

Regional Home Missionary (PMA) Report- Summer 2026

“What Has Jesus Been Doing in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic?”

Recently I was asked, “*What has Jesus been doing in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic, particularly in Home Missions?*” I was thankful for this question because the



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Scriptures remind us that God’s people so easily forget what our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Savior and friend has done and what He continues to do by His good grace and steadfast love for His people. In fact, we are called to bless the LORD daily, and “*forget not all of His benefits*” (Psalm 103:1-5; 145:1-4) because we so often forget to remember. So, as your Regional Home Missionary, I prayerfully thought about this excellent question, and this response came to mind that I desire to share with you for your prayers, edification, encouragement, and to “*stir you up [to love and good works] by way of reminder*” (2 Pet. 1:13; cf. Heb. 10:24-25).

Our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Lord Jesus continues to keep His promises to us and graciously strengthens and sustains us as He ever lives to intercede for us at God’s right hand (Heb. 7:24-25; Rom. 8:34). He has helped us to keep our vision statement before us in Home Missions as we seek to fulfill His Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20): “*Prayerfully and passionately joining the harvest through a Christ-saturated, Spirit-filled ministry of serving, proclaiming, orienting, and encouraging God’s people to faithfully do, as well as generously support, church planting and evangelism in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic for the glory of God and the extension of Christ’s Kingdom.*” In what specific ways? Let’s focus on the following: (1) Suffering-Sanctification, (2) Proclaiming the Gospel, (3) Learning Together/Growing in Wisdom, (4) Establishing Congregations devoted to God’s Holy Word and Gospel, (5) Making Disciples, (6) Warmly and wisely welcoming to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, and (7) Edifying and Encouraging one another.



(1) **Suffering-Sanctification:** The last few years have been challenging times for the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic (PMA) with deaths, distresses, and disappointments. Yet, our God has grown us in maturity,



humility, unity, and love together. Presently, we are seeking to daily repent and be more gentle, patient, and humble, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1-4). We seek to be more dependent upon God’s strength, and not our own, “*to rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead*” (2 Cor. 1:9-11). Our God’s grace is sufficient for us for His “*power is made perfect in our weakness*” (2 Cor. 12:9-10). We aspire prayerfully, and by God’s grace have somewhat attained to this description of the church found in Acts 9:31: “*And [the regional church] had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.*” Our Risen-Ascended-Enthroned King and kind friend always sanctifies His dearly beloved, especially His ordained servants, through much tribulation and trial (Acts 14:22; John 16:33; Rev. 12:10-11). Yet, He promises to be with us by His





Spirit and Word to continue to grant us repentance and sanctified growth in Him (John 17:17-19). Just recently, we had a **PMA Pastor’s Retreat**, and it was very refreshing to see us together growing in grace and wise vulnerability (see above left pic). (2) **Proclaiming the Gospel**: In the last few years, we have



had wonderful opportunities to share the gospel, particularly as we have had strong gospel presences in certain places through our exploratory bible studies and outreaches (in each we have been a gospel presence for at least a year, some for almost two years!). We have proclaimed the gospel in Virginia on the **Eastern Shore**, in **Culpeper**, in **Berryville**, in our regular opportunities that our God gives to us in our walks and connections in our community, and in preaching and teaching the gospel at schools and co-ops of home-schooled learners in **Loudoun County**. Pray for more fruit to come from these



studies, outreaches, and fellowships. (3) **Learning Together/Growing in Wisdom**: Over the last few years, we have enjoyed three church planting and evangelism conferences together as a presbytery. We have had different speakers to challenge and encourage us. At our mission



works and established congregations, we have learned through gospel evangelism, and apologetics seminars taught by our Regional Home Missionary and church planters. We have received God’s lavish “wisdom from above” (James 3:16-19) together, learning that there is **no failure in faithfulness**, and that we continue to walk by faith, and do the Lord’s good work with joy, **running on His promises and the prayers of God’s people!** We desire to be “imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the

promises” (Heb. 6:10-12)! **Faith and patience.** We have learned in each trial and situation of church planting, there is much fruit to be enjoyed in our hearts and in the hearts of others. Sometimes we don’t see specific fruit such as a new congregation established, but we see deeper repentance and dependence upon our God’s strength, reliance upon His gospel-word, and joyful prayer in the Holy Spirit—this is wonderful fruit! (4) **Establishing Congregations of the OPC**: We are thankful to have been part of the blessing of **Acacia Reformed OPC** in Manassas, Virginia, a daughter congregation of Sterling OPC in Sterling, Virginia. This congregation was organized in May 2025 (see pic above right) with the **Rev. John Paul Holloway** as pastor. We are grateful to have the **Rev. John Jee** as our church planter-evangelist-pastor at **Word of Life** in Howard County, Maryland. We are grateful to have the **Rev. Devin Gaye** as our church planter-evangelist-pastor at **West Creek OPC** in Henrico County, Virginia. Please pray that our Lord Jesus would grow these congregations in grace and numbers, and raise up godly, faithful elders and deacons to serve; that they would never become ingrown but always reaching out and welcoming



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through God’s Word and Spirit! Amen and amen. (5)

Making Disciples: We have had opportunities at our exploratory bible study locations, at our church plants, and in our evangelism-outreaches to participate in discipling new converts. We have experienced the joy of conversions, adult baptisms, marriages, and new covenant children. Our faithful Savior promised to



give us fruit, and much fruit we are enjoying! (John 15:7-17). Please pray for just a few of the folks that we have met and discipled over the past few years: Greg and Kate and family; Brent, Donna, Anna, Katie, Elizabeth, Ethan, Mia Hughes; Sabir (Muslim friend); Jeff and Lisa; Sean Bourne; Steve and MJ (Round Hill); Tammy and Amber (Tammy’s Diner, Round Hill); Johnny and Trish (Berryville); Joan and Kathy; Steve Whitmore; Jason Biggs; Wilmer and Prestige Landscape Co.; Jacob at a record store (Frederick, MD); Travis and Latoya UPS; Nehyaruma and baby (Muslim friend); Tony, Celine, and Sophia. (6)



Warmly and Wisely Welcoming: We have had the privilege of welcoming **New Covenant OPC** in Abingdon, Maryland, to the OPC in 2024, and presently we are in the process of receiving **Emmaus Presbyterian Church** in Leesburg, Virginia. Recently, we held an information meeting in **Highland County, Virginia**, to encourage folks with the gospel and to speak to about 20 interested people in learning about forming an



OPC congregation in this beautiful area of western Virginia. (7) **Edifying and Encouraging One Another:**

We have had the privilege of traveling over many miles to regularly visit our mission works and our organized congregations to Minister God’s Word, administer the Sacraments, pray, worship and fellowship together. We have enjoyed sending regular newsletters for prayer and praise so that all can be reminded of our good and faithful God’s work in the PMA. We are thankful for a wise, unified, and experienced Home Missions Team! Please pray as our God continues to guide us for His glory and the good of His church. Pray for members of our team: **Ben Franks (chairman), Gerry Malkus, Gerald Taylor, Ken Barnes, Peter Lee, and Mitch Watson**, as we serve together in this difficult, yet delightful work of church planting and evangelism in the PMA!



May our good and faithful Triune God continue to bless us, sanctify us, use us, and help us to daily repent of our pride, self-sufficiency, or any idolatrous dependence upon our experience, education, strength, technology, and any other idol that makes false promises, and let us put our entire weight, trust, and hope in the Lord who loves us and gave Himself for us, who always keeps His promises and tells us that **“I am with you always even to the end of the age!”** Let us remember that church planters and evangelists run on God’s promises and the prayers of God’s people! Please continue to pray for much fruit in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic! I am so very grateful for your



constant prayers and encouragement, and your generous support. I’m grateful to serve Christ and His church as your Regional Home Missionary. Thank you for this privilege. I’m thankful for my dear wife **Margaret** and our girls, **Elisabeth** and **Esther**, who have sacrificed so much time, energy, and traveled with me many miles to be a blessing to Christ and His people (Rom. 15:29-33).



In Christ, I am your brother and servant, Charles R. Biggs, RHM (PMA)