



# Goshen News

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## Fall Missions Celebration

Sunday, October 12  
3-5 p.m.

*Featuring Missions in the Community*  
at

Mechanicsville Baptist Church  
10200 Louisa Road  
Gordonsville, VA 22942

## Goshen's Fall Meeting

Tuesday, October 28  
10 a.m.

*Featuring Hands of Christ in Romania*  
at

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

## **Letter to Goshen Churches**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.” Luke 4:18 RSV. The basic scripture passage for most social gospel ministries is this one cited by Jesus at the beginning of His earthly ministry. As a prison chaplain this verse enunciates the mission to which I am called, one of both proclamation and release. Navigating through the challenges of discerning this calling in an oppressive and punitive environment has presented many obstacles to ministry in this setting.

Mission work was the fabric of my church youth experiences. Hands on ministry, whether local or global, blanketed my middle and high school years. It was on one of these mission experiences when the calling of God began to manifest itself in my life.

Ministry in the prison setting certainly goes beyond merely meeting physical needs. This mission field is a uniquely challenging and multi-layered organism. Proclaiming release to the captives and working with the church behind bars means the prison chaplain must ad-

dress the challenges in the system's design. Challenges include reaching out to the community living outside of prison to recruit human resources from various cultures to aid in ministering to individuals.

In the state of Virginia chaplains are not funded by the state. An organization called *GraceInside* employs chaplains in Virginia. Due to the economy my hours of ministering to the ladies have been cut in half.

How do I fulfill the sense of calling when the challenges of money, time, and structural changes set up roadblocks to effective ministry? How can I be an effective leader to a multi-cultural, aging prison population? With financial insecurities existing for *GraceInside* how much longer will they be able to retain this position for Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland?

Proclaiming release to the captives continues to be the heart of this ministry. From those initial experiences of youth mission work to a career in prison ministry the message has remained the same. It is the way the message is offered and understood that has changed.

Chaplain Karen Powell  
(Letter condensed due to space)

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/MoreThanNets) Goshen has collected \$6,562.62 as of 9/23/14**

## Moldova \$ Update

These churches have sent their 2014 support: Antioch, Louisa, Mechanicsville, Mineral, North Pamunkey, Rhoadesville, Oakland, Orange, Perkins, Smyrna, Trinity, Waldrops, 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](mailto:goshenba@nexet.net).

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for October:** Christmas/all occasion cards; 2015 wall calendars; forever stamps for Women's Correctional Center in Goochland. Also INASMUCH in local communities.

**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:

- 15 families with financial help
- 10 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole house
- 3 families with baby layettes
- 12 families with clothing
- 4 families with medical



## 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](mailto: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](http://FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org) for more info

# CHURCH NEWS

**Blue Ridge Shores** has recently begun construction on a pavilion. The membership is looking forward to hosting a dedication/fellowship dinner in the near future.

**Hebron** is having a Vendor, Craft, and Bake Sale, Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. All proceeds go toward mission projects. Food will be available. Call 540.895.5636 for more information. The church is located at 6431 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania.

**Louisa** held their Operation INASMUCH with about 160 participants doing 25 different projects around the community. A celebration service was held the following day with testimonies, songs of praise and worship, and a powerpoint presentation. The most appreciated team was the prayer team which visited all sites during the day and prayed over the workers and clients.

**Mechanisville** participated in the Gordonsville Fireman's Parade, winning the Preddy Cup, trophy for Best Float and award for Best Civic Group. More than 41 members walked or rode in the parade. They want to encourage other Goshen churches to participate in local parades and events. What a way to make the joy of Christ's preence visible in the community! A Harvest Carnival will be held October 26, 3-5 p.m. for children through 5th grades. The event is free and families are invited. A mission team will be going to Bland Ministry Center October 13-18. The team will work in the food and clothing distribution centers, do repairs in the community and host a fall party for the preschool. The 186th Homecoming will be held on October 5 at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow. Everyone is invited!!

**Mineral** held their Operation INASMUCH with 80 participants working throughout the community.

**Oakland** will hold their children's consignment sale October 2-3 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 4 from 9-noon. A Harvest Festival will be held Saturday Oct. 11.

**Wallers** welcomes four new members, one by baptism. The 245th Homecoming celebration will be held Sunday, October 19 at 10:30 with Rev. Gerald Chancellor as guest speaker followed with a covered dish meal. The annual Fall Festival and apple butter making will be Saturday, November 1 from 11-2.

## 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"

My youngest daughter is getting married this Saturday. It is at times like this that I reflect upon the changes in my life that having children brought. Especially, I think about those experiences, positive and at times less so, that I never knew to expect and could never plan for. As a teenager and young adult trying to understand the world and the life I was to live, I prayed for a lot of things to happen and for even more to not happen. But, I never thought to pray for what has turned out to be among God's most precious and wonderful gifts to me, my daughters.

I will walk her down the aisle and symbolically "give her away," but as any father will tell you who is worth mentioning, I will never give my daughters to any other as they are too much a part of who I am and how I see my place in life and the Lord's creation. My daughter will share her life and heart with her husband as the Lord means it to be, but forever, she will be my daughter who helped me learn to love and laugh and to understand the true meaning of joy.

She will be on my arm as we walk together toward her waiting fiancé. We may talk or whisper, giggle or just smile. But, at that moment, I will be remembering those times when she climbed into my lap to sleep; came by for a hug; or simply walked by and smiled. And, as I do when I think about my girls, I will thank my Holy Father for gifts greater than I knew to ask or hope for, and for showing me so vividly how much He loves me and gave up for me.

*John*



## Monthly Projects Report

We are currently collecting Christmas and all occasion cards, note cards, and forever stamps (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 an additional 40 hours for Chaplain Powell to minister to the women in 2015. See her letter to Goshen churches on front page.

Another project we will be collecting for is the Romanian Sleep Away Camp for the Roma children in June of 2015. We will be talking about this project during our Fall Goshen Meetings in October and in the November newsletter.

### 2013-2014 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$140,486.00
Monthly Needs	11,707.00
Received August	4,444.00
Received Oct. - Aug.	128,153.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>(624.00)</b>

**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](http://www.livinghope.co.za)

**Door of Hope - South Africa** (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) [www.holeinthewall.org.za](http://www.holeinthewall.org.za)

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

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# October

- 2 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 4 RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale - 8-1 - Warehouse
- 7-8 Virginia Baptist Mission Board Meeting EE
- 9 ACP Deadline
- 12 Goshen Fall Mission Celebration 3-5 p.m,  
Mechanicsville Baptist
- 12 World Hunger Day
- 13 Coordinating Committee 7 p.m GMC
- 14 Audit Committee 10:30 a.m. GMC
- 18 Hispanic Team Meeting 10:30 a.m. GMC
- 20 Association Council Meeting 7 p.m. GMC
- 28 Goshen Fall Meeting 10 a.m. Antioch Baptist
- 28 Deadline for Cards

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral*  
*EE = Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg*

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 06 | Joseph Moore        | Shady Grove         |
| 08 | Marshall Burgess    | Retired             |
| 08 | Una Wright          | Retired             |
| 14 | Joyce Childs        | Retired             |
| 15 | Boschen Anniversary | Church of Comforter |
| 28 | Bea Bess            | Retired             |

## 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.