

Home Missions Today

This is John Shaw reporting the September 27, 2023 edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

PLACENTIA, CA — Resurrection Presbyterian Church, Mark & Celeste Jenkins



Resurrection Presbyterian Church is thankful for much progress in ministry recently. Regular Bible studies and preaching opportunities abound at the local Salvation Army Emergency Shelter, which Pastor Mark Jenkins says are filling his schedule. For these opportunities he is immensely thankful. At Resurrection Presbyterian Church, there is even more to be thankful for as the youth group is growing and has tripled in size over the past months. Pastor Mark asks that you “pray that our efforts to grow our youth group would continue to bear fruit especially among unchurched students.” He also gives thanks for the many visitors their congregation has seen at worship recently. Finally, he asks for prayer regarding a marketing initiative Resurrection OPC is implementing in an effort to get their name out to the community. Pray that the effort will result in more visitors.

DORR, MI — Living Hope OPC, John & Katie Terrell



“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus,” (Philippians 4:19). Pastor John Terrell finds ministry confidence in this passage. “We've prayed for officers, and the Lord provided them. We've prayed for finances, and we've had respectable giving. These are gifts from the Lord. The greatest joy is to see the church plant petitioning to be an organized congregation in the OPC and preparing to be particularized. In addition, we've had some new members and people in the pipeline to become members. We also have some kids that would like to profess their faith. Please pray for one young lady who recently began visiting, that she will find faith in Christ. Pray for our elder and deacon interns to be developed into officers. Pray that we will continue to be a welcoming church and that the non-believers we've invited will visit.”

SUGAR LAND, TX — Good Shepherd OPC, Mark & Lorie Wheat



Pastor Mark Wheat writes, “Since our last appearance in HMT we had to say good-bye to Steve and Betty Jean Larson, long-time members of the OPC who first dreamed of a church here in SW Houston. But, as they left, we had our best average attendance for a month (47). We have also been seeing a steady number of visitors. Recently the Lord added to our congregation a family of four and we are cultivating relationships with two more families at this time. In the past months, we've enjoyed two wonderful hymn sings with good attendance, and some of our men got together for a movie night with pizza and discussion. Now, we are looking forward to our ‘Hope Sunday’ [invitation Sunday], scheduled for October 22, and a November outreach event with the staff of the Day Care where we worship. Please pray for us as we spread the word about Hope Sunday and as we seek to serve the staff at our Day Care facility.”

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO — Regional Home Missions Coordinator, Mike & Elizabeth Diercks



Regional Home Missions Coordinator Mike Diercks reports, “God continues to grow His church in the Ohio Presbytery. The newest mission work, Redemption Life Bible Church, New Castle, IN, is flourishing under the ministry of the gospel. I serve on their overseeing session and frequently visit the congregation to encourage them. In addition, I am working with several other groups as they seek to come into the Presbytery of Ohio as mission works in 2024. One of the groups is located in Louisville, KY and another is in Findlay, OH (northwest Ohio). I am also working with a minister who is leading his congregation out of independence into a more consistent Reformed and Presbyterian practice. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to grow each of these groups in their love for the Lord and compassion for the lost.”

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