

Goshen News

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Moldova Church Planter Thanks You

Dear Friends,

I send warmest greetings from the European Baptist Federation (EBF).

I'm writing in order to express sincere thankfulness for the donation which the EBF received from Goshen Association for the Indigenous Mission Partnership. The EBF Office notified the amount of EUR 2,832.47 euros on April 22, 2014. This amount equals to USD 3,950.00 and has been allocated for the support of IMP church planter Gheorge Rudi in Obreja, Moldova in 2014.

Thank you for partnering with the EBF in the church planting and sincerely transforming ministry. Let's pray for further growth of new planted Baptist congregations where indigenous missionaries effectively preach the Gospel in so much needy and underprivileged nations.

Yours in the Gospel ministry,
Daniel Trusiewicz

Editor's Note: Virginia Baptists have been involved in this program for the past ten years with 170 different church planters. Through these efforts over 7,000 believers have come into the Kingdom.

Moldova \$ Update

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

Goshen Missions Offering Update

Keep collecting for the Goshen Missions Offering. The items we are collecting for are not in our associational budget. They are: 60% for RuraLove; 10% for Goshen Counseling Center; 15% for the Romanian Sleep Away Camp; and 15% for Capital Improvements.

We have received to date a total of \$1,115 towards our goal of \$8,000. Thank you to:

Elk Creek	\$300
Louisa	\$270
North Pamunkey	\$300
Oakland	\$175
Smyrna	\$ 20
Waller's	\$ 50

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 Baptist Association has collected \$5,568.17 as of 6/15/14.

Mission Opportunities

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.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering 2013

RICHMOND, VA - Southern Baptists gave an unprecedented \$154 million to the 2013 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, breaking the record for the largest total in the offering's 125-year history.

The 2013 offering, finalized June 5, reached \$154,057,852.36. The total represents an increase of nearly \$4.8 million over 2012, or 3.2 percent. It tops the previous record, \$150.4 million in 2007, by more than \$3.6 million, and marks the fourth increase since 2008.

"How exciting that Southern Baptists would give the largest amount ever to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering on the 125th anniversary of both the first offering for international missions and WMU!" Lee said. "In 1888, when WMU was founded, it was for the purpose of 'stimulating the missionary spirit' and 'collecting funds' to support the work of missionaries around the globe. We are grateful for the response of our churches as they embrace both personal missions involvement and sacrificial giving so the story of Jesus may be shared with all who have yet to hear."

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.

Project for July: Christmas in July ~ Backpacks and school supplies for Coeburn or local schools.

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:

- 17 families with financial help
- 11 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole household
- 14 families with clothing
- 9 families with medical



Thank You Notes

Dear Members of Goshen Association,

Thank you for your gift of coats given to the Standing Rock Winter Coat Ministry. The mission partnership between WMUV and Pastor Boots Marsh of the Standing Rock Reservation has truly been a hand-in-hand, heart-to-heart effort to bring home to Native Americans living in the Dakotas. Through WMUV's network, volunteers from churches across Virginia join hands to minister to, and develop ongoing relationships with the Sioux Indians on the reservation.

The Reservation is home to about 8,500 people who struggle with the issues of employment, alcoholism, poverty and domestic violence. Desolate land and extreme weather conditions make this area a difficult place to live and work. Your donation will help provide warm winter coats for children on the reservation.

Thank you for being so supportive of the Standing Rock Ministry and Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia

Yours in Christ's Love and Service,
Terry G. Tatum

CHURCH NEWS

Antioch welcomes two new members.

Blue Ridge Shores baptized four individuals in May.

Elk Creek will hold an Operation Inasmuch Day on August 16. Elk Creek recently collected 512 pairs of shoes.

First Baptist recently welcomed four new members, one by Christian experience and three by baptism. They are also planning to attend and participate in the annual Mattaponi Convention during the third week of July. For further information please contact Pastor Bruce Jones at 804.658.8782.

Louisa is busy planning an Operation Inasmuch Day for September 20.

Mechanicsville 10200 Louisa Road, is holding Revival July 20-22 beginning July 20 at the 11 a.m. service with lunch following then the 20-22 at 7 p.m. each evening. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ed Bonniwell. Special music every evening. For more information call the church office at 540.832.3269.

Mount Gilead - The preschool is holding registration for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information call 804.457.2938 or visit Mountgileadbc.net

Oakland called a new interim pastor, Randy Rains and his wife Betty.

Orange will hold VBS on July 20-24 from 6-8:30 p.m.

Rhoadesville will have Vacation Bible School July 7-11 from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme is Wilderness Escape Holy Land Adventure. Homecoming will be held August 10 with Revival services August 11-13.

Wallers A weekend VBS will be held July 11-13.

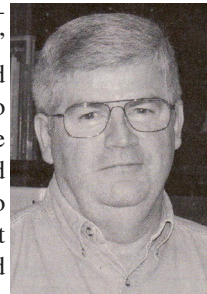
“Grist from the Mill”

One of my favorite stories in the Bible is that of Ezekiel’s vision of the Valley of Dry Bones. In the Arizona desert, where I grew up, you saw scenes not unlike that described by the prophet. Often, the remains of creatures that had wandered off were found and the bones would be a pure, and somewhat frightening, white.

In the vision the Lord asks His prophet, “Can these bones live?” Ezekiel knew for a fact that bones like that had no life within them. But he also knew Who was asking the question, so he responded, “Thou knowest, Lord.” Ezekiel may have known that dry, bleached bones held no possibility of life, but he also knew that God could do things unimaginable to man. As the vision progresses, the Lord calls for the bones to join together and to “prophesy to the wind.” And, as the prophet does so the four winds come and fill the dead bodies with breath and they stand a living army before God and Ezekiel.

I find two lessons in this vision of the Valley of Dry Bones. First, never forget that until God says it’s over, it is not over. There have been individuals I thought were past hope, churches that should close their doors and situations beyond relief. Then the Lord’s Spirit came and abundant life resulted where I had seen no hope. Second, remember that the fully formed bodies, apart from breath, were as dead as the dry bones had been before. The difference was not the appearance or what seemed to be, but the presence of the Holy Spirit Who brought life and gave vitality to them.

John



Celebrating God’s Children

August 2

Mount Vernon Baptist Church

11220 Nuckols Road, Glen Allen, VA 23059

Topics will include:

Music

Creative Movement

Creating a Class Website

Behavior Management

Literacy with Eric Carle books

Art, with Arthaus’ Meg Foster

Giving Preschoolers Roots and Wings

Days with Babies and Toddlers

Centers for Preschoolers

Daily Lesson Planning

Using Children’s Literature to point to Christ

Multicultural Lesson Planning

Speech, Language and Literacy

COSTS \$45 per person

visit www.vbmb.org/CWE to register online.

“Better than Ever” Fifty Plus Retreat

A Story in Art

October 20-22, 2014

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA

Get more information and register online at:
www.eagleeyrie.org/BTE

Elva Hurst ~ Chalk Artist
Higher Ground Quartet

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

18	Lowell Wright	Retired
24	Buchanan Anniversary	Zoar
25	Gerald Chancellor	Retired
26	Rachel Green	Louisa
26	Lester Anniversary	Thornburg
29	Mabel Holmberg	Retired
31	Donna Boshen	Goldmine
31	Sarah Reid	Retired

July

- 1 Property & Grounds Meeting GMC 7 p.m.
- 3 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 5 RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale - 8-1 - Warehouse
- 7 Coordinating Committee Meeting GMC 7 p.m.
- 21 Program Committee GMC 6:15 p.m.
- 21 Associational Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

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 May	10,564.00
Received Oct. - May	101,222.00
Budget	7,566.00

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