

# Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the August 30, 2023 edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## TAMPA, FL — Bay Haven OPC, Dan & Stacy Halley



Rev. Dan Halley tells of many exciting developments at Bay Haven OPC, writing, “In the last month we have received thirteen new members and have six more being received in a couple weeks. We also have others waiting for us to start another new member’s class. Additionally, the session has certified one elder and four deacons for election at our upcoming congregational meeting. We are looking forward to this congregational meeting, electing our own officers, and then petitioning the presbytery to particularize. In terms of evangelism, we recently created door hangers that we have used to walk around neighborhoods and put on people's doors. It has given us opportunities to be in prayer and have some conversations with people around us, for which we are thankful.”

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



Pastor Micah Bickford reports, “We have had a steady stream of visitors, some who are just passing through on vacation, but also some who are new to the area or have recently heard about us. We are thankful for these visitors. We are looking forward to September 17-23, as we plan to do outreach at the Farmington Fair. We would appreciate prayers for the contacts we make there. Then, on October 27-28, we are hosting an evangelism conference with Rev. Jeremiah Montgomery. Pray both that it is an encouragement to our congregation and to those from the community who attend.” Rev. Bickford asks that you pray that the Lord would continue to bless Grace Reformed with growth.

## NEW BRAUNFELS, TX — Heritage OPC, Carl & Stacey Miller



Coming off the heels of a busy summer, Rev. Carl Miller writes, “We’re excited to witness God’s grace in our midst as He raises up people to serve at Heritage! We’ve seen this in many ministries of the church, as well as in the raising up of Mr. Travis Lewis to serve as a ruling elder. Please pray that our Lord would raise up more men to serve as officers. Our growing body has need of them. We praise God for our recent new members: two by letter of transfer, two by reaffirmation of faith (along with their covenant children), and one by profession of faith. This is in addition to five covenant children who recently professed their faith in Christ. Please pray that God will use us to bring in the harvest, and that fruit will come from personal invitations, door-to-door outreach, and street preaching we’ve recently done.”

## PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Chris Hartshorn



Regional Home Missionary Chris Hartshorn shares, “My work recently has kept me busy in all three states of our presbytery. In Hawaii, **Redeemer Oahu** is going through a time of transition as our church planter (after 16 years of faithful service!) is stepping away from the work. Please pray for us as we bring a new man in, and pray for the Redeemer church body as they search for a new facility. In Arizona, **Providence Scottsdale** is nearing particularization! Praise God with us and pray for them as they make this wonderful transition. We also have **Laveen Presbyterian Church**, a few miles south of downtown Phoenix, holding weekly evening services at Danzeizen Dairy. Please pray that we can transition to mission work status soon! Please pray for **Yuma OPC**, as we are between church planters presently. Specifically, pray for spiritual, numerical, and financial growth. In California, you can pray for **Thousand Oaks Presbyterian Church** as they move closer to particularization. Finally, please pray that God would open doors for us to plant more churches in each of the three states. Pray that we would see many individuals come to believe the good news for the very first time and join our church plants. Pray also for mature believers to come and serve with us and that God would raise up gifted elders and deacons in each congregation!”

