”

