

Goshen News

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Merry Christmas!



from the staff and volunteers of Goshen

Mark Your Calendar!!!

Goshen's Annual Missions Dinner will be held Saturday, January 10 at 5 p.m. in the old Fellowship Hall of Mineral Baptist Church. Call now to reserve your spot 540.894.8440.

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.

Operation Inasmuch

Attention churches that did Inasmuch Day of Caring - please complete the report and return to John Miller in the next week. Thanks.

More Than Nets

780 families are now protected from malaria and heard the Gospel for the first time due to Goshen's giving to More Than Nets. Our total was \$7,800. 156 new church plants were begun in the Yendi District because of this project.

Local Needs

RuraLove has 2 requests for **wood stoves** that we cannot fill. If you have a good working wood stove you would like to donate please call 540.894.8440. RuraLove also has a need for **BOY layettes**... please mark "boy" and "summer" or "winter." To find out how to make a layette email Joy at goshenba@nexet.net or refer to the WMU Ideas handbook.

RuraLove Donations

RuraLove is not accepting the following any longer: TVs - unless flat screen thin newer models, entertainment centers, stereos, sofa beds, dishwashers, desks, office furniture, computers, faxes & printers, car seats, or cribs with sides that go down.

Cards of Thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,
Just wanted to thank you for the fabric you sent to the Quilt Quad. You are an encouragement to us with your donations. Our people that are in training also enjoy having other choices for their quilts, aprons, bags, and other things they make. So many of the people that are here have never sewn before and it's especially challenging teaching them. But, what a blessing when they come back from the (mission) field and tell us how they have used this new skill in their ministry. You are also a blessing in this ministry. Thank you so much!

In Him,
The Quilt Quad of Householder
(at the Rockville Missionary Learning Center)

Mission Opportunities

Project for December: Angel Tree; Chaplain Powell Support instead of Inmate bags. If each person who filled a bag for the inmates donates the \$10 usually spent on filling *each* bag we could provide Chaplain Powell an additional month of ministering to the ladies at Goochland Women's Correctional Center. Our goal is \$3,000. Angel Tree and Chaplain Support due Dec. 18.

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

URGENT: wood stove, 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:

- 12 families with financial help
- 9 families with household needs
- 4 families with a whole house
- 4 families with clothing
- 1 family with medical



Times still available for Brittany Garton

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. She is an inspiring and excellent speaker.

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

CHURCH NEWS

Church of the Comforter (formerly Goldmine) - Pastor Tim Boschen will complete his ministry at Church of the Comforter on December 21st.

Louisa will have their Christmas Cantata, "Love Came Down at Christmas" on December 21 during the 11 a.m. service.

Mechanicsville celebrates Advent and Christmas with several special services: Dec. 14 the choir will present its cantata at 11 a.m. followed by refreshments; a Christmas pageant at the Norton family barn (1982 James Madison Highway) 6-7 p.m.; and Christmas Eve Candelight service at 7 p.m. at the church. For more information, call 540.832.3962. Everyone is welcome!

Mineral will have their Celebration Choir Cantata on December 6th at 7 p.m.

Mount Gilead held a fundraiser of BBQ chicken for Del Clay. WEBS and youth will present a Christmas Program on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and the Christmas Cantata will be December 21 at 11 a.m. For the preschool unit on hibernation, Smokey the Bear came for a visit and put the children's bears into hibernation. The preschool Christmas Program will be December 11 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 804.457.2938.

Oakland called Randy and Betty Rains to be its Pastor and Associate Pastor, respectively. Randy has been serving as the church's interim pastor since March.

Orange Singing Christmas Tree will hold four concerts. No tickets are required. First come, first serve. Sat., Dec. 13 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. Sun., Dec. 14 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. A Craft Bazaar will be held December 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rhoadesville will hold their Choir Cantata December 21 during the 11 a.m. service. Project Linus - 586 blankets have been completed since the last workshop for children in crisis.

Smyrna will hold a Dinner Theatre on December 21 at 6:30 p.m. for the Children's Play at the Bethlehem Inn. A Christmas Eve service with communion will be held at 5 p.m.

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy extended to Ted and Charlene Williams on the homegoing of his father, George Williams.

Also, sincere sympathy to Toni and John Miller on the passing of her brother.

Host a Student

There is no such thing as a typical host family! You can be married, single, retired, with children, or no children. Hosts provide the caring environment, room, and daily meals. Students are ages 15-18 years old, speak English well enough to attend a public high school, have their own spending money, and carry medical insurance. Students are available from over 30 different countries. Call F.T.W., a non-profit organization, to find out more about hosting today! Suzanne Coffey - 434.825.4362 or Carolyn Nicholson - 540.661.4414

Sanctity of Human Life

Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 18, 2015

"Grist from the Mill"

I have, shall we say, a different view on Christmas cards than most people. My favorite all-time Christmas card was from a friend who sent a card with pigs on the front cover stacked one upon the other in the shape of a tree. They were lightly decorated with ribbons and bows. When you opened the card the inscription read, "Have a Kosher Christmas."

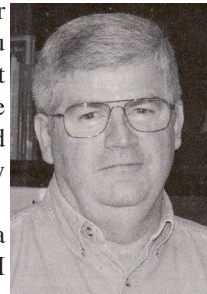
There are several reasons we send these cards each year. Cards tell the ones who receive them, "I remember you." They tell our friends and family, "You are a part of me." They tell others, "You sent me a card last year" or perhaps, "I have made my annual contact, see you next year." And last, but far from least, "This card is the only present you should ever expect from me."

As a young man, I often wondered what a card from God would look like. Somehow I doubt it would have a tree of pigs with some silly catch-line. Maybe it would be a beautiful painting of a Christmas scene complete with Magi on camels, shepherds in the field and so on. But, of course the Lord has already sent us the only Christmas card He ever will. It pictures a quiet stable with the angelic host high above it. To the shepherds, the town and the Holy Family the host proclaims:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

In these few words, we find man's greatest hope and desire. And in these words, we find what has been too rarely found in our world. This Christmas Season, may we all pursue the good will He holds for us and share the wonderful gift of His Son who has made available to us real peace.

John



Bibles Needed

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

India - Bibles for Seminary Graduates in memory of Dr. Don Reid. \$25 purchases one study Bible. We still need \$600 to purchase needed Bibles.

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.

2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Oct.	10,310.00
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Budget	-(1,905.00)

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

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

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

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

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December

11/30-7 International Mission Emphasis
4 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
6 RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale - 8-1 - Warehouse
18 1 p.m. Deadline for Angel Tree gifts and Chaplain Powell support
24-31 RuraLove Closed for Christmas Holidays - Please do not leave donations on dock as no one will be there to get them in. We will accept donations Jan 5 - 8-11 a.m., Jan. 7 10-noon or by appointment if you call 540.894.8440. (Please see new RuraLove policy on donations - page 2)
24-1/1 Office Closed for Christmas/New Year Holiday

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
17	Karen Clore	Orange
19	Williams Anniversary	Mechanicsville
19	James Eure	Mt. Hermon
20	Jerry Riggins	Retired
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
21	Debbie Hoyle	Louisa
22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
30	Jim Graham	Wallers
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

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.