



AN ABUNDANT HARVEST

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Welcome to the May edition of “An Abundant Harvest” the newsletter for Home Missions in the Presbytery of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Upper Peninsula of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Shining a Spotlight on the Lord’s Work in

Covenant Life, Shawano, Wisconsin

The Lord has given grace after the deaths of Elder Steve Bosman and Elder Wayne Hapke in December. Continue to pray for their families. The work in Zoar is continuing through a Sunday evening Bible Study and a once/month service. Ask the Lord to make the Menomonee Indians very spiritually hungry for the truth of the gospel.

The Old Stockbridge work in Gresham was closed at the March Presbytery meeting. The building and land are up for sale. Pray that a suitable buyer will be found soon. It is out in the country and so finding a buyer may be more difficult but not for our Sovereign God.

At Covenant Life, they have added a new fellow in the last few months who is so grateful to find a Bible-centered and Christ-exalting church! Weekly sermons are placed on a local radio station. The secretary of the radio station recently visited. Covenant Life placed ads for their Good Friday and Easter services. One couple returned for a visit. Ask the Lord to bring some summer vacationers from the area to the work. Pray that the Lord may add some families with children to the work. Praise the Lord for their good giving.

Thank God for their great unity. Pray for health as some congregational members are more elderly. They have 4 new people coming in the last year which is a nice encouragement for them



Moving on the Madison, WI, Madison Chinese Christian Church



They continue to see new people who are joining the work. Recently they received a family with three young children who they were able to baptize. Three ladies will make profession of faith and be baptized this Sunday. Give thanks to the Lord! Soon some folks will be going overseas during the school break at UW-Madison and some will be returning to Asia permanently. Pray for the summer slump as this happens. Recently Pastor DeJong from Grace OPC in Sheboygan preached for the congregation using an interpreter. Soon RHM Hoekstra will do so as well.

About two thirds of the congregation is committing to read the Bible in a year. They are making good on the Scripture “I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Parking remains a challenge as both Providence OPC and MCCC use the building and share the parking lot. There is little street parking. Ask the Lord to make a way for more parking.

With the number of students who come to study for 4-6 years, it is harder to find candidates for office. Give thanks that some training will begin with one man.

Shining a Spotlight on the Lord's Work in

Eagan, Minnesota

RHM Jim has met with 3 families or couples interested in a work in the area. He has 2 other potential families. Pray for guidance as far as whether to begin a Bible Study in the area. Jim has scouted the areas out for meeting places and current churches. He has met with 2 well integrated and experienced pastors in the area.

Wausau, WI

Wausau is the fastest growing area in WI. In 5 years, the population of the area grew by 30,000. The metro area stands at 140,000 people. There are at least 3 Reformed works in the area: a small Reformed Baptist Church, a PCA up in Merrill which is far north, and a PCA church near the country.

Next week, Pastor Jim, will be exploring the area for a work. He will meet with Pastors and other leaders for their insight. Please ask the Lord for wisdom in starting a Bible Study in the area and a place to host it.

Ethnic Work

Thank you for your prayers regarding Jim's meetings with the two men from Mission OPC. Richard, a Chinese immigrant, lives in Eagan and might be interested in involvement in a work in Eagan. We also learned that there are a fair number of Chinese immigrants within corporations in the Eagan area. Eric, a second-generation Hmong fellow, is excited about the potential of a ministry to Hmong. He has good insights into the Hmong community and will be a valuable resource. These are just the beginnings of seeing what God might do among ethnic people in our presbytery. The Lord is going to have to do this for it to happen. So, pray diligently for that to happen.

Home Missions Banquet Report

Give thanks for the wonderful evening and participation in our Home Missions Banquet on Friday night, April 19th in Oostburg. It was wonderful to hear from our three church planters, RHM Bruce Hollister, and RHM Jim Hoekstra. Over 130 people enjoyed a night of friendship and fellowship. Thank the Lord also that over \$18,400 was raised for CHEX Home Missions. Thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

Please pray...

- For overseeing sessions to be provided for the potential works.
- For work among various ethnic groups.
- For direction where and when to start Bible Studies.
- For the sale of the Old Stockbridge church building in Gresham.
- Ask the Lord to make the Menomonee Indians very spiritually hungry for the truth of the gospel.
- Ask the Lord to bring summer visitors to Covenant Life and some families with children to the work.
- For the families of Steve Bosman and Wayne Hapke as they grieve.
- For MCCC as some return to China and other vacation overseas (Summer slump).
- Ask the Lord to make a way for more parking at MCCC.

Give thanks for...

- The unity and good giving at Covenant Life.
- The continued professions of faith and baptisms at MCCC and that one man will begin officer training.
- For the wonderful Home Missions Banquet—the great attendance and generous giving.

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