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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."

Editor working on a Special Edition of The Goshen News to replace canceled Partnership Missions Dinner

The Annual Partnership Missions Dinner scheduled in January has been canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions and safety. If you were on a Mission Trip during 2020 and would like to share your experiences and pictures, please send them to the Goshen Ministry Center by email and they will be forwarded to the editor. Thank you. Email: goshenassociation@hughes.net

Partnering Together through RuraLove

We encourage each of our churches who receive calls for help to network with the Goshen Ministry Center—to see if sister churches have also been contacted and if the person has been helped previously. It is important that we meet needs that are genuine. It is our responsibility to be good stewards of what the Lord entrusted to us.

Likewise, the Goshen Ministry Center will call upon our sister churches to assist with needs that are more than one group can handle.

It is important that each church secure a RuraLove coordinator for their church. The person is responsible for keeping the needs of RuraLove before the congregation, make arrangements to pick up donations from their members, and make arrangements to deliver items to families their church is ministering to. Remember, RuraLove is a ministry of the local church. It is not Goshen's. Donated items are only warehoused for your church to use in ministry within your community. RuraLove is only as effective as the local church makes it. The goal is to reach families in crisis for Christ and bring them into the church family.

We welcome any Christian individual (man, woman or teen), mission group and youth groups to volunteer their time at RuraLove. There is

sorting, placing donations in the proper area so they can be given out to individuals in need or placed in the yardsale section, as well as helping and talking to customers. For more information call 540.894.8440. Volunteers need to be a Christian as we seek to reflect our Lord through this valuable ministry.



Roma Camp of Dreams

Goshen is looking for volunteers to go to Romania in the summer of 2021 and put on a week long VBS at The Ruth School for the very poor Roma children. The last day of the VBS there will be an outing into the countryside for a big picnic. **Goshen is also collecting funds NOW to fund the VBS and picnic.** If interested contact Don Campbell at 540.894.8440 (GMC) or 804.304.4310 (cell) or email: dcampbell71@verizon.net

Mission Opportunities

Project for January: Baby Bottle Project: fill a baby bottle with donations for Bethany Christian Crisis Pregnancy Center to help them provide ultrasounds. See www.Bethany.org for more info.; **Camp of Dreams** for the summer of 2021 for the very poor Roma children of The Ruth School in Romania (deadline 3-31-2021)

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 not listed. 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. Also, no torn, 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.

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 Stitches

All are invited on Sat, January 16, 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

2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received Nov	9,148.00
Received Oct-Nov	22,189.00
Budget	- 3,935.00

✦ *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>

✦ *If you weren't able to attend Goshen's Fall Meeting, you can still watch at your convenience:*

www.mineralbaptistchurch.org/goshen-2020

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:

- 16 Families with financial needs (**\$8,286.94**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 1 Families with a household need
- 2 Families with a medical equipment loan

Served 101 families with clothing

Served 426 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,097.25**

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

Louisa welcomed two new members by baptism in December. The two brothers attend the Day Camp Program the church started to help working parents with school age children on the days they don't attend school. A total of four children have made professions of faith through this program so far.

Mineral collected 284 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse; Santa Council used Mineral as a distribution point; Monday "Soul Sisters" enjoyed a Christmas luncheon; the Senior Choral Group performed for Louisa and Orange nursing and assisted living homes; and Mineral was the site for Covid-19 testing 12-17.

Zoar called Rick Clore as Interim Pastor.

Pray for our Goshen Churches:

Pray for **Antioch** (Unionville) and pastor, Terry Green.

Pray for **Berea** (Louisa County) and pastor, Jim Stone.

Pray for **Blue Ridge Shores** (Louisa County) and pastor, Steve Whetzel.

Pray for **Craig's** (Spotsylvania County) and pastor, John Swain.

Congratulations

Ashton and Richard Sandberg welcomed their third child Emmalyn Rose Sandberg on Sunday, December 6. She was 20 inches long and weighed 7 pounds 4.5 ounces. Richard is the pastor of Louisa Baptist Church.

Thank You Note

Dear RuraLove,

Thank you so much for all you do for our community. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you in helping people in need in the name of Jesus.

We truly appreciate all the assistance you have given to The Journey Home. Personally, we want to donate out of hearts grateful for your ministry.

Blessings,
Ed & Debby Read

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

Standing Rock 2021

~ New Volunteer Orientation and Site Leader Training

Feb. 27 at the BGAV building or online

~ New Volunteer Orientation and All Volunteer Training
April 17 at the BGAV building (hopefully)

~ WMUV Week at Standing Rock is July 25-30

"Campbell's Comments"

Welcome to 2021:

So many will move into the current year tired, worn out from continual demands to 'adjust' and weary of fighting an insidious virus. Churches and congregations have gone more than the extra mile in creating approaches to ministry. The Goshen is strong in number and in spirit and resolved to face the new year with commitment to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. While we may face necessary changes to our methods of ministering and proclamation we can be encouraged that the message does not need changing. The message we proclaim has not been diminished by wars, political upheaval, weather, or false prophets.



The message delivered in Goshen churches is a message that came from the heart and soul of the Savior, "I am the way and the truth and the life". It is the Savior who said "come unto me all you that are weary". In these two phrases from the Lord can be found the hope-filled approach to this new year.

In Spanish the word is 'esperanza' In English the word is 'hope'. For a long time I quoted Isaiah 40:31 "They that wait upon the Lord...". Some years back I discovered that 'wait' could also be translated as 'hope'. This is a great way to approach 2021 i.e. with HOPE. Hope equals expectation and that expectation inspires hope. Our churches can expect the time to come when masks are unnecessary, when hugs are welcomed, when fist-bumps are replaced by handshakes and when the only thing you do in the church parking lot is park your car as you go to church. The vaccine will be available and protect millions. We will face 2021 with hope that we can live using the lessons learned from ministering in 2020.

Esperanza will guide us as we restore our work and partnerships with our friends and fellow servants in Panama and with Romania.

It is certainly true that 2020 provided situations that "tried men's souls" but 2020 also provided many opportunities to find new ways to minister. As we face 2021 together we do so as a strong and effective association of churches committed to sharing the hope that is in us through Jesus Christ. Goshen will be as effective as our churches allow us to be. RuraLove will be as effective as your support will allow it to be. Your church will be as effective in ministering to others as you allow it to be. Your Associational leadership is committed to assist you as you enter 2021 with HOPE and EXPECTATION.

~ Don

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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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1	Linda Hartsfield	Retired	4	Goshen Ministry Center Reopens
8	Keith Wollenberg	Mine Road	7	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
16	Rebecca Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores	10	Mission Committee Meeting GMC 3 p.m.
16	Charlene Williams	Mechanicsville	11	Board of Directors Meeting GMC 7 p.m.
25	Steve Whetzel	Blue Ridge Shores	16	Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
			17	Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
			25	Advisory Council Meeting GMC 7 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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**The Goshen Ministry Center will be closed for the holidays beginning
Thursday, December 24 and will reopen Monday, January 4.**