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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."

We pray you have

A
Holy
and Blessed
Christmas

*From the Staff
and Volunteers*

Four-Part Mission Team to Armenia set for August 2023

The Goshen Missions Committee is in the process of planning a Mission Trip to Sisian, Armenia for the dates of August 17-29, 2023. The Team will be working with one of our three church planters, Pastor Vardan and his wife Lusine.

We are planning to have four parts to the team: part 1 will be working with children and youth in a Vacation Bible School setting; part 2 will be made up of ladies who will have classes for the local women while the VBS is going on; part 3 will be made up of pastors/teachers to hold classes for the pastors in the area and doing some outreach around our construction project; and the fourth part will be the construction team to work on a project TBD.

The cost of the trip is estimated at \$1800-2000 depend-

ing on the cost of airline tickets. Additional funds would be needed for any souvenirs or shopping.

The team will be staying in a hotel. There are no special shots required for entry into the country. You will need a current passport.

If you would like more information or are interested in being on one of the four parts of this team, please contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

Please pray the Lord would build this team and Goshen people would be receptive to His calling.



Pastor Vardan & Lusine

Please continue to pray for our Church Planters in Armenia...

Pastor Avo, Pastor Svin, and Pastor Vardan depend on our prayers as their work is in an area of unrest and

they often suffer persecution because of their faith in Christ in a predominately Muslim part of the world.

Mission Opportunities

Projects for December:

1. **Chaplain of Goochland Women's Correctional Center's Financial Support** (Goshen's goal \$4,500) due by December 15.
2. **Disaster Response Baby Boxes:** Collect *Unscented Diaper Wipes* in 50-100 count packs of any brand. (more info below).

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.

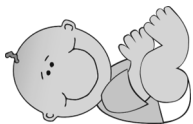
Hope for Appalachia <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall. See website.

Paul Stefan Home (Pro-Life Maternity Housing & Educational Center) www.paulstefanhome.org ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 See website for current needs. **Volunteers also needed!** For more info contact Evelyn at 540.379.9924.

Also Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses and men's neckties for a missionary in Guatemala.

~Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders. Labels do **NOT** have to be removed. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center.



DISASTER RESPONSE BABY BOXES

As a part of the BGAV's new disaster response program for supply distribution, Goshen is collecting supplies for baby boxes so families can have the essentials to care for their baby during a crisis. This is a brand new idea and Goshen is the first to put together these needed supplies.

The boxes (will be provided) are to contain: a 4 ounce tube of Desitin or store brand version (which is much cheaper), 1 pacifier (in packaging), 1 bottle (8-ounce in packaging), 1 blanket, 1 sm. box of disposable diaper sacks **or** 4 gal trash bags, 3 packs of unscented wipes (50-100 count each), 2 packs of name brand diapers (25-35 depending on size).

We have purchased 240 boxes and 240 "Hope" New Testaments to use. We plan to pack boxes in the spring (depending on donations) to be prepared for hurricane season 2023.

Save items until a packing is scheduled or bring to Goshen Ministry Center during office hours. For any questions, call, 540.894.8440. You may also donate funds and we will shop for you - the cost is approximately \$50 per box.

Impact VA! Needs YOU!

Do you have experience in construction and have an interest in leading a team of volunteer teens to do ministry in our community? If so, we need your help. Our community will be hosting an Impact VA! Camp July 9-15 and we are looking for project coordinators. For info contact camp director, Rev. Richard Sandberg, 540.223.5840 or PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com



RuraLove Ministry

587 Mica Road, Mineral
540.894.8440

The RuraLove Thrift Store is open to the public to purchase clothing and yard sale items on Wednesdays (year-round) and the first Saturday of the month April-November from 8-12:30. In the past month (through your contributions and donations to RuraLove) you have helped local families in crisis by providing:

15 Families with financial needs (**\$11,547.00**)

(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)

11 Families with household needs

5 Families with the loan of medical equipment

1 Family with clothing

◆ 650.75 volunteer hours were donated in October.

Volunteers made:

◆ 8 deliveries of donated items

◆ 5 deliveries of purchased items

◆ 12 pick ups of donations

Totalling 729 miles

◆ received \$158.20 for recycling metal

In the past month the RuraLove Thrift Store sales have:

◆ Served 344 families with clothing

◆ Served 882 families with household items

Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the past month: **\$7,679.00**

RuraLove is in need of:

twin & full-sized mattress sets, bed frames (metal or wood in all sizes), toasters & microwaves electric stoves, refrigerators & washing machines

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Association churches to local families in crisis. Churches are needed to **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis.

Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, December 10, from 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.

Needs: Flannel by the yard (new), flannel bed sheets and pillowcases (new or gently used), 100% cotton quilt batting or 80% cotton/20% polyester quilt batting, cotton pillowcases (new or used-no stains, no microfiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new), modern white wedding dresses (gently used).

For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.

CHURCH NEWS

Elk Creek continues bi-weekly cleanups of Route 652 (65 bags picked up since Oct.); also, collecting for Samaritan Purse; & the Woodchuckers are coordinating with Louisa Resource Council to find qualified families needing firewood.

Gordonsville ~ Youth & children's program, "The Mystery of the Manger" - Sun., Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.; Adult Cantata "Jesus Makes Christmas A Holy Day" - Sun., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.

Louisa ~ visit www.OneBrightNight.com for details on dates & times for the Christmas light displays synchronized to music along with "Timeless Gift," a journey through time to visit the first Christmas. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville ~ Dec. 3, Parent's Day Out (ages 4-12 years) noon-4 p.m. Join in with the Bible Trivia and fun! Lunch is provided. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 7 p.m. and Christmas Day worship, 9:30 a.m. Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search Committee. www.mechbaptist.com

Mineral ~ "The New Dig" children's ministry is collecting to feed hungry children in the county (goal \$500). Dec. 4 ~ Rev. Larry Cranes (served with his family as missionaries in Romania for 14.5 years with the IMB; and Candidate Consultant for IMB, Richmond for 13.5 years). The Unity Choir & Praise Team present "Brand New Hallelujah!" Dec. 18, 10 a.m. Covered dish following. Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. & Christmas Day 10 a.m. (no nursery or Sunday School). Mineralbaptistchurch.org

Orange is having a Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Singing Christmas Tree will be Sat., Dec. 10 & Sun., Dec. 11 at 5 & 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 p.m. Orange welcomes five new members.

Wallers participated in Wreaths across America on Veterans Day weekend. The Puppetz4Jesus and the children's ministry's annual Christmas play is on Sun., Dec. 11 during the 11 a.m. service, with pizza & cupcakes following. Special Services: WBC Choir presentation, Sun., Dec. 18, 11 a.m.; Christmas Eve, 6 p.m.; and Christmas Day, 10 a.m.

Zoar extends call to Rev. Doug Gibson as Interim Pastor.

Thank You Notes

I cannot thank you enough for all your help in this difficult time. We have struggled since having our fourth little blessing. From a scary pregnancy with the worry of him not growing properly to him getting ill within the first few weeks in the outside world. God has certainly been looking out for our little guy & I appreciate the relief that you have given us as we focus on keeping him healthy and safe.

God bless ~ RuraLove Client

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Thank you for your gift (once again) that enables Project Ruth to care for Ukrainian refugees. They are facing a harsh winter as the war drags on. We anticipate a new wave of refugees coming to us for shelter, meals and transportation.

God bless ~ Ralph Stocks

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Thank you for your generous donation to the Paul Stefan Foundation. Your support helps us provide a variety of quality programs and services to our residents. We depend on donations to help those who come to us in need. Our moms and babies are grateful for your kindness. *(condensed due to limited space available)*

Thank You!!! ~ Randy James

Scholarships for Students

Virginia Baptist Foundation has changed its name to EverBless and is now receiving applications for scholarships for full-time students at accredited institutions who are members of a BGAV church with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Apply online: <http://everbless.org/scholarships/12/1/22-1/31/23>

Ministry Action Budget 2022-2023

<u>Church</u>	<u>October</u>
Antioch	
Berea	
Blue Ridge Shores	
Craigs	
Crossroads CC	
Dogwood	229.00
Elk Creek	80.00
FBC, Louisa	
Gordonsville	9,728.29
Louisa	690.41
Mechanicsville	846.78
Memorial of Columbia	
Mine Road	560.00
Mineral	
Mount Gilead	600.85
Mount Hermon	
North Pamunkey	379.56
Oakland	532.00
Orange	468.84
Perkins	
Rhoadesville	488.92
Shady Grove	
Smyrna	425.00
South Anna	
St. Mark	250.00
Trinity	100.00
Waldrops	
Wallers	
Zoar	222.65
Others	1,868.00

Total 17,470.30

2021-2022 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2022-2023	174,384.00
Monthly Needs	14,532.00
Received Oct.	17,470.00
Budget	+ 2,938.00

Totals as of 10-31-2022

Stewards of Children Training

A training opportunity is available to all churches for child sexual abuse prevention and response on January 14 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Goshen Ministry Center. All church leaders, teachers and children's workers are encouraged to attend.

The training is being offered through the BGAV's partnership with From Darkness to Light and is entitled "Stewards of Children."

If you, or members of your church, would like to register please RSVP to:

PastorRichardSandberg@gmail.com

Christian Counseling: Daystar Pastoral Counseling, Samantha J. Reynolds, BS, MSW, PAC, LCSW. 540.308.7500 or email DaystarPastoralCounseling@gmail.com ~ Reasonable fees.

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

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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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Birthdays & Anniversaries

13	Sylvia Moore	Shady Grove
17	Karen Clore	Zoar
18	Everett Anniversary	Mineral
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
22	Wright Anniversary	Retired
30	Jim Graham	Mount Hermon
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna
31	Brown Anniversary	Retired

**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**

Events

- 27-Dec 4 Week of Prayer for International Missions
- 1 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
- 10 Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 15 Chaplain of GWCC financial support due

Office closed for Christmas Holidays Dec. 23-Jan. 1

Getting Your Personal Affairs In Order—Just in case

Monday, December 5 from 1-2 p.m.

Louisa County Office Building

Virginia Cooperative Extension Meeting Room

This interactive class will help you learn what actions you need to take and documents you need to have in place for your loved ones. To Register contact Crysti Hopkins at 540.967.3422 or hcrysti2@vt.edu

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