

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the August 16, 2023 edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

WESTFIELD, NJ — Grace OPC, Chris Byrd



Rev. Chris Byrd writes, “Over the past 4 months the Lord has blessed the work at Grace OPC in Westfield. Average attendance jumped by twenty people earlier this year. The Lord has also increased our membership. Earlier this summer we received nine new members, three by way of first-time public profession of faith. One of these was Helen, who began coming to Grace two years ago through our ESL outreach. A Roman Catholic from Peru, she never heard the Gospel until coming to Grace. Later this month we will be receiving two more members. Over these past three years it has been a joy to see the Lord working here at Grace. It has been encouraging to see Him grow the evangelistic culture of the church. People are often encouraging one another, praying for the lost, speaking of Christ to them, and inviting lost friends and relatives to worship. We are grateful to the Lord for the prayers of the wider church. May the Lord Jesus be pleased to continue building His church through the body here!”

COLUMBIA, MD — Word of Life OPC, Peter & Clara Lee



The Lord has been faithful to answer the prayers of Word of Life OPC in providing a full-time church planting pastor to lead the congregation in Columbia, MD. Rev. John Jee will be installed as the new church planting pastor on September 17. Rev. Peter Lee reports on other matters of the church, saying, “We are currently worshipping in a home. If we add a few new members, we will be moving to a more public location for worship. We believe and have seen that prayer (more than strategies for growth) is vital to the success of a church plant. We have several nonbelievers within our community, and some come regularly on Sundays. We have others who have a love for God but are in desperate need of theological and biblical training. The year began with a question mark for our future. After a season of prayer, the Lord provided new optimism, a pastor, and a few new members. For these things, we are thankful.”

MANASSASS, VA — Acacia Reformed OPC, John Paul & Corinne Holloway



Pastor John Paul Holloway shares, “The Lord has provided one elder candidate after over a year of elder training. The candidate has been confirmed by the session and we plan to bring him before the church in a congregational meeting soon! I am thankful to the Lord for his answer and direction in providing elders. We continue to pray for more men to serve as officers. We also had four covenant children interviewed and have received them as communicant members. We are thankful for their professions of Christ before men! Pray that in our congregation, people’s eyes would be fixed on Christ and that they would bear with one another in love and graciousness, especially to new families and visitors.”

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



“Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” 2 Timothy 4:2 has characterized Pastor Melaku Tamirat’s ministry for many years, but is especially relevant in this current season. He reports with thankfulness, “God has blessed us with new contacts and the Lord provided us with a convenient and center location for our Bible study. Three new contacts have been made, two of which were made through another contact I made while doing my regular outreach in public. We will resume in-person Bible studies in the fall, and I will continue teaching on the fundamental doctrine of salvation. Pray that the members of the Bible studies may come consistently and that the gospel may grow in their hearts and be fruitful.”

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