



Joining the HARVEST

PRAYER NEWSLETTER FOR REGIONAL HOME MISSIONARY PRESBYTERY OF MID ATLANTIC

Happy New Year 2023! "Take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded." – 2 Chron. 15:7

Regional Home Missionary: www.joiningtheharvest.org : For 2023, please pray for open doors and new contacts for church planting. Pray for our upcoming **Evangelism and Church Planting Conference** for all of the members of our congregations that is planned for **April 22, 2023**- RSVP at email or on Facebook: www.tinyurl.com/opcmisions ! Please continue to pray for the many folks we have been able to evangelize, pray for, and make contacts with over the past few months. Pray in the new year as travel together that we would continue to be unified, safe, and come with the "fullness of the blessing of Christ" (Rom. 15:29).

Acacia Reformed, Manassas, VA: www.arcopc.org : Praise the Lord for his faithfulness and blessing for one full year of meeting for public worship! For 2023, please pray that the Lord would be pleased to grow and bless Acacia Reformed with unity, joy, and zeal in evangelism and that that He would be pleased to call two unbelievers to faith in Christ through our church.

Word of Life, Howard County, MD: www.wordoflifemd.com : For 2023, please join us in giving thanks for the steady hand of God at work among the people of Word of Life. As of late, the Lord brought in two new visitors, sustained the health of a woman in their midst who had surgery to remove a tumor, and continues to encourage the saints as they gather weekly. Pray for congregation as we enthusiastically meet potential church planting pastors who God might call to lead this work into the next stage of ministry-life. Please pray that the Lord would bless our search efforts and provide a full-time church planter soon.

PMA Home Missions Committee: Pray for ongoing faithful stewardship of existing mission works. For 2023, our hope for our PMA Home Missions is to see 1-2 church plants call church planters and 1 new mission work begin. Continue to pray with thanksgiving for our diligent committee chairman, Pastor Andrew Miller, and for the faithful members of our committee: Ken Barnes, Peter Lee, Jerry Malkus, Gerald Taylor, and Jim Van Dam. Pray for enduring grace and healing for Hikari Van Dam.

Eastern Shore, VA- Bible Study: Praise God that 3 more families have committed to joining this work! Please pray for the families who are weekly attending our Bible study on Ephesians; pray for our vigorous outreach attempts, evangelism, and connecting with those interested in this area. For 2023, please pray for Will Sloan as he teaches and prepares for licensure exams in the PMA next Spring 2023 and for him possibly to serve as a church planter.

West Creek Presbyterian Church, Short Pump, VA: www.westcreekopc.org : Praise God that our bible study that began in March 2022 is now a formal mission work and we have been enjoying worship together each Lord's Day. Praise God for our new website! Pray for the power and blessing of the Holy Spirit in the preaching and administering of the Lord's Supper. Pray for continued growth in unity, grace, and numbers.

RHM GOALS FOR 2023: 1. To continue to support our primary PMA mission works and bible studies: Acacia Reformed, Word of Life, and Eastern Shore Bible Study. 2. To continue to minister the Gospel to saints at West Creek (Gospel partnership with PSE), Loudoun Classical School, and the Cottage School in my community. 3. To visit at least one congregation of the PMA once monthly to proclaim God's Word and to give an RHM presentation to stir up to prayer, evangelism, and to keep our congregations informed of what Jesus is doing in the larger church. 4. To come alongside congregations that would request help in evangelism training and outreach.

Thank you for your faithful praying!! Pray for the blessed power of the Spirit (Zech. 4:6; 1 Cor. 2:4-5; Eph. 3:20-21, 6:18-20; 1 Thess. 1:5; Acts 1:8, 10:31) in the preaching of the Word, the administration of the Sacraments, in the prayers and sanctification of God's beloved people, and may we have the zeal of the LORD as we evangelize and plant churches in this new year!

Our RHM Vision: *Prayerfully and passionately joining the harvest through a Christ-saturated, Spirit filled ministry of serving, declaring, orienting, and encouraging God's people to do, as well as to support church planting and evangelism in the PMA of the OPC for the glory of God and the extension of Christ's kingdom.*