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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."

MISSION STITCHERS

The Goshen Mission Stitchers' year runs July until June of the next year. So on July 9 at 12:30 in the morning, Terry Graham and Joyce Salmon headed from Richmond on a 1,534 mile journey to Rockwood, Michigan to deliver an SUV 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 newly acquired (and much larger) warehouse around ten the next morning after taking turns driving all night. In the vehicle were: nine donated



Terry Graham (left) with Joyce Salon in their packed vehicle ready to go.

modern white wedding dresses; 698 t-shirt and pillowcase dresses for girls; 3,350 dignity (sani) pads; 1,501 girls underpants; 120 dignity kits; and 18 tote bags.

The Mission Stitchers have been meeting at the Goshen Ministry Center the third Saturday of each month since June of 2017. The group may have four sewing and cutting out fabric one month and then another month 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; donating money to buy fabric, supplies and t-shirts in bulk; money for transporting and/or shipping finished goods; by collecting girls underwear size 12, 14, or ladies small and medium 100% cotton briefs; donating white modern wedding dresses (which a couple of ladies alter and rent out to support their whole village); donate 12x15 mesh lingerie bags and large and extra large good quality space bags for packing; collect 100% cotton pillow cases for dresses; and they also need flannel sheets. Of the 698 pillow case dresses, 628 were made by Goshen ladies. The rest were contributed by a group in the eastern part of Virginia. Seven of the nine wedding dresses were from our RuraLove ware-

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house.

The Little Dresses for Africa, a Christian ministry, was founded in 2008 by Rachel O'Neill, a preacher's daughter. This ministry not only sends mission teams to provide dresses; dignity kits (reusable sani-pads with underwear, ivory soap and a washcloth); and Britches for Boys (shorts up 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. Rachel's goal is to dig 19 wells in 2019.

Wanting to do something in the United States, Rachel sent back with the Goshen ladies 450 dresses for the Hope for Appalachia ministry based out of New Salem Baptist in Culpeper, which our ladies also support.

Some of our Goshen Mission Stitchers ladies are making 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 join this ministry, you could: donate money to buy supplies in bulk; donate a nice modern prom dress; sew the fleece hats by the pattern provided by the ministry; or collect any size children's gloves.

For more information contact Terry Graham at 540.661.6268; email mrsjrg@aol.com or like their Facebook Page: Goshen Sewing Ministry. Also, check out: www.littledressesforafrica.org and Hope for Appalachia's site: www.hfavateam.com

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

Goshen is also collecting school supplies for Hope for Appalachia through this month. The deadline is August 30 for school supplies.

The Next Sewing Day at Goshen

A sewing day for the Mission Stitchers is planned at The Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, **August 17** from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. for anyone interested in learning to make sani-pads, dresses, or shorts. Even if you don't sew you can help. Bring about \$10 to get lunch or bring your lunch.



The vehicle couldn't hold everything. They had to leave home some of the articles the group had made. Next year they may have to rent a van.

RuraLove's Monthly Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 18 Families with financial needs (**\$8,923.77**)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
- 6 Families with household needs
- 8 Families with clothing
- 4 Families with a medical need
- 1 Family with the loan of an AC

Thrift Store:

Served 274 families with clothing

Served 662 families with household items



Total sales from the Thrift Store for clothing and other donated yard sale items for the month: **\$4,058.75**

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

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Projects for August: School supplies for Appalachia ~ Collect new school supplies and bring to GMC. Deadline Aug. 30. **Also: COLOR** marble comp. books and 5x7 puzzle and word search books for Goochland Women's Correctional Center.

RuraLove 540.894.8440 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): cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, electric stoves, dish rags, dish towels, electric can openers, crib sheets, AC units especially 110, lamps, twin blankets, sofas, recliners, lift recliners, washers, full mattresses, good vehicles.

We accept a wide variety of items not listed such as building supplies, household goods, decorations, and much more. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Donations may be brought to the warehouse on Wednesdays 7 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to pick up items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept tvs, entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, 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 to work in the Thrift Store on Wednesdays and/or the first Saturday of the month from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (to help set up and put away) or to pick up or deliver furniture please call.

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

Fredericksburg 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

2018-2019 Ministry Action Budget

Budget	167,029.00
Monthly Needs	13,919.00
Received June	7,296.00
Received Oct.-June	123,117.00
Budget	- 2,154.00

"Grist from the Mill"

My wife and I recently spent a week in Arizona attending her family's reunion. Her family is fairly large and most were able to make at least part of the activities. Like most American families this particular branch of the Quinn tree is spread across the entire country. There is a grandson moving to Oregon and that matches the granddaughter living in North Carolina. They did not hit every state in between, but, give them time, more great grandchildren are on the way.



While at the reunion I had a lot of time to contemplate family and what it means to call oneself part of this family or that. I have friends who I consider brothers, but there is no blood kinship. I have seen sisters by blood that are complete strangers. And, I am certain you know of parents who have no biological ties to their children, but who better fit God's ideal than those with enormous biological broods.

There is a passage in the Psalms I find haunting. The 68th Psalm, verse 6 in the NIV begins with these words: "God sets the lonely in families...". Other versions express it in different ways, but what I find here is a powerful statement about God's care for us and about the importance of family. The life we live is one which can be overwhelmingly hard. We fight against the demons of frustration, anger and abandonment even when we do not know to give them those names. But the Lord knows and places us among others. These others, are our life support, our hedge against the evil that surrounds us, our hope, our family. Without them, the loneliness and despair that sit at our doors will devour us.

In His mercy, God created family. Cling to yours. It offers you hope. ~ John

CHURCH NEWS

Gordonsville's Vacation Bible School collected \$1,170.60 to give towards three mission causes: 1/3 to Operation Christmas Child; 1/3 to Goshen Baptist Association's VBS team to Panama for January 2020; and 1/3 to BGAV for Disaster Response.

Mineral is holding registration July 27 & July 29 for cheerleading and flag football (ages K5 through 10th grade). Registration is \$58. For more info dmorg5@msn.com. The Women's Retreat for Prayer and Fasting is August 3 from 6 a.m.-noon in the sanctuary. Gather for prayer every Tuesday noon-12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. VBS collected over \$4,000 securing 210 filters for countries needing clean water. The VBS averaged 162 daily. AWANA registration is August 14. Three new deacons were ordained. Youth participated in World Changers after returning from Ridgecrest.

New Hope welcomed three new members the second quarter of 2019. The ladies will begin a Priscilla Shirer Bible study, "Discerning the Voice of God" on Saturday, August 24 at 10 a.m. The seven session study book is \$14.99 plus shipping at lifeway.com. To sign up: 540.223.8935 or www.info@newhopebapt.org

Waller's Homecoming 2019 will be held Sept. 22.

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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 many unwanted babies)
www.holeinthewall.org.za

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

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03	Hunter Anniversary	Retired
05	Hart Anniversary	Waldrops
06	Mary Beth Miller	Orange
06	Richard Sandberg	Louisa
09	Wayne Collis	Gordonsville
09	Terry Graham	
10	Miller Anniversary	DoM
11	Clore Anniversary	Retired
13	Murph Terry	Retired DoM
13	Robin McClary	South Anna
14	Pauline Cornwell	Retired
18	Carmon Hartsfield	Retired
20	Terry Anniversary	Retired DoM
21	Durham Anniversary	Retired

AUGUST

1 Minister's Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
5 Board of Directors GMC 7 p.m.
NOTICE CHANGE BELOW:
10 RuraLove Benefit Yard Sale 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
15 Nominating Committee Meeting GMC 10:30 a.m.
17 Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
26 Board of Directors GMC 6:15 p.m.
26 Budget Prep. GMC 7 p.m.

Free Everett Upright Piano

Needs tuning. Must pick up in Goochland.
Dave Davis 804.387.9467

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www.bgav.org or call 1.800.255.2428**

100% of money donated goes to help people in crisis