

Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the September 13, 2023 edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

EASTERN SHORE, VA — Good Shepherd OPC, Will & Lauren Sloan



Rev. Will Sloan, having recently taken up the work of church planter in Eastern Shore, writes, “The Lord Jesus continues to strengthen our mission work through dedicated and godly participation by our five core families. The brothers and sisters continue to speak to others about the Lord and our mission work faithfully. By grace alone, the families in our mission work are diligent in their Bible study and prayer as individuals and families. We have not received any new members lately, but the brothers and sisters continue to develop contacts in the community. In fact, two contacts were made in-person this past week. Specifically, a member of our mission work has been consistent in speaking to others about Christ at his workplace and was recently able to give a woman a copy of the Shorter Catechism. We are very much looking forward to speaking with others about Christ and His Holy Word through several outreach events we have scheduled for the next two months. Please pray that these efforts and opportunities, and those like them, would continue for our Lord's glory. We would be grateful if you would pray that Christ would deepen our zeal for Him and His perfect written Word in all things, and that we would speak sincerely and Biblically to others about Christ through outreach. You can also pray that, if it would please and glorify our Redeemer, we would solidify a public place to worship.”

ZEELAND, MI — Grace Fellowship OPC, Mike & Naomi Schout



Grace Fellowship OPC will be completing a successful schedule of support at the end of September. In his final update, Pastor Mike Schout writes, “The Lord continues to amaze us with His stunning gospel and its implications for our church family. He is at work as sin is exposed, brokenness is admitted, and the gospel is applied to the sins, wounds, and sufferings of this present evil age. We are thankful that we continue to receive a steady stream of visitors. Launching soon will be our discipleship ministries, which includes Sunday School, small groups, men's and women's Bible studies, youth ministry, and young adults. We are averaging over 400 people in worship, so please pray for us to have wisdom to steward that as a young church. Thank you for all your prayers, support, and gospel partnership! Finally, I want to share an encouraging story of evangelism from our congregation. One of our dear members is dying of cancer and has been moved to a nursing facility. While there, the chaplain asked him if he'd be willing to share his Christian testimony with a Buddhist intern. So, this brother gladly did! We are all humbled by the fact that God can bring people to us at various points in our Christian lives.”

SCOTTSDALE, AZ — Providence OPC, David & Ashleigh Schexnayder



As Providence OPC begins a new season of community outreach events, Rev. David Schexnayder has been considering Colossians 4:2-4. Accordingly, he reports, “The Lord has provided several elder and deacon candidates for the church as we consider particularization, and we are in the process of adding ten new members to the congregation this month! We are looking forward to particularization in the fall. The congregation continues to be faithful in sharing the gospel and inviting people to church; we have new members joining the church who were first invited at neighborhood parks, grocery stores, and even over social media! Please be praying for the health and safety of the congregation, as we have had several difficult health diagnoses in the congregation recently.”

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