

Goshen News

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2013 Don Reid Service Award



Mrs. Bessie Hudgins (left) earned the 2013 Don Reid Service Award at the Partnership Missions Dinner in January. This honor was presented to her by Mrs. Sarah Reid (right) due to Bessie's commitment to serve in her church and community to the glory of God.

The passion and fire to serve still burns brightly in Bessie as she stays actively involved in the food pantry at Perkins Baptist Church and continues to serve her Lord

through the WOM, Bible Study, and Sunday School. She never allowed her health situation to deter her motivation in serving. Many people do not know that she is a cancer survivor and had one lung removed several years ago. She has also had both knees replaced and has to use oxygen, but none of these things deter her passion to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leftovers

If you have leftover skeins of yarn, we have a request for them. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center Monday - Thursday 9-1 or drop by the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesdays from 9-1.

Oxygen Request

RuraLove has a request for a small portable oxygen maker. If you have one available that is not in use call the Goshen Ministry Office. All donations are tax deductible. 540.894.8440.

Quilting Fabric

We are collecting quilting fabric for the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville. If you have some to donate bring to the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12 noon or call the Ministry Center to set up a delivery time. 540.894.8440.

Nurse Notes

“Open mine eyes that I may see...” Most of us know this wonderful old hymn that speaks of our spiritual eyesight, but, as your Goshen nurse advocate I want to remind you to be aware of your physical eyesight and eye health. January was national Glaucoma awareness month. Glaucoma is an eye condition that causes damage to the eye’s optic nerve, and without treatment it can cause total, permanent blindness within a few years. Routine, regular eye exams with an eye specialist are important because most people have no early symptoms or pain from increased eye pressure that usually causes Glaucoma.

February is national Heart month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, and there are many types of Heart disease with different causes. Everyone should know the risk factors of heart disease and the prevention of heart problems.

For more information you can go online and search Glaucoma and Heart health information websites, or perhaps there is a nurse in the congregation who can organize a health information session on Glaucoma and Heart Health for the church. Please contact me if I can be of assistance in initiating this endeavor as the Goshen Association is promoting any and all health maintenance teaching programs.

I leave you with words from 3 John 1:2 “Beloved I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in Health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

Be in Health
Chris Jones RN
540.854.5981
email: chrisjohnny61@gmail.com

All Nurses: Please send Chris your email address so she can keep her list of nurses in the Goshen churches updated. Thanks.

Mission Opportunities

Project for February ~ Hannah And Jachebed Ministries; Children’s Underwear Appalachia - Coeburn; Moldova Church Planter support due.

RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440

URGENT: small kitchenettes, microwaves, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets - we’ll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly and are clean.

Also NEED VOLUNTEERS for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. or Wed. mornings or another by appointment. **REMINDER:** Requests should come from the church to help meet the needs in the community in the name of Jesus. Thus our motto “Neighbor Helping Neighbor” - meeting physical needs, developing trust through relationships and ministering spiritually. **PLEASE make sure to FOLLOW UP with families after they have been helped. This is key to making the most of opportunities to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 13 families with financial help
- 10 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 10 families with clothing
- 2 families with a baby item



Results of your giving hearts

- Nine angels were blessed with gifts from their incarcerated parent on Christmas Day
- We sent more than 3,500 cards for the inmates at Goochland Women’s Correctional Center
- 15 churches and two individuals sent 226 inmate Christmas bags
- 10 churches and one individual sent 246 2013 wall calendars for the inmates
- 7 churches and two individuals sent 165 composition books to the inmates
- 200 postage stamps were sent to the prison for the inmates

Plant a row for the hungry

and at harvest time... donate to the Louisa Community Cupboard at 147 Resource Lane, Louisa, VA 23093

Questions? Contact darla@southernexposure.com or call 540.967.1510.

CHURCH NEWS

Rhoadesville shipped 256 Linus Quilts to New York for the children who are victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Smyrna welcomes two by baptism and one by letter.

Pastor Appreciation Dinner

Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Mineral Baptist Church

No Charge. Reservations Required.

Call 540.894.8440 by 1 p.m. on February 7.

Infant and Perinatal Death Ministry Conference

Friday, March 8, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Northside Baptist Church

7600 Studley Road

Mechanicsville, VA

Sponsored by Dover Baptist Association

This conference will give pastors and lay persons a better understanding of how to minister to families who have experienced the loss of a baby. Topics include the bereavement process, what to expect in a hospital environment, and a panel discussion by parents who have lost a baby. Registration Fee: \$25 includes lunch and conference books. Registration is limited to 100 persons. Register through Dover Baptist Association at www.doverbaptist.org. For more information 804.550.1980.

More Than Nets project

Virginia Baptist have entered into a two year agreement with the Ghana Baptist Convention to complete the "More Than Nets" project. Our goals are simple yet significant. We want to significantly reduce the cases of malaria in a northern region of Ghana known as Yendi. We will do so by distributing 100,000 chemically treated mosquito nets within the Yendi municipality. We will also provide vital education for the proper use of the mosquito net as well as additional education on health, awareness, and prevention of malaria.

At the same time we will assist the Ghana Baptist Convention in meeting one of their visions by planting a church in each village in the Yendi municipality. There are approximately 454 communities in Yendi with 145 already having a church - so we would need to plant 309 new churches.

For the low cost of \$10, you can provide an entire family safety from deadly malaria and help plant churches. This is a great project for Sunday School classes (young to seniors) or any other mission groups you may have. Collect your change and dollars and see how many nets you can purchase. For more information contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. We will have an ingathering of funds at the Spring Missions Celebration in April.

"Grist from the Mill"

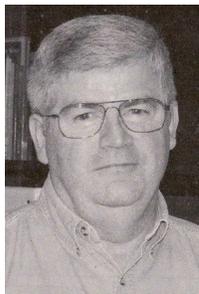
Two young children were arguing when the younger suddenly turned and in all the fury a six-year-old could manage yelled, "You ain't the boss of me!" Well, in spite of the need for better verb usage, that child expressed a concept near and dear to most people. We do not like to be bossed around, not even by our bosses. So we react badly when it happens to us.

We even react badly when it is Jesus doing the "bossing." We do not use the term "lord" much today. It has connotations. Americans do not care for such a suggested superiority and value. But if we are to understand our relationship with God as the New Testament presents it, then we must acknowledge Jesus as Boss of our life. That is what His Lordship over us means. He tells us what to do and we do it. He leads us, plans for us, directs our work. We answer to Him and are judged by how well we have obeyed His orders. In any way you want to think about it, Jesus is our Boss.

At our Missions Dinner we heard testimonies from people aged twelve to past retirement. They served the Lord across the oceans and in their own neighborhood. Their tasks were as different as their ages and places of service. But each heard their orders and then chose to obey them.

That is the essence of our Christian life. We are His servants commanded to touch others' lives in some way. Our Boss directs us to go where we may not have gone and to act as we may not have chosen to act. It can be frightening to say yes to Him, but when we do, we discover our obedience is both privilege and joy.

John



Moldova Church Planter Update

Several churches and couples have pledged and begun support for Gheorge Rudie, our Indigenous Church Planter in Moldova. Mineral, Smyrna, Louisa, Mechanicsville, North Pamunkey, Oakland, Trinity, Elk Creek, Zoar VBS, Waldrop, Wallers, Craigs Sr. Men's Sunday School, Kerns, Hart, McGinnis, and Dickens. If you or your church would like to pledge to support our church planter or would like more information, call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. We now have 13 churches or individuals to commit to \$350 a year for the next five years. Although donations still accepted for future travel expenses.

Reminder: Please send in your 2013 support for our church planter. Thank you.

Tax & Compensation

This seminar is to help church staff and lay leaders understand and comply with tax laws. Free. 9 a.m. - noon. Refreshmentes provided. February 12, 2013 VBRC, Richmond. Feb. 14 Culpeper Baptist Church. For more info call 800.255.2428 ext. 5293 or email angela.house@vbmb.org

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Riggins Anniversary	Berea
05	Linda Terry	Retired
13	Dickens Anniversary	Ministry Assist.
14	Amy Lester	Thornburg
19	Diane Hutchinson	Mt. Gilead
20	Larry Hoyle	Louisa
22	Ellen Farrow	Mine Road
28	Danette Moen	Oakland
28	Jenkins Anniversary	Elk Creek

February

7	Minister's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. GMC
9	Standing Rock Training
10-17	Focus on WMU Week
11	Pastor Appreciation Dinner ~ Mineral BC, 6:30 p.m.
16	Children's Ministry Day

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

Websites for Ministries

Door of Hope - South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

Living Hope Community Centre News - South Africa (Living Hope makes a difference in the lives of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the deep south of Cape Town in the Name of Jesus Christ.) www.livinghope.co.za

South India - Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko, P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010
email: chackos@sancharnet.in www.preciouschildren.org

Goshen Counseling Center

Dwight Boston, LCSW, M.S.W. 540.894.8814

Member: American Association of Christian Counselors. Fees are covered by most insurance plans. Those with no insurance may be seen with an adjusted fee based on finances if funding allows. Counselor is trained to provide counseling to children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Dwight is available to provide educational seminars on specific topics of interest. Confidential.

2012-2013 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$141,496.00
Monthly Needs	11,791.00
Received Dec.	6,828.00
Received Oct.-Dec.	24,555.00
Budget Shortfall	-10,818.00

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