



AN ABUNDANT HARVEST

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Welcome to the February 2025 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

Madison Chinese Christian Church (MCCC), Madison, Wisconsin, Church Planter Joseph Wang



In the last year, MCCC has had 13 baptisms with 5 of them being covenant baptisms and 8 being connected with professions of faith. The unity of the congregation remains strong. This is different from the history of this group. Give thanks to the Lord!

Pastor Joseph is thinking of other areas that the congregation needs to grow in. Pray along with him for good discernment in figuring out where would be the best areas to concentrate on.

Joseph has had 3 sessions with a fellow for diaconal training. Pray that the Lord would raise up officers.

MCCC/Providence is the likely recipient of this year’s Presbytery-wide Kings’ Men Offering which will enable them to do various building improvements. These are needed as their building dates from 1900. Pray that the Presbytery would give generously to this effort.

Moving on to the Grantsburg, WI Bible Study

Pastor Jim had a contact in Anoka who has some family members in the area. Through a little networking, by the Lord’s grace, we ended up with 4 more contacts for the Bible Study. The new people have come to the Bible Study 3-4 times. The study now has 10 adults and 3 children. In one of the studies, Pastor Lems from the Hammond Church shared about the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The Hammond Session provides good support for the work and its advancement.



Moving on to Baxter/Brainerd, Minnesota - Brainerd Lakes Reformed Church

We are starting a Bible study on February 20th on the Letters of John. Pray for numbers from the community to come. We have two new sets of Facebook contacts which have shown good interest in the work.

We chose a new name for the work “Brainerd Lakes Reformed Church”. We originally chose a name that was similar to another group that also just started. I have visited by phone with the pastor and one of the members of this other group which is of a Reformed congregationalist persuasion. Pray that we may be a good encouragement and labor together for the Lord’s glory. Brainerd area has “many sinners to go around.”

The name “Brainerd Lakes Reformed Church” fits well since the area is full of lakes and people are very interested in recreation. We are also very grateful for our Reformed heritage. We are coming up with a logo for this group and hope to do more advertising.

I will be visiting the second meeting of the Bible Study in early March and meeting with pastors and people in the area.

Moving on to Bessemer, MI (UP near Ironwood) – New Hope Reformed Church

People from the community have not been attending the study. I was scheduled to visit about 2 weeks ago, but my trip was postponed because of weather. I visited this week. I met with the individual families and attended the study where 9 of us were present. We discussed some ideas to get the word out further about the study and group. Pray for wisdom for the CHEX (Committee on Home Missions & Church Extension of the Presbytery) as we consider some of these and other ideas. Please pray that the group will not get too discouraged. Some of the ideas may be implemented in May as that is their springtime.

Moving on to Apple Valley, MN - Valley Reformed Church

One family with 5 kids has returned to their old church which was a disappointment. This has set us back as we were considering starting worship in April or more likely May. Ask the Lord for direction when to start worship especially in light of this change in circumstances.

The Bible study is going well. We are changing the kids' time around to move some of the older children into adult study. The adults are currently studying 1 Peter.

We have arrived at a name for the church in Apple Valley which is “Valley Reformed Church”. It fits well with the community being “Apple Valley” and our goal to plant a Reformed church in the area.

An updated request - I am humbly praying that the Lord will add 17-22 new people to our group in the first 6 months of the year. Ask for the Lord's guidance as I am beginning to plan some outreaches and evangelism for us when the weather improves.

Please pray...

- For wisdom when and where to start worship at Valley Reformed Church in Apple Valley.
- For contacts among different ethnic groups and the opportunity to start Bible studies.
- Give thanks for Covenant Presbyterian Church's taking the Grantsburg work under their wing. Pray for wisdom and direction. Give thanks for Hammond's commitment to church planting.

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