

Presbytery of Ohio **OUTREACH** Fall 2009

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Trinity OPC — Huntington, WV (Grace OPC/ Columbus, OH) The session of Grace OPC in Columbus continues to provide oversight, leadership, and pulpit supply for Trinity Mission. The group has remained faithful to the vision of an established Orthodox Presbyterian congregation in Huntington. A pulpit committee is in place and is researching a candidate for Organizing Pastor. The mission is preparing for its annual outreach at the city wide Chili Fest held each fall. Please pray that God would bless the work in Huntington with stability and growth in numbers and in grace. This has been a time



Lake OPC – Cleveland, OH (Covenant OPC /Mansfield, OH) Pastor Larry Oldaker has been laboring here since here since May. Several families have formally joined the work as members and the first baptisms at Lake OPC were administered in June. Lake OPC hosted a VBS at a local park near the hotel meeting place.

Much time was spent canvassing a residential area nearby. Contacts were made through the VBS effort and there have been visitors to worship services. Pastor Oldaker had hoped that by summer's end a new more permanent meeting place would have been secured that would allow for Lake OPC to meet for weekly Sunday morning worship. A building was nearly leased but the local city codes department would not grant an occupancy permit due to parking regulations. Lake OPC has erected a building search committee and the mission is looking at other options. Please pray that God would provide a meeting place soon. Several visitors have indicated an interest if Lake OPC offered morning worship. Pastor Oldaker is also looking to focus the weekday evening Bible studies as an outreach to particular communities.

Redeemer OP Mission –Wilkesburg/Pittsburgh, PA Redeemer OP Mission continues to meet for worship and weekly Bible study. Pastor

George Scipione provides much of the preaching. Summer intern and Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary student Mitch Haulbert has also exhorted, led Bible studies, and helped with outreach. Mitch and his family have been an added blessing. The Blackridge area in Penn Hills was canvassed for a VBS this summer. No children came to the VBS but God used the outreach and conversations to bring several local families to Sunday morning worship. Visitors are come nearly every week now. A class has been started for children using the original VBS materials on Tuesday evenings. Pray that families would remain faithful, interested, and committed to the work. Pray that God would add more families to this new effort in the Wilkesburg area and that many would be disciplined in the gospel.



Developing Mission Works...



Grace OPC Mission – Huron, OH (Covenant OPC/Mansfield, OH).

Discipleship, outreach, and weekly morning worship continues as Pastor Larry Oldaker works with the 5-6 core families. More visitors have found the group via the internet and radio advertisements that went on the air this summer. Attendance is 18-

22. A membership class was held and a couple have become members of Covenant OPC/Mansfield. Please pray that God would bless outreach efforts and that many would hear and respond to the gospel.

Louisville, KY: Newspaper advertisements were run June and July in Louisville, KY newspapers. A woman who is interested in helping start an OP outreach met with Pastor Larry Oldaker this past spring and Pastor Oldaker has supplied her with OPC brochures & booklets, and copies of New Horizons. She has given all those materials out and reports 45 people have expressed interest in a possible OP Church planting effort. Plans are underway for an informational meeting in September and a Bible study to start this fall. Please pray that God will provide the needed resources to minister to this interested group and that they will have the needed perseverance and desire to become an OPC mission.