



# Goshen News

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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."*

## Good News from "Hope for Appalachia"

God is good! God blessed us with a wonderful opportunity to bless many children, teachers, and families on our spring 2021 mission trip to Appalachia! Even with the numerous restrictions in place due to Covid, God opened new doors and new opportunities to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ. Our teams delivered hope boxes to 37 schools, as well as the Cawood Boys and Girls Club in Harlan County. We blessed over 12,000 kids with a hope box!

We are busy preparing for both our upcoming fall 2021 trip and our spring 2022 trip. Since we have been blessed with these new opportunities to share the love of Christ, we have many needs. First of all, our greatest need and our greatest blessing is your prayers! Please pray during this time of preparation for God's provision, guidance, and strength as we prepare to travel. Please pray for our schools in Appalachia—both the students and the staff. Pray that the doors and hearts would remain open and receptive to His Word.

Of course, with the additional opportunities, we also have additional needs. Our priority for the fall trip are hats, gloves, coats, and warm winter blankets.

Our prayer continues to be that no child would be cold this winter, but that each one would experience the warmth that comes from the Body of Christ. As always, toothbrushes and toothpaste continue to be a great need. As we go into new schools, we continue to be amazed at how many kids do not have a toothbrush of their own. We also need small toys and fun items for each grade level, socks (all sizes), and school supplies. When God's people unite, we can accomplish amazing

things in His Name!

I also want to share a praise with you. The sewing ministry [Goshen's Mission Stitches] has been a tremendous blessing to us! We have been blessed with many beautiful little dresses, and we look forward to being able to bless every little girl in Appalachia with her own beautiful dress. We have also received some little boy shorts along with a matching t-shirt. They are adorable and will enable us to bless the little guys as well. For all of this, THANK YOU! I know each item is made with the love of Christ and will be very special to the children.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your love! I thank God for our partnership as we continue to bring hope to Appalachia!

*God bless!*

*Pastor Mike Dodson*

*Hope for Appalachia VA Team, Inc.*

### **HFA Needs:**

**Your Prayers**

**School Supplies**

**Warm Hats, Gloves, Socks & Coats (all sizes)**

**Warm blankets**

**Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**

**Small toys and fun items**

Bring your donations for Hope for Appalachia to the Goshen Ministry Center  
**by October 14th at 1 p.m.**

Contact Terry Graham (*our Goshen Rep.*)  
for more info at 540.661.6268  
or email [mrsjrg@aol.com](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com)



# Exciting Armenia Church Planter Opportunities

The Goshen Missions Team have been given the names of two additional church planters currently working with Syrian refugees that we are praying about supporting the next three years with your help.

**More pledges of support are needed as soon as possible in order to give them the support they so desperately need.**

The candidates for support which are working with the church planting efforts are themselves refugees from Syria and can relate, love, and minister to their fellow refugees more effectively.

If any individuals, families, or church groups would like to join together in the soul saving work of planting churches in Armenia, the team is asking for a minimum commitment of \$200 total per year for 3 years.

Contact 540.894.8440 or [goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto:goshenassociation@hughes.net) to sign up and share Jesus with Armenia. If you have already signed up, please send your pledge in now with "Church Planter" noted in the memo. We need a total of 52 commitments of \$200 per year to fully fund three church planters.

**Prayer Request:** Please pray that God will send workers in His Name to the cities of Goris and Kapan.

**Study Bibles:** Tommy Dickens, chairman of the Goshen Missions Team, has it on his heart to send Study Bibles to the eight students currently studying at the seminary. The Team would like to send the funds for eight Armenian Study Bibles to give to the students and four English Study Bibles for their library. The cost per Bible is \$60. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of Bibles, note in the memo of your check "Church Planter Bibles."

## Have you visited?

The New WMUV website [WMUV.org](http://WMUV.org)

## Mission Opportunities

**Project for August:** Goochland Women's Correctional Center: collect color composition books and 5x7 puzzle or word search books.

**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.

**RuraLove always needs:** Chest of drawers, refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, twin & full mattresses, good vehicles.

**RuraLove accepts** a wide variety of items. 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 Wed. morning.

**RuraLove does not accept** old style TVs, lg. entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues. Also, no tom, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, RuraLove cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. **All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.**

**Hope for Appalachia** <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky. See website for info.

**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



## RuraLove Ministry Update

*RuraLove is open to the public to purchase clothing and yard sale items. In the past month (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:*

- 3 Families with financial needs (**\$1874.00**)  
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 3 Families with a household need
- 5 Families with a medical equipment loan
- 1 Family with clothing

**In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:**

Served 366 families with clothing

Served 1085 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$5,763.00**

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

**Before bringing larger donations, please call:  
540.894.8440.**

## Mission Stitchers

**All are invited on Sat, August 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](mailto:mrsjrg@aol.com).

# CHURCH NEWS

**Louisa** is offering a Foster Parent's Night Out on Friday, August 13 to watch the children so the parents can have a date night. For more info email the office at [louisabaptistva@gmail.com](mailto:louisabaptistva@gmail.com). Registration completion deadline is August 4.

**Mineral** Fall season of Upward Flag Football and Cheer registration is NOW LIVE and can be accessed on the website [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org). Women's Ministry is collecting for Hope for Appalachia and Little Dresses for Africa. Centershot is happening now. The book club is reading "Until Unity" by Francis Chan. A video and report was given by the youth on their camp experience in Ridgecrest, NC.

**Waller's** celebrated Pastor JoJuan White's 11th anniversary recently with a baptism scheduled for two. During the invitation six more came forward and requested baptism along with the two candidates. Each shared their testimony before baptism. Wallers reports a wonderful Vacation Bible School in July. An outdoor movie night was enjoyed with the next one planned in late August (date to be determined). On Sunday, August 29, a church-wide picnic will be sponsored by Waller's Sunday School. [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com)

## Congratulations

To John and Toni Miller on the birth of their fifth grandchild and first girl, Ella Jane on July 3, 2021. She was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches long.

## New Ministry in Orange

A Regional Maternity Housing and Educational Center for mothers and their babies will be opening August 1st. The pro-life center will be for disadvantaged women facing a crisis pregnancy by offering a safe, comfortable home with hope, love, spiritual and emotional counseling. For more info on how you can help or volunteer, see:

[www.paulstefanhome.org](http://www.paulstefanhome.org)

## 2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received June	9,378.00
Received Oct-June	95,094.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 22,064.00</b>

*There was an error in the June Budget Report. It should have read: Revised Oct.-May \$85,715.00*

### GMO Donations received as of 7-15-21:

<i>Antioch</i>	<i>\$952.00</i>	<i>Berea</i>	<i>\$245.00</i>
<i>Crossroads</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	<i>Dogwood</i>	<i>\$95.00</i>
<i>Elk Creek</i>	<i>\$1,770.00</i>	<i>Gordonville</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
<i>Hebron BW</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>	<i>Mine Road</i>	<i>\$350.00</i>
<i>Mount Hermon</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>	<i>Mineral</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
<i>North Pamunkey</i>	<i>\$1,120.00</i>	<i>Oakland</i>	<i>\$1,228.00</i>
<i>Orange</i>	<i>\$70.00</i>	<i>Waldrop</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Waller's</i>	<i>\$738.00</i>		

*\$1,825.00 was donated in honor of Joy's 40th Anniversary*

*GMO goal: \$12,000 As of 7-15-2021: \$10,023.00*

# "Campbell's Comments"

**PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR!** Over the months I have been privileged to be your interim Director of Missions. During these past months I have noted that many of our pastors are dealing with issues on a personal level that would overwhelm the faint hearted. As we have met together and spoken together I have seen the tremendous care and commitment they have had to an ailing spouse or other family member. They carry a care-givers load on their shoulders every day as they study and pray and prepare for ministry to their families of faith.



Care giving can be a very lonely, emotional and sometimes depressing task. Dealing with the reality of sickness of a loved one can summon strength, patience and personal sacrifice. On the one hand there is the need for private empathy and presence, while on the other hand there are the sometimes muffled calls for public strength, empathy and presence from those comprising a local congregation.

**PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR!** Yes, he is a man of God. Yes, he has been called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit and the full counsel of God's word. He is all of that holy calling but it is all contained in an "earthen vessel" i.e. "jar of clay". The apostle Paul wrote that the reason of the jars of clay was so that God could demonstrate his all surpassing power through his servant.

**PRAY FOR YOUR PASTOR!** The pastor is the "called by God" and empowered by God's Holy Spirit to shepherd the flock. God is very straight forward with the way in which he cares about his shepherd and how he cares about his sheep. As a shepherd your pastor is an earthly example of the "good shepherd". As you listen and learn from your shepherd pray that God will give you the spirit of humility and a commitment to recognize your pastor as God's anointed and God's appointed shepherd. His personal sacrifices and private struggles will only make the shepherd more able to hear and guide his precious sheep. Pray that the Lord will keep other sheep from trying to be shepherd for this will only create confusion and distraction to the leading of God's shepherd. ~ Don

## Condolences

Deepest Sympathy to the family of Pastor John Ellington (Goldmine) in his passing on July 5, 2021.

## Goldmine Baptist Closed

A service of thanksgiving and celebration was held at the closing of Goldmine Baptist Church. Goldmine had ministered for over 251 years as a faithful part of Goshen Association.

## Mineral Christian School

Mineral Christian School is accepting applications for K-4th grade students for the 2021-2022 school year beginning Aug. 11. To apply, see [www.mineralchristianschool.com](http://www.mineralchristianschool.com)

**Free Christian Counseling:** Email Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PA-C for availability: 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

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

**Little Dresses for Africa** - www.littledressesforafrica.org

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

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

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

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## *August*

3	Hunter Anniversary	Retired
5	Hart Anniversary	Waldrops
6	Mary Beth Miller	Orange
6	Richard Sandberg	Louisa
9	Wayne Collis	Gordonsville
9	Terry Graham	Mount Hermon
10	John Miller Anniversary	Retired
11	Clore Anniversary	Zoar
13	Murphy Terry	Retired
13	Robin McClary	South Anna
14	Pauline Cornwell	Retired
17	Trish Stone	Berea
18	Carmon Hartsfield	Retired
20	Terry Anniversary	Retired
21	Durham Anniversary	Retired
23	Barton Anniversary	Oakland

## *August*

5	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
7	Clothing & Yardsale @ RuraLove Warehouse 8-12:30
17	Nominating Committee Meeting GMC 10:30 a.m.
21	Mission Stitches GMC 9-2
28	The Journey Home's "Celebration of the Journey" Banquet call 540.259.3627
30	Board of Directors Meeting GMC 6:15 p.m.
30	Budget Prep Meeting GMC 7:00 p.m.

**To donate and help people effected by disasters go to:**

**www.bgav.org or call 1.800.255.2428**

**100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis**

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