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Persistent Woman Changes lives

The sheer determination of one woman was no match for the Freeman family of five. Once Bessie Hudgins and Pastor Tim Wilson visited the family who had requested furniture from RuraLove, there was no stopping Bessie from praying for and visiting time and time again until the family gave in and attended Perkins Baptist Church in Goochland. The family hadn't had a church family before and it wasn't long before they found out they

sure had one now. This week before Thanksgiving in 2004 when they started going to Perkins was a major turning point in the lives of Doug and Laura Freeman and their children, Robby, Casey, and Harley. They soon realized their need for a Savior and a baptism was held in March of 2005 for Laura and Doug.

"This time of crisis became a triple blessing for the family," Laura said. "Perkins also helped purchase Christmas for the kids while we got back on our feet." Laura, who has been wheelchair bound all her life, also complimented Jenny Bryan and her son who came and built her a ramp for easier access into the home. Brenda Hodges became her best friend, and Bessie Hudgins became her rival baker during the times of the Cookie Caper. The last year Laura and her family baked for the Caper, they made over 600 dozen cookies for the service men and women.

The Cookie Caper is not the only thing in which the Freeman family became involved. Laura was active in the Women on Mission group, she has gone to Fredericksburg to help feed the homeless at the shelter, Laura and Robby were captains of the Relay for Life Team one year, they helped with yard sales, worked in the Stop Hunger Now packing, Laura has helped in the kitchen



Bessie Hudgins (left) seals bags in the Stop Hunger Now packing. Laura Freeman (below) works along side her daughter and Bessie sealing bags. Story and pictures by Tammy Wood, editor.



for VBS and helped with GAs and the nursery. All because a stubborn lady kept visiting and visiting, never giving up.

Why did I tell you about the Freemans and Bessie Hudgins' determination to see them won the the Lord? Because this is the perfect example of how RuraLove was designed to work. There is no way to emphasize enough the importance of the church family being involved in the work of RuraLove and reaching out to families in need in their own communities. If we do not visit and build a relationship with the people we help, then we have failed our mission to draw them closer to Jesus.

The motto, "Neighbor Helping Neighbor," is just the beginning. After helping the neighbor in need, the outreach team is asked to follow up with visits, developing trust through relationships with the hopes of ministering spiritually to the family in crisis. We don't know why people have to go through troubles in their lives, and it is not our place to judge, we are to lead them gently and persistently to the Savior.

2010-2011 Ministry Action Budget Receipts

Mission Opportunities

Church	October	Year	GRIF 2012
Antioch			
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	202.75	202.75	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC			
Dogwood			
Elk Creek			
FBC, Louisa			
Goldmine	184.75	184.75	
Gordonsville			
Hebron	200.00	200.00	
Louisa	667.00	667.00	
Mechanicsville	658.13	658.13	
Memorial/Columbia	250.00	250.00	
Mine Road	150.00	150.00	
Mineral			
Mount Gilead	393.57	393.57	
Mount Hermon			
New Hope			
North Pamunkey	530.14	530.14	
Oakland	751.77	751.77	
Orange			
Perkins			
Rhoadesville	500.00	500.00	
Servants of Christ	659.70	659.70	
Shady Grove			
Smyrna			
South Anna			
St. Mark			
Thornburg			
Trinity			
Waldrops			
Waller's			
Zoar			
Others	2,205.00	2,205.00	
10/31/2011	7,352.81	7,352.81	

Project for November: Inmate Christmas Bags and Angel Tree Families.

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

URGENT: Silverware sets, mops, brooms, sofas, dressers, TWIN, FULL, QUEEN mattresses (separates or sets - we'll match), 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.**

Inmate Christmas Bags

List of items for the Christmas Hygiene Packages. Deadline is December 12 at 1 p.m. at the Goshen Ministry Center. Place all items in a **one** gallon clear zip lock bag. **Please adhere to the size restrictions.** Any items larger than 20 ounces will not be distributed to the residents.

- Shampoo (20 ounce or under)
- Conditioner (20 ounce or under)
- Body Lotion (20 ounce or under)
- Soap (Bar) or Body Wash (20 ounce or under)
- Stick Deodorant (regular size)
- Small Flat Comb
- Toothbrush (unopened)
- Toothpaste (regular sized tube)
- Small pack of Facial Tissues

Bibles for India

Bibles for 36 India seminary graduates are needed. Each year a Thompson Chain reference study Bible is presented to seminary graduates in memory of Don Reid. Bibles cost \$25 each. Send your contribution to Goshen noting in the memo "Bibles-India" by January 15th. P.O. Box 296, Mineral, VA 23117.

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 12 families with financial help
- 15 families with household needs
- 4 families with a whole house
- 4 families with clothing
- 1 family with medical equip.



Coming Soon at Eagle Eyrie:

www.eagleeyrie.org

www.vbmb.org

- January 13-15 Divorce Recovery Workshop
- January 16-17 Virginia Baptist Male Chorale Retreat
- February 3-4 VA Bapt. Handbell Festival
- March 9-11 Senior High Weekend
- March 16-18 Becoming a Man - Father & Son Retreat
- March 30-31 VA Bapt. Library Workshop
- April 13-15 Shine Weekender for Teen Girls
- April 27-28 GA Mom and Me I
- April 28-29 GA Mom and Me II
- May 3-4 VNAW Annual Meeting & Missions Forum
- May 4 Interim Ministry Training Meeting
- May 4-5 The Leadership Gathering
- May 14-16 Interim Ministry for Today's Church

Merry Christmas

from all the Staff and
Volunteers of Goshen



CHURCH NEWS

Antioch pastor, Brian Harfst has resigned as of November 22.
Gordonsville Cantata "Majesty of Heaven" will be held Sun., Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Louisa held a Women's Ministry even focusing on finding your passion. Over 70 women attended and brought toys for the Santa Council of Louisa. Children's Christmas Play, Saturday, December 10 at 5 p.m. Adult Choir Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. More at www.louisabaptist.org Louisa welcomes nine new members, 7 by baptism.

Mechanicsville will hold a Christmas Cantata Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Svc at 6 p.m. Mechanicsville sent a team of seven to Bland Ministry Center in October. They assisted with painting, yard work, and a harvest party for 3&4 year old Head Start Children, worked in the food warehouse, a hymn sing at the nursing home and schools supplies donated to a local children's home.

Mineral Children & Youth Christmas Musical Dec 4 at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. and Dec 11 at 11 a.m. will be the Christmas Cantata "Light looked Down, and the Word Became Flesh." Christmas Hymn "Sing and Ring" Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Mount Gilead Adult Choir and Chime Choir Cantata Sun., Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. Christmas Eve Svc. at 8 p.m.

Orange singing Christmas tree December 10-11 at 5 and 7:30 p.m. Nursery care is provided. Orange welcomes three new members.

Rhoadesville Cantata will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 18.

Deepest Sympathy

to Tim Kirby and family in the passing of his wife, Sharon. Tim is the pastor of Zoar Baptist Church.

"Grist from the Mill"

Some years back, I had a conversation with a woman who insisted that the area around her church needed to be won to Christ before they sent out any help to foreign lands. She, like many others, looked at the passage in Acts 1:8 as if it were a road map or time table for missions. First you take care of your Jerusalem, the area immediately around your church. After that is Christianized you move to your Judea and then your Samaria and after all this work is complete you go to the ends of the earth.

There is a problem with this thinking. Jerusalem was never saved. At no point during the lives of the Apostles or those disciples that lived in the first century was Jerusalem ever won over to Christ. It remained a city dominated by the same religious leaders and religious thinking that had opposed Jesus and rejected Him as Messiah. It is true that the Church saw phenomenal growth in that city, but as a whole, the city and region never accepted Christ. Instead, we see Phillip the Evangelist, Peter, Barnabas and Paul going out to their world telling others of a Lord who forgives and of the hope He offers to all people.



Their witness to people far from their homes led to the conversion of people who had never heard of Jerusalem or Judea or Samaria. It led to the Gospel being proclaimed in Italy and Spain and later in England and France. The patch the Gospel followed eventually crossed the ocean to a land never envisioned by the Apostles. It came to a place where people needed and still need a Savior. To each of us He shouts the command, "Go," that all the world may know Him.

John

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

December

1	Minister's Breakfast 9 a.m.	GMC
4	WMU Leadership Meeting 2:30 p.m.	GMC
4-11	Week of Prayer for International Missions	
12	Deadline for Inmate Bags 1 p.m.	GMC
19	Deadline for Angel Tree Families 1 p.m.	
23-Jan 2	Office Closed for Christmas	
24	Cordero de Dios Christmas Eve Svc. 5:30 p.m.	
31	Cordero de Dios New Year's Eve Svc.	

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center 587 Mica Rd., Mineral

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you very much RuraLove. Even though you didn't have to do it. You did it anyway. And it was much appreciated.

Need a pulpit supply?

See the website for an updated list of supply preachers at www.goshenassociation.com or call the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

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