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Disaster Relief Services in Oklahoma

According to NAMB.NET within hours of the deadly F5 tornado touching down in Moore, OK on Monday May 20 Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Chaplains were ministering to families at both elementary school sites. The chaplains were on the grounds as the rescue workers were looking through the rubble for the missing children and teachers.

Feeding and laundry units have been put into place and

teams removing the debris and helping victims search for valuables in the debris are hard at work.

Virginia Baptist Disaster Response has placed all of its volunteers on ALERT as we await news and needs from the tornados both in Texas and Oklahoma. www.vbmb.org. To donate to this disaster go to www.vbmb.org and 100 percent will go to the victims .

Operation Inasmuch Virginia

Mineral Baptist

Learn More

Approximately 125 members and friends of Mineral Baptist Church conducted OPERATION INASMUCH in the Mineral Community on April 27th after several months of planning. Twenty-one teams completed twenty-six projects which consisted of anything from handicap ramp construction, bathroom remodeling, floor replacement, deck repair, yard work, nursing home visitation, and much more. Enthusiasm was high and everyone is looking forward to a repeat next year when churches across Virginia will be doing 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.

Impact VA! coming to Louisa in July

This summer our Association will host Impact VA! during the week of July 14-20. Impact Louisa will be based at the Louisa County Middle School with approximately 12 teams within a 30-40 minute drive from there. We are expecting around 150 young people and their chaperones to take part in this event. Our hope is that your church will be an active participant in this work as well.

There is a variety of ways for a church or individual to be involved and here are a few: young people may participate as workers on the teams (call for requirements); adult site coordinators; crew chiefs; crew youth leaders; road runners;

at least two follow up teams to make sure work is completed; and groups to provide lunches for the teams (Shirley Foster is in charge of lunches 540.894.0302).

The teams will be concentrating on the damage to local homes from the earthquake. Our new construction trailer will be used in this effort.

The Virginia Disaster Relief Feeding Unit will be used for breakfast and dinners for the teams. On the job training to earn your Disaster Relief Badge requires participation in two feedings during the week. Contact John for more information at 540.894.8440.

Baby Bottle Ministry

for Bethany Christian Services

Blue Ridge Shores	\$197.11
Craigs	\$480.31
Louisa	\$28.60
Mine Road	\$101.00
Servants of Christ	\$160.43
South Anna	\$151.54
Total as of 3/23/13	\$1118.99

Yarn & Fabric

If you have leftover skeins of yarn, we have a request for them. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center Monday - Thursday 9-11 or drop by the RuraLove Warehouse on Wednesdays from 9-11.

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.

PAR for the hungry

Plant a Row (PAR) is a national organization that encourages gardeners to grow an extra row of produce for their local food bank. Plant an extra row in your garden 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.

Nurse Notes

The Month of April was National Donate Life Month, but of course, you can plan to donate your organs anytime. For more information on this subject, go online to: ask@hrs.gov or www.organdonor.gov. The flesh, our bodies, are a wonderful gift, but when we no longer have to stay here and are called home to receive that life of the spirit, we can give a gift of physical life to others.

The month of May has many medical issues listed as important health reminders to consider. Healthy Vision Month, Health and Fitness Month, Hepatitis Awareness Month, Melanoma Prevention Month, National Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month, Arthritis Awareness Month, Better Hearing and Speech Month, Lupus Awareness Month, National Blood Pressure Education Month, and Mental Health Month.

Education is vital to prevention and care of illness and disease. Information related to all of these listed items is available online. Please contact me if any nurses are interested in providing health teaching in their respective churches as I have a list of online links.

Remember, blood pressure is called "the silent killer" because the person who has it is often symptom free. Mental illness is as valid as any other illness, and education is paramount in helping families cope.

Chris Jones RN 540.854.5981
chrisjohnny61@gmail.com

Mission Opportunities

Projects for June ~ RuraLove - Money to purchase bedframes and Bibles.

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:

- 15 families with financial help
- 7 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 15 families with clothing
- 10 families with a medical item



Thank You Notes

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,108.99 in support of the children and families we serve. Bethany envisions a world where every child has a loving family. Thanks to partners like you, each day we are one step closer to achieving this vision.

We are demonstrating the love and compassion of Jesus Christ around the globe as we work to keep families together and find families for children in need. Thank you for your partnership. One act of love can make a world of difference.

Mary Beth Bova, director
Bethany Christian Services

God bless you for helping with an electric bill. She really appreciates it.

Thank you all so much for helping with our light bill. There are still great people in this world.

Pillow Cases

Are any of our churches making dresses out of pillow cases? If so, let us know at GMC. We have cases to donate to the cause. 540.894.8440.

CHURCH NEWS

Berea has a new pastor as of Feb. 24, Rev. Barry Higgins. Berea VBS, Kingdom Rock Where Kids Stand Strong for God! June 24-28 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

First Baptist will again host Vacation Bible School from June 17-21, sponsored by the Louisa County Sunday School Union. The children's sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. til noon. The adult classes will be held Monday - Thursday from 7-9 p.m.

Louisa will hold a MEGA Sports Camp June 10-13 for kids . The children will choose from Martial Arts, Soccer, and Cheer-leading. Younger children will have traditional VBS. Dinner is served from 5:15-5:45 p.m. followed by camps and classes from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Mechanicsville VBS, June 23-28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for ages 3-youth. The annual Don Reid Fish Fry was held at MBC with a great attendance. This annual event celebrates the ministry and continued influence of Don and Sarah Reid in our church and throughout Goshen. The Second Saturday of each month Mechanicsville has a men's breakfast at 7 a.m. Men of all ages are welcome to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship. The church also held a Dare to Share Your Faith class, 18 people attended.

Orange welcomes two new members.

Perkins VBS will be held June 17-21 from 8:45 a.m. til noon. The theme is "Colossal Coaster World" Facing Fear.

Rhoadesville VBS will be held July 8-12 from 9 a.m. - noon. The Theme is Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God.

Shady Grove celebrated 142 Anniversary in May.

Help Wanted

Zoar Baptist Church is looking for a part time church secretary. The candidate must be active in a Christian church and possess computer and office management skills. Send resume to Zoar Baptist Church, 31334 Zoar Road, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Email applications accepted @ Zoarbc@gmail.com. Position description may be found on church website: www.ZoarbaptistVA.com

Congratulations

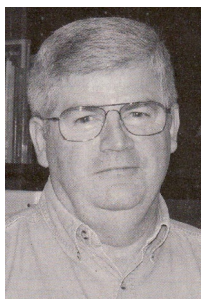
to Pastor Mike and Deborah Durham of Mineral Baptist Church. They are the proud grandparents of a grandson, Reid Michael Durham. He was born on May 21, 2013 was was 7 pounds.

Moldova Church Planter Update

Several churches and couples have sent in their 2013 support for Gheorge Rudie, our Indigenous Church Planter in Moldova. Wallers, Louisa, McGinnis, Smyrna, Mineral, Mechanicsville, North Pamunkey, Kerns, Orange, Trinity, Waldrop, Hart, Dickens, and Perkins.

"Grist from the Mill"

I dislike change. This is why I wear my Timberland boots and jeans nearly every day and would wear the same three shirts if I thought my beloved spouse would not disown me. At those times when change is forced upon me I rarely enjoy the process. Take for example, my need to learn the operating system for my new computer. My old laptop has gone the way of all flesh, noticeably aided by the ceramic pot that landed on it during the earthquake.



My daughter and her husband purchased a new computer for me as they grew tired of listening to my muttered imprecations over my old one. But, my old one used Windows 7 and the new, alas, Windows 8.

Learning the new system would take my five-year-old grandson a day. I am working on month five and still can be heard questioning the wisdom, intent and moral rectitude of the designers of this system. But I will come to peace with it if only because after a while, this system will become my new, old, system. Of course, this will happen just in time for Windows 9 to appear.

Many of us cling to the old ways of doing things and shy away from what seems different, even foreign to us. Admittedly, we seek the comfortable and familiar. But, those are terms I have never heard applied to Jesus and to the ministry of His life. He sought to reach people where they were and moved with them in the flow and rhythm of their lives. This way, He taught eternal truth to the children in the streets and the Pharisees on the Council. We, like Him, must know that the Message is unchanging, even if the methods used to proclaim it are not.

John

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

Celebrating God's Children

August 3

Mt Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

Church Weekday Education Conference.

Visit www.vbmb.org/CWE for more information or to register online.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

01	Green Anniversary	Louisa
03	Eddie Haynes	New Hope
05	Nancy Emerick	Retired
06	Bowers Anniversary	Dogwood
07	Deborah Durham	Mineral
08	John Swain	Craigs
09	Nancy McDaniel	Rhoadesville
11	Mike Durham	Mineral
11	Lee Bowers	Dogwood
17	Rick Clore	Orange
21	Bess Anniversary	Retired
26	Wilson Anniversary	Perkins
27	Tim Wilson	Perkins

June

1	State Bible Drill - Monument Heights, Richmond
2	WMU Annual Planning Meeting GMC 3 p.m.
6	Minister's Breakfast 8:30 a.m. GMC
8	RuraLove Clothing & Yardsale GMC 8-1
9-10	National WMU Annual Meeting, Houston TX
11-12	SBC Annual Meeting, Houston TX
27-29	National CBF General Assembly, Greensboro NC

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 April	10,999.00
Received Oct.-April	68,853.00
Budget Shortfall	-13,684.00

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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