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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

The Mission Stitchers Ministry

The Goshen Mission Stitches' year runs July until June of the next year. So on July 6, Terry Graham and Joyce Salmon headed from Richmond, Virginia on a 1,905 mile journey to Rockwood, Michigan to deliver a van packed to the brim with items for the "Little Dresses for Africa" ministry which is one of the ministries to which they contribute.

The ladies arrived in Rockwood at the Worldwide Headquarters and Distribution Center the next day. In the vehicle were: 4 donated modern white wedding dresses; 845 t-shirt and pillowcase dresses for girls; 7,750 dignity (sani) pads and 1,728 girls underpants; and 4 tote bags.

While in Rockwood, the ladies were able to meet with Rachel O'Neill, founder of Little Dresses for Africa ministry, and they volunteered in the distribution center working with other volunteers preparing donated items for delivery.

The Mission Stitchers have been meeting at the Goshen Ministry Center the third Saturday of each month since 2017. The group may have four cutting and sewing one month and then another month may have 18 people busy stitching away in the name of Jesus.

They welcome anyone who would like to join them in this ministry by: sewing or cutting (bring your fabric scissors and machine); donating money to buy fabric, supplies, and t-shirts in bulk; funds for transportation/shipping; by collecting new 100% cotton girls underwear size 14, 16, or ladies small and medium briefs; donating modern white wedding dresses (which a couple of ladies alter and rent out to support their whole village); donate 12"x15" mesh lingerie bags (available at the Dollar Tree with 3 bags per package) and large and extra-large good quality space bags for packing; collect

cute cotton pillow cases for dresses and flannel sheets.

The Little Dresses for Africa (a Christian ministry), was founded in 2008 by Rachel O'Neill who is a preacher's daughter. The ministry not only sends mission teams to provide the dresses, dignity kits (re-useable sani-pads with underwear, ivory soap, and washcloth), Britches for Boys (shorts to size 12) - donations are also collected to educate and provide clean water to villages by digging wells. Each well costs \$5,000 and services 3,000 people.

Some of our Goshen Mission Stitchers ladies are making hand-crocheted stuffed animals, fleece hats, and collecting all sizes of children's gloves to be distributed by the resource counselors of schools in the mountains of Kentucky through "Hope for Appalachia." Hope for Appalachia also collects modern prom dresses to give away to the low income teenage girls.

If you would like to donate to the "Hope for Appalachia" ministry, you could: donate money to buy supplies in bulk; donate nice modern prom dresses; sew the fleece hats (pattern provided by the ministry); or collect any size children's gloves.

If you would like someone to speak to your group, or would like more information, contact Terry Graham at 540.661.6268, email: mrsjrg@aol.com and like their Facebook page: Goshen Sewing Ministry. Also, check out: Hope for Appalachia's site, www.hfavateam.com and Little Dresses for Africa's site, www.littledressesforafrica.org.

To donate to the Goshen Mission Stitchers, send a check to Goshen Baptist Association, P.O. Box 296, Mineral, Virginia 23117 and note in the memo "Mission Stitchers."

Mission Opportunities

Project for November: Angel Tree (call the Goshen Ministry Center to adopt an Angel child for Christmas); Shoebboxes for Samaritan Purse; Support for Chaplain Willett (chaplain at Goochland Correctional Center for Women—completely funded by donations) **Goal: \$4,000**

RuraLove 540.894.8440, 587 Mica Road, Mineral, is a ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. We need churches who will **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

The Thrift Store is open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-Nov. **Needs** (to go to local families in crisis): **Chest of drawers, AC units, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, electric can openers, brooms, cleaning supplies, crib sheets, linens, blankets, recliners, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.**

We accept a wide variety of items not listed. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Smaller donations may be left in the green wooden donation shed anytime. Please call ahead for larger donations. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up **LARGE** items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept old style TVs, lg. entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues (**we do not have funds for repairing and neither do our clients**) also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, we cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please call 540.894.8440 for info.

Bethany Christian Services 540.373.5165 Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center and Adoption Services. www.bethany.org/Fredericksburg 5610 Southpoint Centre Blvd. #107, Fredericksburg 22407

Fred. Pregnancy Center 540.370.1800 1616 Stafford Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401 www.FredericksburgPregnancyCenter.org

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

Shelter for HELP in Emergency 434.963.4676 Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville

Mission Stitchers

All are invited to join on Sat, November 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns. For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com

2019-2020 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2019-2020	170,833.00
Ch. Contributions for the year	144,744.00
Budge expended	135,244.00
<i>(5 of Goshen's 32 churches did not contribute)</i>	
Proposed 2020-21 Budget	156,742.00

The Goshen Missions Offering Update

Twelve churches have sent contributions so far: Antioch, Dogwood, Elk Creek, Gordonsville, Hebron, Mechanicsville, Mine Road, North Pamunkey, Oakland, Orange, Perkins, St. Mark; and three individuals. The goal is \$14,000 with 50% going toward our Panama Partnership; 25% to RuraLove; and 25% towards the Romania Camp of Dreams. **GMC has received \$8,295 as of 9-30-2020**

Volunteers Needed

RuraLove is in need of volunteers to sort clothing. For more information contact Coordinator Keith Wollenberg at the Goshen Ministry Center, 540.894.8440.

RuraLove Ministry Update



RuraLove is open to the public while asking customers to practice safe distancing and wear masks inside buildings. In the past month you (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) have ministered to:

- 7 Families with financial needs (**\$1,901.00**) (Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 8 Families with a household need
- 7 Families with clothing
- 1 Family with a project
- 4 Families with a medical equipment loan

Served 172 families with clothing

Served 566 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$2,886.00**

One hundred percent of all sales and donations go to local families in crisis.

Please call ahead before bringing larger donations, 540.894.8440.

CHURCH NEWS

Mineral is currently having several Bible Studies: One on Sundays 6:30 p.m.; a study on Heaven is held the second and fourth Mondays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Tues. nights 7 p.m. at the Read's home; and Thursdays 10 a.m.-noon on Daniel. The Awanas are sponsoring a Disaster Relief Drive. Shoeboxes are being distributed to initiate their annual Franklin Graham Christmas charity collection. A new member has been added by baptism and profession of faith. A project of "Louisa Cares 2020" has been ongoing-furnishing numerous bingo prizes for the Senior Center at the Betty Queen Center. A church-wide picnic was enjoyed in October as well as an outdoor community Thanksgiving service.

Orange welcomes two new members by baptism and profession of faith.

Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Pray for **Rhoadesville** (Orange County) and pastor, Chris Gourley.

Pray for **Shady Grove** (Orange County) and pastor, Joseph Moore.

Pray for **Smyrna** (Goochland) and interim pastor, David Nelson.

Pray for **South Anna** (Louisa County) and pastor, Steve McClary.

2020 BGAV Annual Meeting Online Nov. 9-10, 2020

See Meeting.BGAV.org (for details)

"Deep Roots, Green Shoots" Isaiah 43:19

Featuring N.T. Wright and Kate Campbell

Attention Mission Leaders

From **wmuv.org**: Please complete a new 2020-2021 church mailing list. Update your information on your current missions leaders including the number of prayer guides/offering envelopes for the special offerings. Complete the form and email to: wmuv@wmuv.org or mail to: Misisons Mailing List, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Henrico, VA 23294.

"Safe Families For Children"

Bethany Christian Services in Fredericksburg has started participating in a new ministry, "Safe Families For Children." This program (founded in 2003 with 120 chapters in 40 states) is designed to help families in times of crisis. When parents are going through a temporary time of crisis, Bethany Christian Services helps find families to care for their children. Emergency care is not foster care. In partnership with churches, they screen and train volunteer Host Families, then provide ongoing support to help families emerge stronger once reunited. More than 97 percent of hosted children return to their families with less than three percent requiring state child welfare involvement. For more information contact Kristen at 540.373.5165.

"Campbell's Comments"

Imagine what it must have looked like, a swirling mass of darkness, the depths heaving and falling and the Spirit of the creator moving across the mass like the storm of God. Suddenly there is an eerie silence that seems to take your breath away and you hear the creation shaking, storm calming voice of God. It was that voice that called light into being, called earth into form, called upon stars to take their place and brought calm and purpose out of chaos. When "God said...", everything changed, fell into an ordered place and creation was ready for God's image to come forth as man.



Perhaps as all of us celebrate a time of thanksgiving this month we can be most thankful that God still speaks. We can be thankful that God still brings order out of chaos. When our lives are tumbled and tossed by pain or strife or uncertainties we know that the peace that passes our understanding is as close as a whispered prayer.

We can be thankful that every Sunday people can study God's written word. We can be thankful that every Sunday the gathered families of faith can hear God's proclaimed from the pulpits of Goshen churches. We can be thankful that through the various ministries of "The Goshen" people can see the "living word" demonstrated.

My prayers for our pastors and our churches are for you to experience the voice of the Father as He assists you in the ministries that seek to bring order out of chaos. Let us express our thanksgiving to the Lord for our partners in Panama and Romania as they struggle with a "Covid-chaos" that impedes their ministries. As they work at returning to their ministries and outreach it is encouraging for them to know that we are with them in prayer.

As you enjoy this time of thanksgiving do so with the knowledge that the season of Advent is only weeks away and will focus our attention of the greatest reason for thanksgiving, the arrival of the living Word of God.

~ Don

Shelter for Help and Emergency

Needs: Sanitizing wipes and sprays, hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, hand soap, dish detergent, HE laundry pods, toilet paper, paper towels, grocery gift cards, gas gift cards.

Donations accepted Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Outreach Center, 1415 Sagem Place, Suite 101, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group, due to Covid-19, has been postponed. The group plans to begin meeting again soon, but changes will have to be made. The group is for caregivers, family, and friends. Call Cathy for more info, 540.894.3973.

www.Parkinson.org

Goshen Counseling Center: 587 Mica Road, Mineral, VA 23117
Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C phone: 540.894.8440
email: samtheuropa10@hotmail.com

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

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

Door of Hope—South Africa (Saving unwanted babies)
www.doorofhopesa.com or facebook.com/doorofhopeSA

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

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November

1	Toni Miller	Zoar
4	Moore Anniversary	Shady Grove
11	Lisa Wollenberg	Mine Road
11	Don Campbell	Interim DoM
15	Jessica Gourley	Rhoadesville
16	Tina Collis	Gordonsville
17	Hubert Hart	Waldrops
18	Shirley Ellinger	Retired
21	Graham Anniversary	Mt. Hermon
22	John Miller	Zoar
22	Collis Anniversary	Gordonsville
24	Lillian Sparks	Retired

November

5	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
7	RuraLove Clothing & Yardsale 8-12:30
9	Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
9-10	BGAV Annual Meeting Online
14	RuraLove Volunteer Appreciation GMC 11 a.m.
21	Mission Stitches GMC 9-2
26	Thanksgiving—office closed
29-12/6	Week of Prayer for International Missions

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If you weren't able to attend Goshen's Fall Missions Celebration, you can still watch on YouTube at your convenience:

<https://youtu.be/CGVyoUDV7VU>