

# Goshen News

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## RuraLove Honored for Volunteerism

RuraLove volunteers have received two awards during the month of April. The first was the highest award given by the JABA Board of Directors, The President's Volunteer Service Award as a gold awardee for 3262 hours of volunteer service in 2014.

A second award service was held by the Volunteers of Louisa recognizing the shining stars of the community. RuraLove volunteers which received recognition were: John

## Impact VA! Orange

Our Association has been asked to host an Impact VA! event in the summer of 2016. Most probably 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. But before we agree to host this event, I want to be certain that the pastors, churches, youth leaders, and youth of the Goshen are interested in participating and supporting 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, to provide lunches for the work teams, portable toilets, trash hauling, fees, etc.

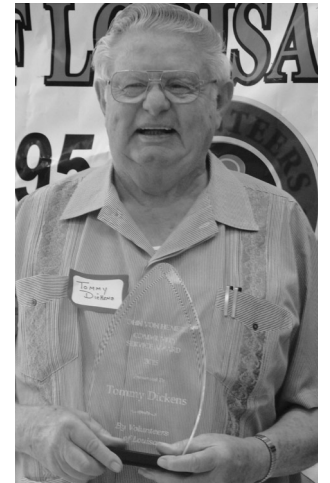
The Goshen has worked successfully in the past with Impact VA! program, but we should not agree to be part of this without understanding the level of involvement and financial burden it demands. If you have any questions or wish for more information on the program or our past involvement with it, please contact me at the Ministry Center.

*John*

## RuraLove Grant

RuraLove received a \$5,000 grant from Charlottesville Area Community Fund from the Bazzanella Family Trust. This money will assist Louisa County residents in crisis this year.

Bevard, Joy Dickens, Tommy Dickens, Miriam DiSilvestri, June Duren, Steve Duren, Willie Emberton, Nancy Emerick, Bob Foster, Bob Halsey, Doretha Halsey, Nancy Kober, Judy Lewis, Coral Losinski, Toni Miller, Shirley Mitchell, Linda Olinger, Kelly Pitcher, Jean Shifflett, Celia Suthard, Pat Taylor, Sherry Vick, Bill Witt, Brenda Witt, Tammy Wood, Samantha Wood, and Wes Wood.



As the celebration of volunteers continued, the big award for the afternoon, the John von Hemert Award was earned as a lifetime achievement of volunteerism by Tommy Dickens, Goshen's Partnership Missions Coordinator for his 32 mission trips and life of service to others.

## Ruth School News

Older students are giving back. For as far back as they can remember, the majority of the middle school students have been coming to the Ruth School day in and day out being taught and absorbing this education like a sponge. In March, several older students sought to share a little bit of what they have been receiving all these years with others. Transitional Care students visited the youngest pupils of Project Ruth at the Obed Day Center for an hour of shared learning with them. These middle school students lowered themselves into the tiny little chairs to sit alongside the sixteen preschoolers for puzzle time. After each group with a little help from the "big kid" in their group successfully completed their puzzles, there was a read aloud time for the class. The preschoolers were excited to see "big kids" that could read and that enjoyed spending time with them. For more info about the Ruth School and it's many ministries go to [www.project-ruth.org](http://www.project-ruth.org)

## 2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Church	April	Year	Missions 2015
Antioch	632.05	1,574.69	
Berea		200.00	
Blue Ridge Shores	215.55	1,299.87	
Church of Comforter	149.70	825.41	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC	170.56	170.56	
Dogwood	332.00	1,893.00	
Elk Creek	1,250.00	2,500.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		6,164.52	
Hebron		1,200.00	50.00
Louisa	1,321.72	5,850.62	230.00
Mechanicsville	1,235.55	6,641.86	
Memorial Col.		125.00	
Mine Road	150.00	1,050.00	
Mineral		10,007.00	
Mount Gilead	490.67	2,618.95	
Mount Hermon		240.00	
New Hope		2,000.00	
North Pamunkey	735.87	3,430.57	
Oakland	1,660.00	5,271.00	
Orange	367.84	3,552.07	
Perkins		7,600.00	
Rhoadesville	687.50	4,812.00	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna	425.00	1,275.00	
South Anna		1,500.00	
St. Mark			
Thornburg			
Trinity	100.00	300.00	
Waldrops	292.00	876.00	
Waller's		2,020.43	
Zoar	448.50	2,919.00	
Others	915.00	2,754.00	
4/30/2015			

11,579.51    80,671.55    280.00

### 2014-2015 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	\$146,577.00
Monthly Needs	12,215.00
Received Apr.	11,580.00
Received Oct.-Apr.	80,672.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 4,833.00</b>

## Bibles Needed

**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.

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for June:** RuraLove - household and financial assistance needed. See list below.

**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:

- 14 families with financial needs
- 12 families with household needs
- 3 families with a medical needs
- 3 families with clothing



## Thank You Notes

Goshen Association;

I just wanted to Thank your organization for helping me. Since moving to Virginia I have had a lot of obstacles, but I prayed and asked God to please help me through them and He answered. I believe that with all my heart. I just want you all to know that what you do is truly a blessing for people like me.

God is good and He does answer prayers,  
 RuraLove Client

Thank you Goshen for the special opportunity afforded me to attend the National Association Southern Baptist Secretaries Gathering. I want to especially thank the Personnel and Budget Committee for finances allotted for me to attend the 30th anniversary and training seminars April 22-25 in Branson, MO. The seminars were excellent. I was able to attend ten different learning experiences. Our anniversary celebration was elegant and fun. It's always special to renew fellowship with ministry assistants across the 50 states.

Thank you each Goshen church for your encouragement and support.

Joy  
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Dear Goshen Baptist Association;

Thank you so much for your kindness in sending us a financial donation through Craig Waddell and BGAV, we are very grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Door of Hope, South Africa

# CHURCH NEWS

**Blue Ridge Shores** held homecoming and revival services.  
**Elk Creek** has begun their Lakefront Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.  
**First Baptist** will again host VBS June 15-19 from 8 a.m. - noon sponsored by the Louisa County Sunday School Union. For further info contact director, Marilyn Winn, 202.500.4827.  
**Hebron** collected \$301.50 for Bethany Christian Services.  
**Louisa** business meeting reported 16 new members last quarter and in addition four more have been baptized. Louisa will hold a Mega Sports Bible Camp July 20-23 in the evenings.  
**Mechanicsville** VBS will be July 19-24 from 6:30-8 each night for ages 3-youth. The theme is "Off The Map."  
**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.  
**Mount Gilead** church family was deeply saddened by the sudden death of former pastor, Rev. Billy Hutchinson. The Mary Eliza Bowles/Ettie Payne Mission Group made Comfort Crosses for Easter Sunday for all families. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun.  
**New Hope** collected \$1,193 for Annie Armstron Easter Offering. They exceeded their \$1000 goal.  
**Oakland** will hold VBS June 15-18 from 6:45-9 p.m. The theme is Thailand Trek.  
**Orange** welcomes a new member by transfer of membership.  
**Rhoadesville** held a workshop in April with 61 missionaries completing 446 blankets for children in crisis. They have made 638 blankets since their workshop in January for Project Linus. 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." A church wide yard sale will be held June 6 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## Congratulations

to Wayne and Tina Collis who welcome their first grandson, Andy on March 21. Wayne is the pastor of Gordonsville Baptist.

## Deepest Sympathy

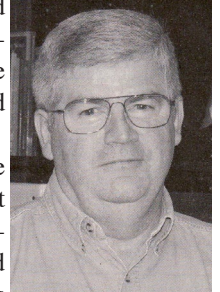
to the family of Jean Ann Ferguson (wife of former pastor Dewey Ferguson) former music director of Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

## 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, and Zoar.

## "Grist from the Mill"

There are a lot of words I could use to describe my mother. She was tough, proud, honest, devoted, and demanding. Those were her strengths and they saw her through her hard early years, separation from my Dad when he was in Europe during the Second World War, the deaths of family and friends and the struggles advanced age forced upon her. She was always proud of my dad for all the things he accomplished and of the fact they were together for over seventy-one years. She was proud of her children, not so much for what we accomplished but because she thought we were the ladies and gentlemen that she demanded us to be.



In the Gospel of John, chapter 13 and the second half of the first verse are the words that remind me of my mother. Jesus and the disciples are together and they are about to hold what we refer to as the Last Supper. John's Gospel has these words:

*"...having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."*

The passage speaks about the love Jesus felt for His disciples and how, even while they disappointed Him, failed to understand His teachings, and probably drove Him crazy with their actions and thick-headedness, He never stopped loving them. And that same quality I always found and depended upon with my mother. Growing up, I saw her get exasperated, irritated, and about ready to throw a true "hissie fit" over some of the antics I pulled. But even at those moments when I frazzled that last nerve or danced all over that final line, I knew this woman loved me, and nothing would ever change that. Ma died last month at her home she and Pop built in Tennessee. Deteriorating health and time changed many things about her, but this remained unchanged: having loved her own, she loved us to the end.

*John*

## Seeking Families

Hector is a young boy who likes to sing and he eagerly participates in his school's music events. It is noted that he has good student skills and habits. Hector would benefit and thrive from a family that would be able to provide love, care, and support.

Without a family to nurture his potential, this child's future is bleak. Hector needs a loving family to provide him with care and support. Bethany Christian Services seeks a home for Hector as part of our national campaign called, **These 400**. They are striving to match 400 international orphans who have special needs with families who are ready and eager to adopt them. We're thrilled that 94 matches have been made across the U.S., and there are four pending matches - families who have identified waiting children and are pursuing steps to make the match official.

In Fredericksburg, they're seeking homes for Hector and others as part of the **These 400** national campaign. To learn more contact 540.373.5165.

**Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School - Rominia**  
 www.project-ruth.org or contact Brittany Garton:  
 email: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com

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 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)

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

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- 4 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 6 RuraLove Yardsale at GMC warehouse 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 7 WMU Annual Planning GMC 3 p.m.
- 7 Personnel Meeting GMC 5 p.m.
- 14-15 National WMU Annual Meeting - Columbus, Ohio
- 15-16 CBF National Meeting - Dallas, Texas
- 16-17 SBC Annual Meeting - Columbus, Ohio
- 21 Father's Day "Sock it to Dad" collecting children and youth socks for Coeburn
- 22-27 Romania Sleep Away Camp

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| 01 | Green Anniversary  | Louisa        |
| 02 | Susan Hunter       | Retired       |
| 05 | Nancy Emerick      | Retired       |
| 06 | Bowers Anniversary | Dogwood       |
| 07 | Deborah Durham     | Mineral       |
| 08 | John Swain         | Craigs        |
| 09 | Nancy McDaniel     | Rhoadesville  |
| 11 | Mike Durham        | Mineral       |
| 11 | Lee Bowers         | Dogwood       |
| 17 | Rick Clore         | Orange        |
| 19 | Green Anniversary  | Antioch       |
| 21 | Bess Anniversary   | Memorial Col. |
| 26 | Wilson Anniversary | Perkins       |
| 27 | Tim Wilson         | Perkins       |

*GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Road, Mineral*

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