

# Home Missions Today

This is Al Tricarico reporting the October 11, 2023 edition of Home Missions Today. God is using your prayers to develop the ministries of Orthodox Presbyterian mission works across North America.

## **DOWNINGTOWN, PA — Christ Church Downingtown, Greg & Ginger O'Brien**



Christ Church Downingtown continues to see great progress towards particularization and is experiencing the many blessings of a growing church. Pastor Greg O'Brien writes, "Officer training has been a major focus of our church over the past year and a half. In God's mercy, four men were recently certified by the session and presented to the congregation. During a time of Q&A prior to the vote, congregants expressed deep gratitude for the men and a faith-filled understanding of the importance of elders in the life of our congregation. All four men were unanimously elected. While we are not yet ready to particularize, we are rejoicing as we see God's provision of godly men to shepherd and lead the church. We also continue to welcome new visitors and see visitors return, some expressing a desire to join the church. Recently a young man who grew up in the PCUSA church down the street joined us. He's been away from church for a while and did not understand the gospel. After sharing the gospel with him in a personal setting, he responded saying that he doesn't want to make a decision lightly, but said, 'I believe this [faith in Christ] is the direction I need to go and am heading in.' Pray for the Spirit's work in his heart. Please also pray for us to become self-sustaining financially."

## **SHEBOYGAN, WI — Breakwater OPC, Nate & Anna Strom**



"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Rev. Nate Strom says 1 Corinthians 15:58 is a particularly relevant call and encouragement to him and his congregation in their current season. He says, "The Lord has provided by strengthening relationships among congregants and stirring up members to serve and care for one another. We have new visitors every Sunday and we just received new members three weeks ago. We are settling into our new fall schedule with Sunday school, a new women's fellowship study, and youth group starting. Together, our congregation is using the *Two Ways to Live* personal evangelism training material. Many members have said things like, 'I didn't realize how many opportunities I have for evangelism.' Pray that we would abound in the work of the Lord and tenaciously keep up the work of evangelism."

## **WEST PLAINS, MO — Covenant Reformed Church, Paul & Sarah Mourreale**



With great thankfulness Pastor Paul Mourreale reports, "We are thankful to the Lord for the provision of a new meeting space at a local Christian school. This is a much better situation than we had before. We are also thankful for an office space we have in the town square and for a piece of land that we will be able to build on in the future. The Lord is providing for us abundantly! The Lord continues to add to our number. We have seen three new families visit recently who intend to become members and there have been some others who come and are asking questions. We are looking forward to a Reformation celebration at the end of this month. This will give us opportunities to talk about the Five Solas and to teach people about how the Reformation recaptured the gospel. Pray for this event and our other outreaches, that we might be good stewards of the gospel. Now that we have an office in the town square, we have noticed that there are some Jehovah's Witnesses who set up on the square every week. We are looking forward to engaging with them in discussions. Pray for us as we experience the usual growing pains of life in the church. We also have two men in officer training; pray for them as they seek the Lord's will."

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