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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 ajjuate churcnesh to carry out their mission before God.*

## BEING DIFFERENT

By Keith Wollenberg, RuraLove Coordinator

Each of the volunteers at RuraLove are unique and equipped in diverse ways. It is in our individual uniqueness that God works to build and strengthen His Kingdom. In a world that teaches conformity, which many times goes against the Lord, He has given us-His people- a place of sanctuary in our community. While most would say RuraLove is just another organization among a myriad others, I say they are wrong.

We are a people on mission from God to make an impact where He has placed us to better our communities and enrich lives. I have watched and listened to each of you as you interact with other volunteers and guests, you are true ambassadors of Christ. You are giving, helpful, caring and compassionate—truly a blessing to so many it cannot be counted. Without volunteers this ministry could not happen week in and week out. It is with gratitude and a thankful heart that God has drawn me to this ministry.

To anyone who has not volunteered at RuraLove I ask "why not?" There are so many blessings waiting for you and extra hands make lighter work. Give RuraLove

a chance to show you just how much of a blessing it will be to you personally and to those God draws to us!!!

**Larry & Lynn Edmonds** were drawn to serve at RuraLove several years ago. The fellowship working alongside other believers has blessed them in unmeasurable ways, as well as the impact of helping others in the Lord's Name.

**Judy Lewis** said it was her aunt, Barbara Emberton, that invited her to come out almost 10 years ago (and then said she probably wouldn't stay more than a month). Now, almost a decade later she still feels the joy of the Lord while serving her community. Judy feels RuraLove is her family. She is encouraged by others and has seen the value of teamwork in accomplishing God's will.

**Tony Polk**, RuraLove's newest volunteer, felt drawn to volunteer when another volunteer presented at his church. He wanted to serve the Lord and his community and felt that RuraLove would be good fit. He also enjoys the fellowship it has brought into his life and the fun of being able to help others while serving the Lord. He looks forward to serving for many more years.

## NEW OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN GOD IN HIS WORK

Goshen churches have partnered to support church planters in Moldova (\$500 per year?) and most recently, 2018-2020, in Ghana (\$360 per year) which were used by God in mighty ways saving thousands of souls, giving out 1 million nets to stop the spread of Malaria, and starting hundreds of churches. 2020 concluded that partnership and the Goshen Mission Team now recommends an opportunity to partner with church planters in Armenia (Middle East).

Since Armenia broke away from the Soviet Union in 1990, they have gone from one Christian church in the

whole country to 150 churches and counting. The people are seeking hope after the recent war with Azerbaijan.

New pastors are expected to graduate from seminary this summer and will be bi-vocational, but will need additional support to minister in the Name of Christ in the communities where they will live and work.

If you or your church would like to join with others in this soul saving work, the team is asking for a commitment of \$200 total per year for 3 years. Call 540.894.8440 to sign up and share Jesus with Armenia.

# Mission Opportunities

**Project for June: RuraLove:** *Collect new items listed to be given to families starting over again:* laundry soap, dryer sheets, dish detergent, hand soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, brooms & dust pans, mop buckets, comet type cleanser. Also, we are continuing to collect funds for the Roma children who attend **The Ruth School** for the Warm Clothing Project (\$4,400 needed to provide all 300 students in the fall with boots and winter items).

**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.

**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

## Shelter for HELP Update

Louisa County Police Department joins the shelter's Lethality Assessment Protocol Team and is receiving training to implement the program later this year. The program is designed to reduce serious injury and homicides related to domestic partner violence.

## Mission Stitches

*Terry and Joyce will be traveling to the headquarters for Little Dresses for Africa in early June but will be back in time to give everyone an update at their next meeting:*

**All are invited on Sat, June 19, 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). Prayers for safe travels are appreciated. [www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org)

## 2020-2021 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2020-2021	156,742.00
Monthly Needs	13,062.00
Received April	12,548.00
Received Oct-Apr.	79,586.00
<b>Budget</b>	<b>- 11,434.00</b>

## Thank you all so much

Thank you all so much for the surprise recognition for my 40 years of service to the Goshen. The special gift of the engraved Danbury Mantle Clock (so beautiful), the lovely bouquet of flowers, and the gracious monetary gift were all quite unexpected, but greatly appreciated.

The gracious "Resolution of Appreciation" from the BGAV is proudly displayed in my office. Thanks again for your encouragement. <>< Joy

## Newsletter Options

When it comes to receiving monthly editions of The Goshen News, you have three options: you may receive a hard copy mailed to you each month, you can look for it on the website, or you can submit your name and email to the GMC Office and receive it by email. Call 540.894.8440 or email: [goshenassociation@hughes.net](mailto:goshenassociation@hughes.net)



## 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 (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:*

- 4 Families with financial needs (**\$2,788.00**)  
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 4 Families with a household need
- 2 Families with a whole house
- 3 Families with a medical loan

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

Served 319 families with clothing

Served 761 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$5,740.75**

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

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

# CHURCH NEWS

**Louisa** is planning VBS for July 18-21 from 6-8 p.m. with the theme, "Mystery Island" from Answers in Genesis. The youth will have an Impact Missions Camp July 5-9. The three day a week Day Camp program for school children grades K-5 was a huge success. The Day Camp did the "Bible Drill" Program with a game invented by Pastor Richard along with their homework assignments. The game made the children eager to earn items from the game by memorizing Bible verses, Bible drills, good behavior, and completing school work. Four boys made a profession of faith through the Day Camp program and were baptized.

**Mechanicsville** is seeking prayers as they begin a pastor search. Dr. Roy Thomas will serve as Interim June-Dec. Mechanicsville also bids farewell to Minister to Youth and Children, Kate Parrish. Men's Breakfast continues each second Saturday at 8 a.m.—all are welcome. Covid-19 precautions are observed in all services.

**Mineral** VBS will be June 28-July 2 from 9-11:30 a.m. with the theme "Rocky Railway" (registration required). Centershot will begin June 1. See [www.mineralbaptistchurch.org](http://www.mineralbaptistchurch.org) for info on VBS & Centershot. The Women's Ministry is collecting for Hope for Appalachia and Little Dresses for Africa. A youth Ridgecrest trip is scheduled June 7-12 and has four new members.

**Orange** welcomes two new members. Orange is planning VBS for July 11-15.

**Waller** will have a "Celebration Sunday" on June 27 at 11 a.m. to celebrate Pastor Jojuan White's 10 year anniversary at Wallers, their four baptism candidates, and high school graduates. A luncheon will follow. For more info: [walleroffice@gmail.com](mailto:walleroffice@gmail.com) or [www.wallersbaptist.com](http://www.wallersbaptist.com)

**Orange Community Churches** gathered at Goshen's **Leland-Madison Park** (at the intersection of Clifton Road & Constitution Highway, Orange) on the National Day of Prayer in May for an hour devoted to prayer.

## *Vol. Receptionist Luncheon*

A luncheon will be held for GMC Volunteer Receptionists on Saturday, June 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Vito's at the Lake.

## *Counseling Services*

Samantha Reynolds has closed her office at the Goshen Ministry Center. She is still seeing clients at Orange Baptist Church on Saturdays. If you are in need of her services, email her for availability at [samtheuropa10@hotmail.com](mailto:samtheuropa10@hotmail.com).

### **\*Pray for our Goshen Churches:**

- ~Pray for Mount Gilead Baptist and Pastor Ben Boyd.
- ~Pray for Mt. Hermon Baptist and Pastor Jim Graham.
- ~Pray for New Hope Baptist and Pastor Rob Bratcher.
- ~Pray for North Pamunkey Baptist and Pastor Tim Jarrell.

## "Campbell's Comments"

In your memory bank of insignificant facts you may have stored the fact that the Lipton (tea) Company (now Unilever) introduced the "flow through" tea bag. It was a single tea bag divided into two pouches each contain an amount of tea leaves. The idea was that you could brew a better cup of tea if more of the crushed leaves were exposed to the hot water. If the hot water would flow through the tea leaves it would hasten the brewing or steeping time for your most satisfying cup of Lipton tea. No, I am aware that to the 'purest' one would not use a tea bag but would gently place loose tea in a tea ball and steep it for three to four minutes for maximum taste effectiveness. I guess it is just a matter of personal taste, no pun intended.



By way of an analogy, think about the ways God so wonderfully blesses a church or, in the case of Goshen Association, think of the ways in which God blesses the Goshen. If you peruse the scriptures you will find in your journey that the Lord honors individuals, churches and organizations committed to Him with multiple blessings. You will also discover that personal and corporate stewards will understand that blessings are given so that they will 'flow through' stewards. Stewardship sees the purpose of blessings TO is so that the blessings don't stay but flow THROUGH the stewards.

RuraLove is a case in point. As the Lord blesses individuals they contribute items, of every sort, to RuraLove. Volunteers bless RuraLove by giving time to sort, clean, organize and prepare items for sale. As some items are made available to the public and are sold, RuraLove is blessed with money from the selling of contributed items. With money from RuraLove in the bank account the office staff is able to answer many of the calls for assistance with rent, utilities, or emergencies. In other words, the blessings just continue to flow. Last year RuraLove was blessed with almost \$37,000 and was able to assist individuals in need by distributing the same amount.

RuraLove is the recipient of the blessings that flow TO and RuraLove is the place where the blessings flow THROUGH. You bless RuraLove with your contributions, with your volunteering and your assistance on sale days, your financial contributing and with your praying. We at RuraLove invite you to come be part of the Lord's FLOW THROUGH Blessings.

Thank you for caring. Would you care for a cup of tea?

~ Don

## *Summer Camps*

**Adventure Camps for boys & girls**

**Camp Piankatank:**

[CampPiankatank.org](http://CampPiankatank.org)

**CrossRoads Summer Camp:**

[Www.crossroadscamp.com](http://Www.crossroadscamp.com)

CrossRoads is offering safe and flexible opportunities for families and church groups to bring children and youth this summer to their camp. Packages range from a day trip to four nights. An adult must remain with their group.

**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

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## *June*

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2	Susan Hunter	Retired
5	Nancy Emerick	Retired
6	Bowers Anniversary	Dogwood
7	Deborah Durham	Retired
8	John Swain	Craigs
9	Nancy McDaniel	Retired
11	Mike Durham	Retired
11	Lee Bowers	Dogwood
12	A. Miller Anniversary	Orange
15	Hutchinson Anniversary	Mineral
17	Rick Clore	Zoar
21	Wollenberg Anniversary	Mine Road
26	Wilson Anniversary	Perkins
26	Jarrell Anniversary	North Pamunkey
27	Tim Wilson	Perkins
27	David Nelson	Smyrna
30	Jojuan White	Waller

3	Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
4-5	WMUV RA Event, Doswell
5	Goshen Volunteer Receptionists luncheon—Vito's at the Lake 11:30 a.m.
5	Clothing & Yardsale @ RuraLove Warehouse 8-12:30
7	WMU Annual Planning GMC 6 p.m.
13-14	WMU Annual Meeting—Nashville, Tenn.
15-16	SBC Annual Meeting—Nashville, Tenn.
19	Mission Stitchers GMC 9-2
20	Father's Day "Sock It To Dad" socks & tennis shoes for Standing Rock

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

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