

Goshen News

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Loaded with Lunch for Coeburn



Lunch supplies for Coeburn - Twelve churches gave a pick up load and a trailer load of peanut butter, jelly, and other lunch supplies needed for the lunch ministry in Coeburn. School supplies - five churches and one individual gave a full pick up bed of school supplies. Children's socks and underwear - Twelve churches gave 263 pair of boys briefs and 296 socks; also 471 pair of girls briefs and 444 socks.

Homeless Ministry

Around 15 or more years ago, Fred Byrd began a ministry to Richmond's low income projects and the homeless in Monroe Park. Byrd has since retired but for the past seven years Wade Butler has carried on the ministry with the homeless in Monroe Park. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Wade, of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, shows up to Monroe Park with sandwiches, drinks, candy, cakes, etc to give to the 60-100 people who show up each week. "People just like us," Butler says. "Intelligent people who are easy to talk to." Two churches donate sandwiches twice a month, one being Mt. Gilead.

When asked what he could use help with, he asked for donations to help buy drinks, and donations of stocking caps, gloves, scarves, blankets and coats for the people. There are some children, but mostly men with some women.

For more information contact Wade at 804.955.9494 or the Goshen Ministry Center. We will be collecting the items asked for as a September Mission Project but help would be appreciated at any time for the homeless ministry is continuous throughout the year.

Fall Missions Celebration

Sunday, October 12

3-5 p.m.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church
10200 Louisa Road
Gordonsville, VA 22942

Goshen's Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 28 at 10 a.m.

Antioch Baptist Church
11484 St. Just Road,
Unionville VA 22567

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 cotton 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. The Missionary Learning Center invites groups who would like a tour to call and schedule one. They thank everyone who donated material for the center.

Countdown for More Than Nets

Keep collecting for the ongoing project of More Than Nets. The final ingathering will be at the October Fall Meetings. 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. Through this ministry 6,000 have been baptized so far and 80 churches started. Two sub-districts in the Yendi providence have been completely "netted." Let's keep on collecting until October of this year. **Follow the progress at www.facebook.com/MoreThanNets Goshen has collected \$6,202.62 as of 7/31/14**

Moldova \$ Update

These churches have sent their 2014 support: Antioch, Louisa, Mechanicsville, Mineral, North Pamunkey, Rhoadesville, Oakland, Orange, Perkins, Smyrna, Trinity, Wallers, and Zoar, If you pledged the 5 year support please send in your \$350 for the 2014 pledge.

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 for the unchurched in your 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.

Mission Opportunities

Project for September: Homeless Ministry. See page 1 **RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440**

URGENT: can openers, small kitchenettes, 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 Mon., 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:

- 8 families with financial help
- 5 families with household needs
- 4 families with baby items/layettes
- 7 families with clothing
- 5 families with medical
- 1 family with a project



Brittany Garton to visit area

Brittany Garton, who works at the Ruth School in Romania with the Roma children will be in Central Virginia from the end of November through the 12th of January. She is available to come to your church to talk about the Ruth School and the Sleep Away Camp June 22-27 in Romania.

I recommend Brittany to your mission councils, WMU groups, Sunday School classes and church meetings who wish to know more about how the Lord is working with the Roma (Gypsy) people in Romania.

If you have people interested in supporting the sleep away camp or in being part of the team that will staff the camp, Brittany would be an excellent resource. She would be willing to share with small groups or the entire congregation as might be appropriate.

Brittany's schedule is on a first come basis. You may contact her at Garton.Brittany@gmail.com or by contacting me at the Goshen Ministry Center, 540.894.8440.

John

Walk for Life

Saturday, October 4 for Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center see FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org for more info

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek hosted an Operation INASMUCH day August 16 with roof and gutter repairs, yard work, porch and step repair and more.

First Baptist will celebrate their annual Men's Program on Sunday, September 13 at 3 p.m. For further information contact Pastor Bruce Jones at 804.658.8782.

Louisa is busy planning an Operation Inasmuch Day for September 20. They welcome three new members. Wednesday night schedule has resumed with kids activities and an adult study in Hebrews at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 5:45 p.m.

Mineral has resumed their Wednesday night activities with dinner at 5:30, AWANAs at 6:00 p.m. and adult Bible study and youth activities at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Prayers are requested for Mineral's participation in the INASMUCH program on September 20.

Mount Gilead - On Sept. 11 a Bluegrass Gospel Group, *The Little Roy and Lizzy Show* will be held. For tickets call 804.740.5561 or 804.212.6081. This fundraiser is to reduce the debt on the new educational building. An all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner is planned for September 20 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. For tickets or information call 804.457.2914. On September 27, one of the WMU groups is hosting an all-you-can-eat hot dog dinner followed by an auction. The proceeds go towards "Pure Water, Pure Love" mission project. The preschool is now holding registration for the 2014-2015 school year which begins Aug. 28. For info on any of above activities, contact the church office at 804.457.2938.

Smyrna welcomes four new members by baptism and one by transfer of letter. A Fish Fry will be held Saturday, September 13 at 5 p.m. followed by music by Willow Branch Band. A love offering will be taken for the band. All are welcome to attend.

Thornburg will offer "*Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University*" classes each week for nine weeks, 90 minutes each session. Classes begin Sept. 21. Cost \$109 per couple. To register or for more information contact Butch Acors at 540.379.8988 or email butch.acors@gmail.com

Waldrop is pleased to announce two new members by baptism. **Zoar Baptist** is looking for an automatic letter folder. If you have one you're not using and would like to share contact them at zoarbc@gmail.com or call 540.854.6533.

Bibles Needed

Through the years we have reached people around the globe by giving Bibles. Again we have three major requests:

Romania - Bibles for the Ruth School, the church, and outreach.

Panama Kuna Indians - Mission teams distributed 60,000 copies of the Gospel of John and many New Testaments in the jungles, San Blas Islands, and the mainland. They now have the whole Bible translated into their language and have requested assistance in purchasing some. Several churches have been started since the initial distribution. We need to continue to hold up this work in prayer and give so that we can have a part in world evangelism.

India - Bibles for Seminary Graduates in memory of Dr. Don Reid.

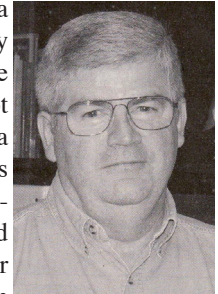
"Grist from the Mill"

Seeing the school buses this morning, I came to a realization. This is the first school year since 1983 that I have not had a child in school. Last May my youngest daughter finished her Master in Social Work degree at VCU and has, what she so excitedly proclaimed, "a big girl job" now. It seems strange not to walk her or her sisters to school or to pack lunches for them and tell them, "Don't embarrass the family,"

Education is seen by many in this land as a right, something we have coming to us simply because we are citizens of this land. They are wrong, in fact horribly so. Education is not a right guaranteed by the Constitution, it is a privilege earned by the efforts of countless men and women who preceded us. The ability to receive an education was not considered necessary for slaves, women, or the poor who would never rise above their station in life. It was for the wealthy, the high-born, and elite who would govern. But, people rejected this idea as unfit for a society that claims republican ideals and began to teach the indigent, the disenfranchised and those deemed by proper society to be among the "lower" classes.

From these later groups came men like Washington Carver, born a slave in the 1860's and women like Nannie Helen Burroughs, whose ideas on education and training gave rise to generations of teachers and leaders. Both were African Americans who struggled against the "wisdom" of their day to demonstrate this simple truth: education is the art of enabling minds to grasp the wonders of the world that surrounds them. Their efforts and that of thousands more did not grant us the "right" to be educated. It did prove education is a privilege to be cherished.

John



Monthly Projects Report

Candy and gum bags: seven churches gave 158 bags for the Tide-water Transportation Ministry.

Coeburn report on front page.

We are currently collecting items for the Homeless Ministry on front page (donations of funds, stocking caps, gloves, scarves, blankets, coats) plus marble composition books (no black), 5x7 puzzle books, all occasion cards, note cards, Christmas cards (due 10/31) as well as 2015 wall calendars (due 12/18) for the Goochland women's prison.

We will not be doing the inmate hygiene bags this year - instead we are collecting the money you would have spent on bag items to provide and additional 40 hours for Chaplain Powell to minister to the women in 2015.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

05	Stone Anniversary	Mineral
06	Ted Williams	Mechanicsville
17	Paige Green	Louisa
22	Jean Ann Ferguson	Retired

September

1	Labor Day - Office closed
4	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
6	RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale - 8-1 - Warehouse
12-13	WMUV Advisory Board - CCCC
14-21	Week of Prayer for Virginia Missions
23	Ministers New to VA - VBRC - Richmond
26-27	Women's Silent Retreat - CCCC

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral
 CCCC = Crossroads Camp and Conference Center, Lowesville
 VBRC = Virginia Baptist Resource Center, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23226-0568 www.vbmb.org

Websites for Ministries

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Romania
www.project-ruth.org or contact Brittany Garton:
 email: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com

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.

2013-2014 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$140,486.00
Monthly Needs	11,707.00
Received July	10,245.00
Received Oct. - July	123,709.00
Budget	6,639.00

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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