



Goshen News

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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*

from all of us at the Goshen Ministry Center and RuraLove



Funds to purchase Bibles are needed in the following areas:

- 1) South Africa - Bibles are needed for congregants and for work in the schools and prison ministry.
- 2) South India - Bibles are needed for Seminary Graduates.
- 3) Goshen - Hispanic Bibles for the work with our church plant.
- 4) RuraLove - English Bibles are needed to be given out with requests. Specify which area you wish to donate Bibles and send checks to Goshen Association, PO Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117.

2010-2011 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Mission Opportunities

Church	October	Year	GRIF 2011
Antioch	290.65	290.65	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores			
Craigs			
Crossroads CC			
Dogwood			
Elk Creek	1,000.00	1,000.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Goldmine	46.70	46.70	
Gordonsville			
Hebron			
Louisa	1,333.34	1,333.34	
Mechanicsville	742.88	742.88	
Memorial/Columbia	75.00	75.00	
Mine Road	150.00	150.00	
Mineral			
Mount Gilead	344.68	344.68	
Mount Hermon			
New Hope			
North Pamunkey			
Oakland	1,445.22	1,445.22	
Orange			
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	458.00	458.00	
Servants of Christ	629.80	629.80	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna			
South Anna			
St. Mark			
Thornburg			
Trinity			
Waldrops			
Wallers	579.78	579.78	
Zoar	625.00	625.00	
Others	100.00	100.00	
Total as of 10/31/10	7,821.05	7,821.05	

Project for December: Angel Tree If you would like to participate in the Angel Tree project, call the Goshen Ministry Center to sign up. The Angel Tree project is a ministry of Chuck Cholson's Prison Fellowship Ministry. One parent of a child is incarcerated in order to be eligible for this program. The present which you purchase is given to the child in the name of the incarcerated parent. There is a \$35 limit per child.

RuraLove - A ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis ~ 540.894.8440

URGENT: Silverware sets, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattress sets and bed frames, pots and pans, electric stoves, washing machines, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Please make sure all donations work properly. **Also NEED VOLUNTEERS** for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. or Wed. mornings or another by appointment. **REMINDER:** Requests should come from the church to help meet the needs in the community in the name of Jesus. Thus our motto "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" - meeting physical needs, developing trust through relationships and ministering spiritually. **PLEASE make sure to FOLLOW UP with families after they have been helped. This is key to making the most of opportunities to minister spiritually to families in crisis.**

Bethany Christian Services

Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center & Adoption Services
1616 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg 540.370.1800

Hope House

Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children
902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg 540.371.0831

Safe House

For Battered and Abused Women and their children. P.O. Box 402, Culpeper, VA 22701 540.825.TURN

Sheltering Arms

A Christ centered homeless shelter ~ Orange 540.672.6210

Thurman Brisben Center

Homeless shelter - Fredericksburg 540.899.9853

***All ministries listed above are in need of:**

your prayers, financial support, volunteers, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, styrofoam cups and plates, cleaning & laundry supplies, baby formulas & foods, diapers (all sizes), towels, washcloths, dish detergent, bleach, toothbrushes & paste, shampoo, hair spray, hair care for African Americans, deodorant, combs, brushes, sanitary products for women, disposable razors, shaving cream, light bulbs, paper lunch bags, plastic sandwich bags, etc.

Goshen Media Center

Please come in and make use of the Goshen Media Center (our library). There are no fees and there are a lot of Bible studies, kids videos, books, and learning tools available.

Let's all make use of this valuable resource.

Available to check out on loan - February 2007

What's Really Holding You Back? Valorie Burton

Conversations that Change Lives: The Art of Engaging in Spiritual Conversations - George Barna, Jim Henderson, Steve Russo

Groups that Grow: Sharing the Leadership Load - Dr. Henry Cloud, Bill Donahue

How to Grow a High-Impact Church: The Law of Focus - Chip Ingram

Preventing and Treating Childhood Obesity - Dr. Walt Larimore

Ultimate Leadership: A Leader Who Confronts Successfully - Dr. John Townsend

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 30 families with financial help
- 13 families with household needs
- 1 family with whole house set up
- 3 families with clothing
- 2 families with baby layettes
- 1 family with a medical need



CHURCH NEWS

Antioch - Hark How the Bells, Sweet Silver Bells... Singing, Ringing, and Bringing Praise to Christ our King. Sunday, December 12.

Gordonsville will hold the Children's Christmas Program, "Mystery of the Manger" on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

North Pamunkey receiving applications for choir director. Call to inquire Patty Cocksill 540.380.4058.

Orange is rehearsing for their annual Singing Christmas Tree to be held on December 11 & 12.

Rhoadesville is holding a Christmas Play on Dec. 12 at 5 p.m.; a Choir Cantata on Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.; and a Christmas Eve Candlelight, Carol and Communion Service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Wallers is collecting skeens of acrylic YARN. Color doesn't matter. They will knit and crochet lap robes for the veteran's hospital. Whatever you have and can share will be a great help. For more information contact Terry Graham at 540.582.3348 (home) or 540.507.7520 (work) or email terryandjim@comcast.net

Note of Thanks

Thanks to the many friends who contributed blankets, coats, and hats to the Standing Rock Reservation in North and South Dakota. The Goshen Mission Celebration and Goshen WMU ladies produced and sent 170 pounds of blankets. A team of men from Oakland Baptist in Gum Spring delivered over 1700 pounds of these items during the week of October 17. The people were very thankful for the supplies and expressed their gratitude by hugging the givers and saying, "Tell them, tell them all, Thank you."

Men's Church League Basketball

Calling all men! This winter there will be a Men's Church Basketball League at Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center in Mineral. Teams will play once a week. Plans are for a ten-game schedule followed by a tournament. The purpose will be to help reach men and their families to Christ. Entrance Fee: \$575 per team, due Dec. 21. For more information contact Rick Mitchell at 571.278.5987 or email: sportsrecplus@cs.com

E-mail NOTICE

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oaklandsherry09@yahoo.com

"Grist from the Mill"

When Jesus was faced with opposition He did not call fire down on His enemies. He opposed the sinners and stood against evil, but did so with love. We too, will be faced with enemies both personal and national. But as Believers, we must face our enemies with compassion, respect, and even love.

A memorable event took place less than fifty miles from here in our own fratricidal war between the states. In December of 1862, the Confederate army was entrenched along the base of Marye's Heights and the road leading to Harrison's Crossing. Facing them was the Army of the Potomac who for more than 18 months had tried to destroy them to reach Richmond. The Battle of Fredericksburg was more a slaughter than a battle. No Union soldier came close to the stone wall used by Lee's troops that day. For the two armies, wounded Union soldiers lay dying, crying out in pain for water, for their mothers, and for their loved ones.

Behind the wall, a nineteen year old South Carolina sergeant named Richard Kirkland could not listen to the cries. Repeatedly he begged permission to go to the relief of those enemy soldiers. He continued to beg until his commander finally consented. Kirkland then climbed the wall and into the sights of the Union soldiers. He went from soldier to soldier giving them water. Recognizing what he was doing, both sides held their fire and watched.

Why would he risk his life to give water to the enemy? Because of their cries of pain and need they became men and were no longer a nameless, faceless enemy. He risked his life to help and comfort hurting people. Kirkland died in battle two years later.

We can look around us and see a nameless, faceless crowd. We can remain in our secure, protected place apart from those who are crying out for help, love, and forgiveness. Like Kirkland, we must decide if we will respond to the needs before us or ignore their cries. Let us climb over the wall and serve those God has placed before us.

John

Changes in Inmate Bags

Place in a ONE GALLON zipper bag:

Bar of soap (no motel size)
Toothbrush (individually wrapped)
Toothpaste (4-6 ounce sizes)
Shampoo (16 ounces or smaller)
Hand Lotion (16 ounces or smaller)
#2 Pencils

Bic Pens (no retractables)
Solid Deodorant

Comb (small - no pointed end)

Items which can be collected which DO NOT go in bags:

Marble Comp. books (no spiral)
2011 Wall Calendars
Address Books (no spiral)

Deadline: Noon December 15

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

04	Rick Mitchell	
08	Eric Pelter	Mt. Hermon
15	Sandy Pelter	Mt. Hermon
17	Karen Clore	Orange
18	Burgess Anniversary	Retired
20	Riggins Anniversary	Berea
21	Hartsfield Anniversary	Retired
22	Wright Anniversary	Trinity
28	Mitchell Anniversary	
30	Jim Graham	Waller
31	McClary Anniversary	South Anna

December

11/28-12/5	Week of Prayer for International Missions
2	Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m. GMC
5	WMU Leadership Meeting 3:30 p.m. GMC
15	Noon Deadline for Inmate Bags and Angel Tree
18	Hispanic Christmas Celebration at church 5:30 p.m.
20	Angel Tree Deliveries
23-31	Office Closed for Holidays

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

Need a pulpit supply?

Brian Miller	804.883.7351
Bob Graver	540.972.8610
Rick Mitchell	540.854.6723
James Eure	540.842.9287
Charlie Chilton	540.972.9497
Gerald Chancellor	804.883.7517
Al Hodges	804.219.1717
David Bailey	804.405.8108 cell
William Hutchinson, Jr.	804.552.2104
David Atwood	540.229.9447
Ed Jordon	804.556.2122

Goshen Counseling Center

Dwight Boston, LCSW, M.S.W. 540.894.8814

Member: American Association of Christian Counselors. Fees are covered by most insurance plans. Those with no insurance may be seen with an adjusted fee based on finances if funding allows. Counselor is trained to provide counseling to children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. Dwight is available to provide educational seminars on specific topics of interest. Confidential.

Websites for Ministries

Door of Hope - South Africa (Christian Orphanages which place abandoned children) www.holeinthewall.org.za

Living Hope Community Centre News - South Africa (Living Hope makes a difference in the lives of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the deep south of Cape Town in the Name of Jesus Christ.) www.livinghope.co.za

South India - Dr. & Mrs. Kunjumon Chacko, P.O. Box 11, Vadavathoor P.O, Kottayam, Kerala, India 686010
email: chackos@sancharnet.in www.preciouschildren.org

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