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## My House Is Full

“There is peace and contentment in my Father’s house today, lots of food on His table and no one is turned away. There is singing and laughter as the hours pass by, but a hush calms the singing as the Father sadly cries,

‘My house is full, but my field is empty, who will go and work for Me today? It seems my children all want to stay around my table, but no one wants to work in my fields. No one wants to work in my fields.’

“Push away from the table. Look out through the windowpane, just beyond the house of plenty lies a field of golden grain. And it’s white unto harvest, but the reapers, where are they? In the house, can’t the children hear the Father sadly say,

‘My house is full but my field is empty, who will go and work for Me today? It seems my children all want to stay around my table, but no one wants to work in my fields. No one wants to work in my fields.’”

The words above are from the song, “My House Is Full” written many years ago by Larry Wolfe. The song has always haunted me as it encapsulates my struggle to serve God. As a young Christian, I found a lot of ways to work in the church and even a few in my community. But, I knew, in the backwaters of my mind, at least, that the Lord was calling for me to do more, to experience more.

One day I sat as an ordained minister at a church

function that had something to do with missions. You know the type of events I mean, our churches hold them regularly. A young woman with a handicapped arm stood to sing as the entertainment for the day. She sang this song. And all the soft whispers, gentle voices and quiet urgings I had known from the Lord came rushing forward as a flood. I was busy in church, very busy with preaching, teaching, working with young people and on and on. But, I also was avoiding God because I was not listening for the call to serve Him beyond what I felt was a good, safe place.

There is a problem with serving the Lord in a “good, safe place.” It may not be the right place, or at least not the only place, He wishes for you to serve. But we can never know if this is true so long as you or I fail to listen to those soft whispers, gentle voices, and quiet urgings the Lord breathes into our ears. We can give dozens of reasons why we “can’t” or why “not now.” We can be very busy and we can do good work. And we can miss the best work if we fail to heed His call.

Where is the Lord calling you? Listen for the “still, small voice” that Elijah heard. Be sensitive to the burning in your heart like that felt by the disciples on the road to Emmaus. The Lord is speaking to you. Where is He calling you to serve?

John

## Our Heritage of Religious Liberty Quiz Question

On June 4, 1768, in Spotsylvania County, James Chiles, Lewis Craig, William Marsh, James Read, and John Waller became the first Baptist ministers imprisoned in Virginia. What charge was laid against them?

- 1) preaching without a license
- 2) failure to pay the tax to the Church of England
- 3) inciting to riot
- 4) disturbing the peace

Answer on page 4

## Our Deepest Sympathy

To Ted and Charlene Williams in the passing of his mom. Ted is the pastor of Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

## Goshen Requests Special Offering for July 30 for Arise Ministry Group

Arise Ministry Group presently faces a challenge in their ability to minister to the poor people and orphaned children of South Africa. Their transport vehicle has died and it will take about \$20,000 US dollars for it to be replaced. Currently they are unable to take children to Nursery School, take out food parcels to families in need, work with the church plants, or help transport people to local churches.

Arise Ministry Group is a vision of Don and Cheryl Allen who also minister through Door of Hope in South Africa. Goshen wants to help with this project and asks for your support. Please collect a special offering at your church July 30th and send into the Goshen Office as soon as possible after that time so we can forward to the Allen's. If your church isn't participating you can send a donation directly to the Goshen Ministry Center. Make checks payable to "Goshen Baptist Association," P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117 with ARISE in the memo section of your check.

If you would like to get more information on this ministry go to [www.arisemg.org.za](http://www.arisemg.org.za)

## Notice to Churches

Please include [Goshenba@nexet.net](mailto:Goshenba@nexet.net) in your church's email list for prayer concerns and event news blasts.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**Projects for July: Christmas in July**, backpacks and school supplies for children who cannot afford them. Also, Church planter support due.

**RuraLove 540.894.8440** A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis.

Refrigerators, electric stoves, washers, dryers, twin, full, and queen mattresses, bed frames, good vehicles, can openers, mops, brooms, cleaning supplies, boy layettes (summer and winter).

Also need churches who will **follow up** with families in crisis to let them get to know you and possibly get them into a church family.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to work in the yard sales on Wednesdays and the first Saturday of the month (April through November) from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or deliver and pick up furniture please call 540.894.8440.

**Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165** Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd., Fredericksburg 22407

**Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800**

Empowering those facing unplanned pregnancy with hope and life-affirming choices. 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 [www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org](http://www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org)

**Hope House 540.371.0831** Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children, 902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg

## RURALOVE MINISTRY UPDATE

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

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| 12 | Families with financial needs |
| 10 | Families with household needs |
| 1  | Family with a whole house     |
| 2  | Families with clothing        |
| 1  | Family with a medical need    |



## 2016-2017 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	152,505.00
Monthly Needs	12,709.00
Received May	14,521.00
Received Oct-May	106,711.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>+ 5,039.00</b>

# CHURCH NEWS

**Craigs** will hold Vacation Bible School July 17-21 from 6-8:30 p.m. for grades 1-6. Teen Open Gym and Bible Study will be held every Tuesday this Summer from 6:30-8 p.m. Basketball Camp will be held August 16-18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for grades 1-6.

**Louisa** will hold Mega Sports Camp July 10-13 with dinner from 5:15-6 p.m. and classes from 6-8 p.m. The Mega Sports Camp will feature classes in karate, soccer, music, art, and more. Revival Services will begin Sunday, July 16-Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Roger Roller. A covered dish luncheon follows Sunday worship.

**Mechanicsville** Men's Breakfast continues on the second Saturday of each month at 7 a.m.. Men of all ages are invited.

**Mineral** is having a big fundraiser on July 22. Crafters, yard sale tables, One Accord Gospel Band, Food available for purchase. Family Life Center from 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

**Oakland** has called Nate Varnier as pastor. They welcome him, his wife, Julie, and their three children as of June 10.

**Orange** welcomes a new member.

**Perkins** will celebrate homecoming on July 23. Worship at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish lunch. An afternoon sing-a-long will take place at 1:30. Revival services will be held July 24-26 at 7 p.m. each night. Rev. John Baldwin will be the Revival speaker. Special music Tuesday night from True Spirit Gospel Band. Everyone is invited!.

**Wallers** Baptist Men's Ministry will have a meeting on July 15 at 8 a.m. All men are invited for breakfast and a time of fellowship. George Luca will be the featured speaker from Romania. The WBC Youth will be attending Impact Danville this month. On July 30 Wallers will have their Fifth Sunday Celebration, with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast, 9:40 a.m. Sunday School, and an 11 a.m. combined worship service. All are welcome!

## October Mission Celebration

Please begin collecting the following items to bring to the Fall Missions Celebration:

- Motel/hotel shampoo, lotions, soaps
- Deodorant—men's and women's
- Toothbrushes—individually packaged
- Toothpaste
- Travel sized tissues
- Chapstick
- Disposable razors
- Comb or small hair brush

## "Grist from the Mill"

Growing up I heard lots of stories about missionaries. It seemed they all lived in places like "deep, dark Africa" and faced down legions of lions, pythons, and rhinos at every turn. I shook with fear at the thought of our courageous men and women being attacked by cannibals and having to deal with the treachery of godless hordes of slavers, traders, and others who constantly put our faithful few in peril. Of course, the fact that most of my information about missionaries came from movies like "Trader Horn," "Tarzan the Ape Man" and "Stanley and Livingstone" may have colored my views somewhat, not to mention their horrid depiction of the people who lived in Africa.



Unfortunately, the missionary lessons from church were not always much better. They seemed to consist of tales of want, desperate struggle, and adversity overcome by the power of God as He won thousands to the Cross. The result of all this was a view of missionary work that was skewed away from reality toward fantasy. And this was a great disservice both to our Lord and to those who served Him on mission fields.

In Acts 16:9-10 I find what may be the simplest explanation of missionary service there is. *"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."*

It is not the distance one travels, the destination, or the task to be performed that make one a missionary. Rather, it is obedience to the call to go serve Christ in places near and far that make one a missionary of God.

John

## Sewing Day at Goshen

A sewing day is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, July 15 at 9 a.m. for anyone interested in learning to make the following. Even if you don't sew you can help. Need: Sewing machine, scissors to cut fabric, straight pins.

For the sani-pads must be 100% cotton—must be absorbent: one or more yards of prewashed and ironed 100% cotton flannel; one yard or more of Warm & Natural 100% cotton quilt batting, Two inch safety pins, thread (doesn't have to match).

For the dress, size six: 3/4 45 inch wide cotton fabric washed and ironed, two yards of double-fold bias tape (extra-wide is best), 1/2 yard of 3/4 wide elastic, thread.

For shorts, size 8: 3/4 yard 45 inch cotton/poly blend, bottom weight, washed and ironed, 3/4 yard of 3/4 wide elastic, thread.

**Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School—Romania** contact Brittany Garton: Garton.Brittany@gmail.com or check out Ruth School's website at : www.project-ruth.org

**South India—Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko: Seminary ~ email:** chackos@sancharnet.in P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010

**Living Hope** Community Centre News—South Africa (Ministering to those living with HIV/AIDS). Www.livinghope.co.za

**Door of Hope**—South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

**Arise Ministry Group**—South Africa www.arisemg.org.za

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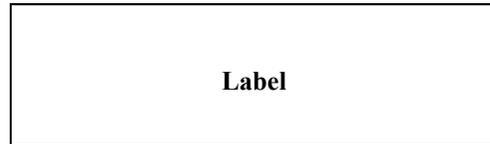
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- 1 RuraLove Clothing and Yard Sale 8 a.m.—12:30 p.m., 10
- 4 Independence Day—Office Closed 18
- 6 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m. 23
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting GMC 7 p.m. 24
- 18 Property/Grounds Meeting GMC 7 p.m. 25
- 24 Advisory Council GMC 7 p.m. 26

- Ellinger Anniversary Hebron
- Lowell Wright Retired
- John Ellington Church of Comforter
- Buchanan Anniversary Zoar
- Gerald Chancellor Retired
- Rachel Green Louisa
- Lester Anniversary Thornburg
- Andersen Anniversary Crossroads
- Mabel Holmberg Retired
- Bob Ellinger Hebron
- Sarah Reid Retired

**Quiz Question Answer:** Number 4 is correct. A lawyer told the court, *"May it please your worships, these men are great disturbers of the peace, they cannot meet a man upon the road, but the must ram a text of Scripture down his throat."*