

# Goshen News

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## Operation Inasmuch

*Louisa Baptist*

*by Stephanie Woolfolk*

Louisa Baptist Church's Inasmuch day on September 28 proved to be a day of giving and receiving. Our church participated in projects ranging from nail and face painting to construction jobs. In total there were over 15 projects geared towards reaching all ages. Each job was a blessing whether it touched one person or multiple people. Even the children of the church were engaged in the effort by making crafts and learning songs to later give the crafts to the elderly and a performance in song.

Although being a servant comes easy for some, it was a big step out of others comfort zones. However, church members felt the Spirit of

the Lord stirring in them through their service "to the least of these." One member spoke during our celebration on the 29th of how at times we are each part of the "least of these" and how wonderful it was to make a difference in someone else's life, even if it was just for a moment. Another awesome part of being involved with Inasmuch is having the opportunity to engage in a meaningful conversation with those in the community. Being flawed humans, we tend to assume things about others by their appearance, but when you get to know the story of that person you begin to wonder how they are even managing that well.

It seems impossible to be exposed to outreach through inasmuch and not walk away renewed, inspired, and moved by the Spirit. Our congregation grabbed on to this project with both hands and did not want it to end. Over 140 people were involved from our church, but countless people were shown



*Installing smoke alarms allowed for members to have the personal contact that many people craved.*

God's love through them. We are already dreaming of what we will do next time and ways to improve on the job that already impacted people's lives. As a Christian, you are called to be Jesus' hands and feet. Will you follow that calling and plant a seed for God's purpose?



*If we could all see through a child's eyes we could do so much more. These two young ladies (above left and right) were not hindered by our stereotypes or reservations. They invited everyone in their midst to have their nails or face painted. The group was excited that even some grown men chose to participate.*



*No matter your age, there was a job you could do as John Gilmore graciously delivered lunch to work sites.*



*The children's choir "PB&J" singing at Amerisist.*

## Bibles Needed

How many new graduates would you like to support with a study Bible? Each year a Thompson Chain reference study Bible is presented to seminary graduates in memory of Don Reid. Bibles cost \$25 each. Send your contribution to Goshen noting in the memo "Bibles-India." P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117. Help us with the ongoing ministry in Kerala, India.

## Yarn & Fabric

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.

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.

## FISHING

The pond at the Goshen Ministry Center is stocked and ready for your church group to come and have a fishing tournament. Just call the office to reserve your date. 540.894.8440.

## Operation Inasmuch

Operation Inasmuch - Virginia is a statewide hands-on missions opportunity sponsored by the Virginia Network of Associational Workers. The purpose is for local churches to become involved in their communities and do general acts of kindness throughout the community on a designated day. Goshen is asking churches to hold an Operation Inasmuch day between September and October 2014. Contact John at the Goshen Ministry Center to learn how your church can get involved. or email [goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net).

## Impact! VA 2014

Impact! Virginia has June and July Dates available

Impact! International will be held in June and July for the Brazil World Cup

Impact! Metro will be held in April

Early Registration is now open on a first-come, first-served basis. Details may be found at [www.vbmb.org/impact](http://www.vbmb.org/impact)

One week assignments. International cost is \$350 plus airfare, Metro and Virginia are \$175 a person

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for November: Inmate Bags & Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes. See below for Inmate Bag directions.**

**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:

- 10 families with financial help
- 12 families with household needs
- 3 families with a whole household
- 4 families with a medical need
- 8 families with clothing
- 2 families with a layette



## Inmate Bag directions

**(Deadline November 26)**

**2013 list of items to place in GALLON zip lock bag:**

- 1 14 oz shampoo/conditioner
- 1 14 oz lotion
- 1 solid deodorant
- 1 individually wrapped toothbrush
- 1 reg sized toothpaste (in box)
- 1 flat comb - no rat tail combs
- 1 chap stick
- 1 bar soap
- 1 small pack of tissues

Christmas scripture card with name of your church or your name.

Liquid items not to exceed 14 ounces (NO travel sizes)

Also Collecting:

colored marble comp books

#2 pencils

blue or black bic pens

small sized puzzle books

forever stamps

2014 wall calendars

Christmas, All Occasion, and Note Cards with envelopes.

# CHURCH NEWS

**First Baptist** will hold its annual Pulpit Aid Celebration on Sunday November 10 at 3 p.m. Also they will join with four neighboring churches at Peach Grove Baptist on Thursday, Nov. 28 for a great Thanksgiving service. You are welcome.

**Louisa** welcomes a new member by baptism.

**Mechanicsville** hosts free men's breakfast every second Saturday of the month at 7 a.m. at the church. All men and boys are welcome to come for a time of fellowship. On Nov. 13 there will be a chili dinner at 6 p.m. and a soup and grilled cheese dinner on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10... a maximum of \$10 per family. Everyone is welcome. The outreach committee is receiving coats and winter clothing for a clothing drive to be held Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. - noon. The Christmas Cantata will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15 with refreshments to follow.

**Mount Gilead** Operation Christmas Child is well underway along with filling bags for the inmates. The church held a Wednesday night dinner with all proceeds going to Operation Christmas Child. Join Mt. Gilead for a Pancake Breakfast with Santa on December 7 at 8 a.m. Mt. Gilead has started a children's chimes group and the deacons held their annual retreat. The preschool took a field trip to Carter Mountain Orchard and had the Fife Fire Dept. come for a fun visit.

## Thank You Notes

A very special thanks to the youth group at Louisa Church of the Nazarene for completing the rock lining of our stream bed at Leland-Madison Park. Also to Rea Jones and his assistants who put together the two new concrete picnic tables at the park. Great job!

Thank you from the Emberton Family: With gratitude to our Lord we thank each of you for your prayers cards, flowers, and support during the loss of our daughter-in-law, Rose. Once again for all your prayers, cards, and love during the sudden loss of Willie's brother Joe. God bless each of you.

I let my finance company know that the mortgage payment is in the mail. Now I will be able to do October on my own on payday and the car is back on the road. Thanks so much again. I'm blessed.

Thank you so much for donating sewing supplies to the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville. I had never sown before, and not only did I learn but really grew to love it. I think it is a skill that will really help me overseas, so I am excited to take the supplies with me and continue learning. Thank you so much for your generosity! Emily

*Editor's note: Emily, her husband Scott, Austin and Adelaina will be leaving soon as missionaries to the Palestinian people.*

I am writing to thank Goshen for your recent donation of candy bags. Your support of our ministry is very much appreciated.

~ Rob Maguire, Executive Director for Tidewater Transportation Ministry

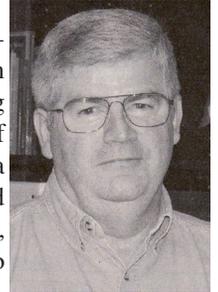
## "Grist from the Mill"

"There is no need to fear, Underdog is here!" With those words, the hero would save Polly Purebred from the sinister grasp of Riff Raff or Simon Bar Sinister. From 1964 through 1967 children enjoyed the antics of the long eared superhero who fought to protect the people around him and particularly the love of his life, Polly. The simple Shoeshine Boy, Underdog's alter ego, was largely ignored until some dastardly deed prompted him to display the hero he truly was.

Although the program was aimed at children, it was written with tongue firmly in cheek. The voice of Wally Cox as Underdog with his high, thin tenor reminded no one of Superman. The very name, Underdog, was a play on the role one would expect to be found in a small, barely there Shoeshine Boy. In all, the cartoon presented an unlikely hero who most would see as the one who needed protection rather than the one who would deal justice to the criminals who threatened others.

In our world Superman and Wonder Woman, Iron Man and Thor will not emerge from the sky to destroy the evil that threatens us. The Justice League and Fantastic Four do not exist. In their place, the Lord gave the people of His creation the ability to work together. In the place of super powers He gave compassion and the ability to be outraged by the oppression of the weak. Rather than create a super being charged with the care of humanity, the Lord gave His children eyes to see the violence that surrounds us; passion to drive us to challenge wrong in all its forms; and the courage to withstand evil in its myriad displays. Perhaps that is why we instinctively root for the underdogs around us. They are the true heroes.

John



## With Sympathy

to Pastor Billy and Diane Hutchinson of Mount Gilead, on the passing of his brother, Tommy.

## Congratulations

to Pastor Tim Wilson who celebrated 25 years of ministry with Perkins Baptist Church on October 20.

## More Than Nets

Keep collecting for the ongoing project of More Than Nets. We have entered into a two year agreement with the Ghana Baptist Convention. Our goal is to distribute 100,000 chemically treated nets within the Yendi municipality; provide vital information into the proper use of the mosquito net; and plant over 300 churches. The nets are \$10 each. The goal is to raise one million dollars in the two year time frame. Support the More Than Nets project by sending in your donation now. Make checks payable to Goshen Baptist Association and write "More Than Nets" in the memo line and send to Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117. As of the first of Oct., 46 churches have been planted and 1 of the 8 districts have had nets distributed to over 7000.

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Toni Miller	DoM's wife
04	Moore Anniversary	Shady Grove
05	Nancy Corr	Retired
07	Walters Anniversary	Smyrna
14	Hutchinson Anniv.	Mount Gilead
16	Tina Collis	Gordonsville
17	Hubert Hart	Waldrops
21	Graham Anniversary	Walters
22	John Miller	DoM
22	Collis Anniversary	Gordonsville
24	Lillian Sparks	Retired
25	Woody Jenkins	Elk Creek

# November

- 1-2 Women's Get Away I EE
  - 2-3 Women's Get Away II EE
  - 2 WMUV Annual Meeting EE
  - 2 RuraLove Clothing & Yardsale GMC 8-1
  - 4 BW Wold Day of Prayer ~ Orange Baptist 11 a.m.
  - 7 Minister's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. GMC
  - 9 Volunteer Appreciation 11 a.m. GMC
  - 11 BGAV Partnership Family Dinner - Chancellor BC
  - 12-13 BGAV Annual Meeting - Fredericksburg
  - 26 Deadline for the Inmate Bags
  - 28-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:chackos@sancharnet.in) [www.preciouschildren.org](http://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 September	9,680.00
Received Oct.-September	112,053.00
<b>Budget Shortfall</b>	<b>-29,343.00</b>

*Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*

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