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Good News from the Sleep Away Camp

by Matthew Hicks of Mineral Baptist Church

From June 19-28 I had the privilege to be on a mission trip in Romania. I had heard about the trip on the previous summer from a man in my church. God provided by getting me my passport days before it was due. Also, the man who told me about the mission sponsored most of my trip. Once the spring semester ended, I was able to connect with the rest of the mission team. God allowed us to grow together by using each other's talents for His glory. The day following our arrival, I had the privilege of going to a Romanian Sunday School and church service in Bucharest. During the evening service, I was asked to give a "greeting" and play my banjo. I encouraged them to continue giving their children a Christian education, and told them how much I appreciated mine. I then told them the story of my surrender to God's will in my life. Following that, I played "I'll Fly Away" and "I Saw the Light" on the banjo.

When Monday came, we packed up our things, picked up the kids, and headed for Camp Casa Elim. Despite the increasingly evident language barrier, we quickly grew close



to the kids. As the kids became more familiar with us, they opened up more and more.

While at Casa Elim, I had the privilege of talking to its manager. He was a strong Christian man, and even though I had just met him, I felt as if I had known him for my entire life. He was one of the Christians persecuted during Ceausescu's reign, and he built Casa Elim to be a place where Christians could come for Spiritual growth and physical exercise.

My favorite part of the day was vespers, which was our evening worship. It was so beautiful to see all of the kids worshipping God. Two of the translators played guitar, and I joined in on the banjo when I could. To hear those kids praising God in their native tongue was amazing. With my, "America-only" mindset it seemed anything outside of the U.S. was a fairy tale, but after seeing these people and talking with these people it made what was a fairy tale into a people that need the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The trip to Romania was an amazing experience, and I feel so blessed to have been part of it. Before I left, people from my church told me, "You never forget your first mission trip." They were right. This trip made the people from a National Geographic cover into a living and breathing community who need Christ just as much as we do in America.



Saturday, August 22 is a Work Day at Leland-Madison Park

We are looking for men, women, and youth to help clean up and get some projects done at Leland-Madison Park on Route 20 between Orange and Unionville from 8 a.m. until noon. Tools helpful to bring with you would be: chain saw, shovel, grubbing hoe, wheelbarrow, and/or rakes. Please come and help keep this historic park beautiful.

Arborist Needed

We are looking for an arborist to examine the historic oak tree at Leland-Madison Park to let us know what we can do to preserve it and make sure it has a healthy long life. If you have an arborist or know a good one please call the Goshen Ministry Center with recommendations. It would be great if we have one in our local churches. Call 540.894.8440.

Thank You

Just a short note of thanks for your generous donation to Post #74. I will make sure that all of the items go to our deserving Veterans at the VA Hospital in Richmond, as needed. God bless your Association,

Rick Severin
Service Officer
434.295.6218

Retreat for Youth and Adults with Special Needs

October 16-18

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Deadline for reservations is Oct. 1.

For more information contact Eagle Eyrie at
www.eagleeyrie.org or
434.384.2211

This retreat is for all persons with developmental disabilities age 12 and above, along with their families, Sunday School teachers and workers, pastors and church staff.

2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received June	13,311.00
Received Oct.-June	100,825.00
Budget	- 9,064.00

Mission Opportunities

Project for August: Color marble comp. books, pencils, puzzle/word search books for Goochland Women's Correctional Center.

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 opportunities to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 13 families with financial needs
- 6 families with household needs
- 1 family with a whole house
- 5 families with a medical needs
- 4 families with clothing
- 3 baby boy layettes



Testimony ~ Layettes

"What a great witness this was. I was present when the new Mom opened her layette. I was astounded at the beautiful items so carefully nestled in the tub. Then came the words of the new Mom, 'Oh, a New Testament. But I am not offended.' This statement peeked my interest. I asked what do you mean? She replied, 'I am an atheist.' As we talked, she said she believed in God but not the church. Well that is not an atheist in my terminology." As a caseworker I can not say any more but as a Christian I can say, "Thank you, ladies for this tremendous witness for the Lord." Perhaps one day as this new Mom begins reading the Word of God she will find through your witness the saving grace of our Lord Jesus. You will never know what these layettes mean to these new Moms. Thanks again.

Case Worker
Name Withheld

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.

CHURCH NEWS

Berea has welcomed two new members. Homecoming will be held on Sunday, August 2 at 11 a.m. with a worship celebration and Rev. Joe Price will be bringing the Word. Revival services will be August 3-5 at 7 p.m. Rev. James Waldrop will be bringing the message.

Louisa is planning their Operation Inasmuch for October. If you know of any one day projects needed in this area call 540.967.1364 and leave a message so someone can get back to you.

Mechanicsville Revival will be held August 16-18. Sunday at 10:55 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be Doug Bender, author and missionary to Russia. Mechanicsville also has received the resignation of Cathy Dunn, Music, Youth & Children's Director.

Mineral will begin a Christian School this fall in addition to their preschool and are now accepting applications for Kindergarten. To request an application or to get a video sent to you about the school call Tammy Trice at 540.894.8210.

New Hope - In May and June New Hope added six new members with one baptism. Also New Hope had a Mother/Daughter Tea with 48 in attendance. A Pig Roast and Yardsale was held to raise funds for the new fellowship hall. The same day the fire department had a training exercise with five departments when they burned the house next door to get ready for the construction of the fellowship hall.

Oakland will celebrate Homecoming services August 16-19. Guest speaker will be Dr. Lindsay Sadler.

Waller held an Outback Rock Weekend VBS July 24-26. They will have their second Fifth Sunday Celebration on August 30 with a church wide Sunday School kickoff and Puppet4Jesus leading the music.

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.

Crown Financial Planning

Starting September 8, the Stewardship Team will offer the Crown MoneyLife Personal Financial Study in our Association. This six week study seeks to help the individual grow in their relationship to our Lord and to increase their knowledge of His financial principles. The class will be limited to the first eight who enroll with priority being given to the pastors of the Goshen. To sign up email Rick Clore at rclore@obcva.org. For more information contact Rick by email or call John Miller at 540.894.8440.

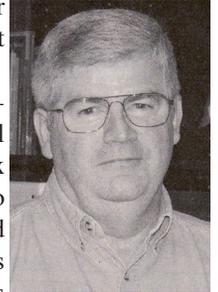
"Grist from the Mill"

Last Sunday the congregation of Mineral Baptist Church honored their Senior Pastor, Mike Durham, as he retired following fourteen years of distinguished service with that congregation. The sanctuary was crowded with hundreds of people attending the worship service. Very few seats were open as members of the church, former members, friends, and others came to say goodbye and thank you. The celebration that afternoon was a time of remembrance and love as people expressed appreciation for how Mike and Deborah touched their lives. It was a blessed day in countless ways.

Last Saturday the congregation of La Iglesia Cordero de Dios also had a final farewell celebration. Their founding pastor, Felix Foronda, has resigned to plant a new Latino church in Northern Virginia. Felix has worked with the Latinos in Louisa County for six years and has endured all the joys and frustrations that come with founding a church as well as those that are peculiar to working with a transient population. In attendance were seven members of the congregation and seven others from Goshen. At his farewell, people expressed their appreciation for Felix and his ministry and expressed love and gratitude for the time, effort, sacrifice, and money he has poured into the work.

From a secular, or perhaps merely human standpoint, the celebration for Mike surpassed that for Felix in every way. Fortunately, the Lord does not see things from a secular or human view. Both men answered the call of God to serve a congregation in this area. Both gave, without reserve, of their time, talents, skills, and hearts. Both followed God's timing to come and to go. Both blessed the Goshen while here. Therefore, we can join our Father in saying to them, "*Bien, buen siervo y fiel,*" "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

John



Moldova Update

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

Bibles Needed

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.

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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August

- 1 RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 6 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 15 Goshen Disaster Training GMC 8 a.m.
- 22 Work day at Leland-Madison Park 8 a.m.
- 24 Board of Directors GMC 6:15 p.m.
- 24 Budget Prep. GMC 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Nominating Committee GMC 10:30 a.m.

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 01 | Laurie Eure | Mount Hermon |
| 03 | Hunter Anniversary | Retired |
| 05 | Hart Anniversary | Waldrops |
| 09 | Wayne Collis | Gordonsville |
| 09 | Terry Graham | Berea |
| 09 | Penny Jenkins | Elk Creek |
| 10 | Miller Anniversary | DoM |
| 13 | Murph Terry | Retired |
| 13 | Robin McClary | South Anna |
| 14 | Pauline Cornwell | Retired |
| 17 | Tricia Stone | Mineral |
| 17 | Bryan Harris | North Pamunkey |
| 18 | Carmon Hartsfield | Retired |
| 20 | Terry Anniversary | Retired |
| 20 | Cranford Anniversary | Crossroads |
| 21 | Durham Anniversary | 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.