



Goshen News

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Below is a letter written to a Roma family following the drowning death of their fifteen year old son:

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Florea,

My name is John Miller and I work with the churches in Virginia that sent people last June to work at the camp in Brasov along with the teachers and leaders from the Ruth School. Our team returned after their time in Romania. They told us how the children laughed and ran and seemed to enjoy the beauty found in the mountains around Casa Elim. They shared with us the games the children played, some of the songs they sang, and about how they collected wood for the large bonfire and then made the chocolate dessert we call "smores." Although we know the children only by the pictures we have seen, the stories we heard made us feel as if we somehow had been with them, had heard the children's voices, and seen them with our own eyes their smiles.

When we learned about the death of your son, Andrei, the talks about the camp became different, quieter and more somber. To the people who taught and played with Mario, your family are not strangers in a distant land who have experienced sorrow. The time together at camp created a bond of affection and friendship that we could not anticipate, but which, when tragedy came, caused our people to share, in a small way, your sense of loss.

I cannot begin to understand your feelings or the struggle you now face. But, it does help to know that Andrei was cared for and admired by the people in the Ruth School, at Project Ruth, and at Providenta Church. On behalf of the people who so enjoyed getting to know Mario and the churches they are a part of, I extend to your family our prayers and the hope that in this time of sorrow you may find comfort and peace by the grace of our Lord.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Out of tragedy good has come. The faculty and staff at the Ruth School have been able to reach out to this family to support them in their sorrow. Also, they have begun attending the Baptist church they previously had ignored. Please pray for this family that God's grace will bestow on them "*a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning.*" Isaiah 61:3

Angel Tree Ministry

"It starts with a gift"

**Sign up now at the Goshen
Ministry Center for your
Christmas Angel.**

540.894.8440



Pillowcase dresses for Africa made by the ladies at St. Mark.

2015-2016 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	September	Year	Missions
Antioch		2,337.96	320.83
Berea		700.00	170.00
Blue Ridge Shores	165.16	2,148.24	
Church of Comforter	75.80	1,340.96	75.00
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		380.04	
Dogwood	309.00	3,394.00	190.00
Elk Creek	1,250.00	5,000.00	570.00
FBC, Louisa			400.14
Gordonsville		6,164.52	810.00
Hebron	400.00	2,400.00	250.00
Louisa	1,152.58	11,573.96	708.75
Mechanicsville	979.04	11,073.43	824.00
Memorial Col.		125.00	
Mine Road	150.00	1,800.00	
Mineral		16,007.00	
Mount Gilead	448.80	4,785.09	293.00
Mount Hermon		240.00	
New Hope	1,000.00	4,000.00	234.45
North Pamunkey	692.25	5,910.01	
Oakland		6,989.00	1,255.00
Orange	180.25	4,202.61	230.00
Perkins		7,600.00	
Rhoadesville	687.50	8,249.50	675.00
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna	425.00	2,125.00	300.00
South Anna		1,500.00	
St. Mark			
Thornburg			
Trinity	100.00	800.00	425.00
Waldrops		1,168.00	
Wallers	541.71	3,707.72	
Zoar		4,713.00	
Others	525.00	5,394.00	50.00
9/30/2015			
	9,082.09	126,329.04	7,781.17

2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Sept.	9,082.09
Received Oct.-Sept.	126,329.04
Budget	- 20,248.00

FISHING

The pond at Goshen Ministry Center is stocked and ready for your Sunday School class or church group to come fishing. Call 540.894.8440 to reserve a date.

Mission Opportunities

Project for November: Samaritans Purse; Angel Tree Ministry (15 Angels to adopt); also collect-ing funding for 40 additional hours for Chaplain Karen Powell for 2016. Deadline Dec. 18. Goal: \$3,000.

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

Refrigerators, can openers, mops and brooms, small kitchenettes, TWIN, FULL, or queen mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, dryers, 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. 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 opportuni-ties to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 14 families with financial needs
- 8 families with household needs
- 2 families with a whole house
- 11 families with clothing
- 1 family with a layette



RuraLove News

RuraLove is in need of a regular sized pick up or a small box truck for deliveries and pick ups. We have a larger box truck for bigger deliveries. If you have something to donate/sell, call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440. We appreciate your support. We also have two RuraLove requests for vehicles for needy families.

RuraLove received a donation of five pulpit chairs. If in-terested in the chairs contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

RuraLove has a gas fireplace for sale. Nice. \$100. RuraLove is open Wednesdays from 9:30-1 or Sat., Nov. 7 from 8-1. Or call for appointment. 540.894.8440.

CHURCH NEWS

Cordero de Dios has a new leader, Pastor Mario Melendez.

First Baptist Missionary Ministry will conduct its Thanksgiving Outreach Project on Tuesday, November 24 by decorating, filling, and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to the needy families of the church and community. Volunteers from the congregation will take an active part in the project as well.

Louisa held Operation Inasmuch with 160 participants. Louisa reports four new members.

Orange Baptist will hold a Mission Collective on Saturday, November 7 from 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. at 123 W. Main St., Orange. Cost is \$10 which covers lunch. This conference will feature Steven Porter, coordinator for Global Missions, CBF and includes equipping workshops from Stephanie Vance of together for Hope; Andy Hale with CVF church starts and Ryan Clark, church engagement manager for Global Missions. Contact Ryan Clark at 770.220.1611 or rclark@cbf.net

Wallers will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please bring boxed and canned goods to donate to the "Stuff the Bus" Program. From Nov. 22-29 the church bus will be accepting canned and boxed goods to be donated to the local food pantry. Wallers reports great success with the "Drive Thru Prayer Ministry" on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. sponsored by Men on Mission.

Help Wanted

Rhoadesville Baptist Church is searching for a person to fill the Ministry Assistant position. This is a part-time (15 hours per week) position which requires basic computer skills and good people skills. Interested persons should call 540.854.7527, Pastor Nancy McDaniel.

Moldova Update

These churches and individuals have sent in their 2015 \$350 contributions to the Moldova church planter, Gheorge Rudi: Elk Creek, North Pamunkey, Louisa, Mineral, Orange, Rhoadesville, Antioch HS Circle, Smyrna, McGinnis, Hart, Waldrops, Trinity, Zoar, and Oakland.

Stop Hunger Now

Start saving your change and dollars for Stop Hunger Now. We will be packing meals again in 2016 on World Hunger Day. Our goal is to purchase and pack 60,000 meals. To meet this goal we will need to collect \$15,000. You've all proven you can do it with the Sleep Away Camp donations so let's get geared up for Stop Hunger Now ~ our 2016 project. We collected \$791,80 during the Fall Missions Celebration. That's a great start. Keep saving.

Impact VA! Orange

Our Association has been asked to host an Impact VA! event in the summer of 2016. This event will be centered on Orange County, although houses may be accepted in parts of Spotsylvania and Louisa counties that are adjacent to Orange. Since you've agreed to host this event, I want to be certain that pastors, churches, youth leaders, and youth of the Goshen sign up to participate in this effort.

Participation and support must come in a variety of ways: Youth and adults from our churches must volunteer to work with the program; Houses must be identified, recommended and checked to see if they fit the goals for Impact; Money must be committed for the purchase of materials, portable toilets, trash hauling, fees, etc. We also need churches to commit to providing lunches for the work sites for the week.

The Goshen has worked successfully in the past with the Impact VA! program. If you have any questions or wish for more information on the program or our past involvement with it, please contact me at the Ministry Center.

John

Thank You Notes

Thanks to you and everyone at RuraLove! We were able to deliver the furniture to the Hispanic family in Orange. Each piece of furniture fit just right into their apartment. By the time we left, the empty spaces became a cozy home. Your efforts make such a meaningful and positive difference for so many. We are so grateful, as is the family who recieved your bountiful blessings.

Good Shepherd Luthern Church
Orange, VA

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Dear Members of the Goshen Baptist Association,
Thank you for your generous donation of notebooks to the Moss-Nuckols Elementary. Many families find it challenging to purchase all of the school supplies necessary for a successful year. Your contribution is much appreciated.

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Many of you have heard about the wild fires in Cannon Ball, ND on Sunday and wanted to thank you for your prayers of protection for our Standing Rock friends and Tipi Wakan partners! Pastor Boots and Jackie say all is well despite the loss of the Adkins tool shed.

Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Romania
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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November

- 2 Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 5 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 6-7 Women's Get Away EE
- 7 RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 7 WMUV Annual Meeting EE
- 7-8 Women's Get Away II EE
- 10 BGAV Annual Meeting - Second Baptist, Richmond
- 14 RuraLove Volunteer Appreciation GMC 11 a.m.
- 14 WMU Leadership Team GMC Noon
- 26-27 Thanksgiving - Office closed
- 29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 01 | Toni Miller | Wife of DoM |
| 03 | Charlotte Riddell | Mount Gilead |
| 04 | Moore Anniversary | Shady Grove |
| 05 | Nancy Corr | Retired |
| 16 | Tina Collis | Gordonsville |
| 17 | Hubert Hart | Waldrops |
| 21 | Graham Anniversary | Berea |
| 22 | John Miller | DoM |
| 22 | Collis Anniversary | Gordonsville |
| 24 | Lillian Sparks | Retired |
| 24 | Catlett Anniversary | Trinity |
| 25 | Woody Jenkins | Elk Creek |
| 27 | Jim Riddell | Mount Gilead |

Goshen Counseling Center Dwight Boston, LCSW, M.S.W. 540.894.8814

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