

Goshen News

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GraceInside ~ Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service

Dear Goshen,

Thank you for believing with us in the mission and ministry of GraceInside - offering help when others turn away. We value our partner churches who honor the call to visit those in prison through supporting GraceInside. Thank you for your witness and for your help ministering to the least of these.

When "Hope" was sentenced to two years in prison for stealing groceries to feed her children, she was lost. Her husband, "Bobby," had been recently killed by a drunk driver. With three children to tend, her grief and desperation overwhelmed her good judgment, resulting in a felony conviction. Isolated from her family, facing time in prison, she cried out for help.

For stories like Hope's, GraceInside is there. GraceInside picks up the pieces that the rest of the world has tossed aside. Through our Christian chaplains, people like "Hope" can seek classes, programs, and relationships that will restore and reconnect Hope to a life worth living. Benefiting not only Hope, but her children and community in the process.

Thank you for caring about Hope - and the very real people who suffer behind bars. We are so grateful for your support. Because of your partnership, our chaplains see transformation every single day. Because of your help,

God can see how we are sharing the good news and visiting those in prison together!

Ours is a ministry of fishes and loaves. Your support enables us to multiply your impact exponentially through our work with volunteers. We believe by helping the incarcerated, we can impact the 150,000 family members left behind, their communities, and our Commonwealth. The greater our support, the greater our impact for Jesus.

Thank you, again, for working with us to save lives from the inside out!

With gratitude,
Rev. J. Randy Myers,
President

PS. "A Story of Hope" is available to come to your church or group to share about the value of GraceInside to the incarcerated and our Commonwealth! Rev. Lynn Litchfield portrays "Hope" in this moving monologue and presentation. Give Lynn a call at 434.882.2972 to set something up.

Editor's Note: Virginia's chaplains are NOT state funded. Last December we collected \$3,200 to fund Chaplain Powell for 40 additional hours in 2015. This year we will be collecting again for a goal of 40 additional hours in 2016. We will be collecting until December 15.

Sleep Away Camp

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! We exceeded our \$15,000 goal to send 45 Roma children to camp. The camp was not only fully funded but we were able to give the children an extra camp t-shirt, purchase all of the supplies needed, and donate the remaining to the Ruth School.

Total donated was \$17,243

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.

News from WMUV

Church Mailing List

The 2015-2016 Church Mailing List is available and it is a fillable form format. If you would like to complete your form with your church WMU leaders, save to your computer, email to the WMUV state office via email to lalexander@wmuv.org. You can do it now. The mailing list will also be sent to all church WMU Directors via snail mail at their home address.

Nurses Needed

Summer Camp 2015

Camp Crossroads needs nurses through July 26 for weeks of camp. All summer volunteers must complete the volunteer application packet found on forms page and must consent to a background check. Please call the CrossRoads Office at 434.277.8465 or email crossroads@crossroadsccc.com <http://crossroadsccc.com/summer-camp/forms-registration/>

Children's Books Needed

As a part of *Sisters Who Care* of WMUV community outreach ministry, new books are needed for the Salt-the-City event to be held in collaboration with the Fredericksburg Baptist Association to be held July 11.

By **JULY 8**, drop a NEW children's book or two off at the WMUV office or preferably mail books for children age birth to 15 years old to:

Rhema Christian Ministry
4536 Plank Road
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

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 May	6,843.00
Received Oct.-May	87,514.00
Budget	- 10,206.00

Mission Opportunities

Project for July: Christmas in July; backpacks, school supplies for your local schools. Check with your local school counselor for needed items.

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:

- 15 families with financial needs
- 9 families with household needs
- 4 families with a medical needs
- 8 families with clothing



Thank You Notes

Goshen Baptist,

For the ways you're there and the ways you care - may God bless you always. Thank you so much for helping me and my family with the remaining electric bill. We are so thankful for your help. I don't know where we would be without your help. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

God bless you!!!

Name withheld

Goshen Baptist Association,

Thank you all so much for the boxes of fabric. It is folks like you that make it easier to offer more choices in fabric to the missionaries in training.

Many blessings on you all,

David Householder

Kathi Householder

Goshen Association,

I want to share this good news. We are grateful to Southern Baptists who gave \$153 million to the 2014 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions, the second-largest total in the offering's history.

Thank you for all the ways you and your association are helping to make Christ's name known among the nations and for your personal support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Terry W. Sharp, IMB

CHURCH NEWS

Berea has called a new pastor, Rev. James R. Graham.

First Baptist will be participating in the annual Mattaponi Convention of Fredericksburg on July 21-23. For more information contact 540.967.1994 or 804.658.8782.

Louisa will hold a Mega Sports Bible Camp July 20-23 in the evenings. Louisa welcomes six new members.

Mechanicsville VBS will be July 19-24 from 6:30-8 each night for ages 3-youth. The theme is "Off The Map." 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.

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. Mineral's pastor, Mike Durham will retire in July and a special service and reception will be held in his honor on Sunday, July 12.

Mount Gilead commissioned a member for his trip to Romania to help with the sleep away camp and commissioned VBS workers for Bible School June 22-26. The Mount Gilead Purple Heart Relay for Life participated as one of the teams in the Goochland County Relay for Life and they raised over \$10,000. The Mary Eliza Bowles/Etta Payne Mission Group is collecting money for Pure Water/Pure Love. The church held a cleaning and painting day in preparation for Homecoming on July 12. Through the Sunday School Classes, members spent 28 days studying "Come to the Lord's Table" which culminated on June 7 with the Lord's Supper. The preschool held their graduation and is holding registration for the 2015-2016 school year.

Oakland has started an AA group.

Orange will hold Vacation Bible School July 26-July 30 with the theme "Everest - Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"

Rhoadesville Vacation Bible School will be held July 6-10 from 9 a.m. - noon. The theme is "Everest, Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Homecoming will be held Sunday, August 9 at 11 a.m. with a worship celebration followed by a covered dish meal. Revival Services will be held Monday - Wednesday, August 10-12, 7 p.m. nightly.

Wallers has welcomed four new members in the past two months. Their first Mission Spring Fling was a wonderful success. A busy summer is planned for all ages. The Adult Bible study is doing the "Experiencing God" Study every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., all are welcome. The church is excited to announce that on June 22, they ordained their newest minister, John D. Shutlock.

Goshen Churches

If your church has an AA group meeting please let us know the day and time and we will put on our site on your church page.

Send to:

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and

oaklandsherry09@yahoo.com

"Grist from the Mill"

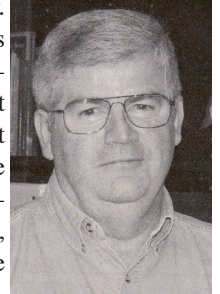
"I'm so think I can't mad straight!" I love that saying, in large measure because it so perfectly depicts what happens when I, and probably most of you, lose our tempers. And have you ever noticed, that our temper is the one thing we can lose repeatedly, and be guaranteed to find, just so we can "lose" it again?

Growing up I heard a lot of church folks talk about "righteous indignation" which according to my observation refers to their right to be indignant when opposed by another. I also heard a lot of Sunday School teachers telling their charges, "Jesus never lost His temper" or "Jesus was never angry." They meant well I suppose, but I might ask them what mood our Lord was in when He called those opposing His teachings, "whitewashed sepulchers" and a "brood of vipers." And somehow, I don't think the money changers in the Temple thought Jesus was deliriously happy as He upended their tables and coins.

Jesus had a temper and encountered far more reasons to "lose" it than we do. But His anger was reserved for those who blatantly acted in ways that abused others, moved people away from God, or in some manner caused people to miss the will of God. These things infuriated Him and moved Him to act, not so much to punish the offender, but to protect those in danger. His anger was expressed opposing those evil deeds, thoughts, and laws that lead people into harm or sin, not in protecting His ego or image.

The next time you really get ready to "lose it," count to ten, take a deep breath and picture Jesus going to the Cross for your sins. It is amazing how that image will put our mood into a more proper perspective.

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 - 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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Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.				
4	RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.	13	Jeff Cranford	Crossroads	
7	Property/Grounds Meeting GMC 7 p.m.	18	Lowell Wright	Retired	
13	Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.	24	Buchanan Anniversary	Zoar	
18-27	Team to Romania from Rhoadesville/Louisa Baptist Women's Conferences and Bible Club with children	25	Gerald Chancellor	Retired	
27	Program Committee Meeting GMC 6:15 p.m.	26	Rachel Green	Louisa	
27	Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7 p.m.	26	Lester Anniversary	Thornburg	
		29	Mabel Holmberg	Retired	
		31	Sarah Reid	Retired	

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.