

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the July 19, 2023, edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## GRAND FORKS, ND — Faith OPC, Christopher & Sara Drew



“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:7). Pastor Christopher Drew recounts this verse as he considers all the Lord is doing in Grand Forks. He writes, “The Lord continues to provide abundantly for his people at Faith OPC. We are enjoying worship, rich fellowship, Bible study, and prayer together. We give thanks to the Lord for our solid financial footing. The Lord has also added one young man to our number, and we will soon receive a family of five into membership.” Faith OPC hopes to call Pastor Drew full-time before the end of this year so that he can devote more time to preparing covenant children for membership and training new officers. Pray that Faith OPC would continue to enjoy peace and unity in the Lord, and that the Lord might continue to add to their number.

## GUAYAMA, PR — Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura, Bradney & Eileen Lopez



As mentioned in the April 12<sup>th</sup> edition of *Home Missions Today*, Iglesia Presbiteriana Sola Escritura experienced an abundance of excitement as it transitioned into an organized congregation of the OPC in the spring. Pastor Bradney Lopez writes about how this has impacted its members as well as their entire region: “Particularization marked a significant milestone for our church and contributed to the progress of the OPC's influence on Puerto Rico. As an organized church, we have embarked on a collaborative effort with a church on the western part of the island that expresses a desire to become Presbyterian. Presently, our focus with this church is centered around the process of reeducation. We conduct Bible studies on Wednesdays, providing instruction on the fundamental principles of the Reformed faith. This particular region of the island holds great potential for the establishment of an OPC church, and we pray that God will continue to raise up OPC congregations throughout Puerto Rico.

As a church, we are now focusing on growing numerically but also in the knowledge of God. In May, we received two new members into the church. In terms of outreach, we are planning to do evangelism in the local plaza and are planning to hold a Vacation Bible School this month. Nonetheless, as a church we do not want the members to depend on an event to do evangelism. Instead, we try to encourage the church to share the gospel with their family, coworkers, friends, and neighbors. To encourage growth in the knowledge of God, we will be conducting our first Reformed Theology Conference with Dr. Lane Tipton this fall. Please pray for growth and that the church would be a beacon of biblical theology in our community.”

## PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTH — David Chilton



Regional Home Missionary David Chilton writes, “Recently we have seen a new mission work in the New Orleans area (Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church) get approved by the presbytery and begin to conduct weekly worship services. This is a group that has exhibited great hunger for the word and zeal for the development of a new church. I have been preaching at Prince of Peace once a month and have been approved to spend up to three weeks a month there in the future to help develop the work. Pray for the growth and development of this church and for wisdom for the overseeing session. At Bay Haven Presbyterian Church in Tampa, we are certifying officer candidates with elections to take place in August and a view toward particularization in October. This is an exciting time for that congregation, so please pray that they would continue to grow and be encouraged in the Lord.”

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