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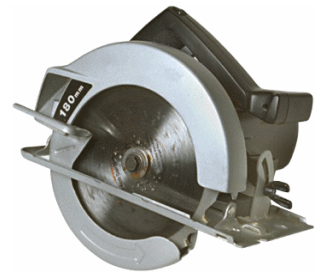
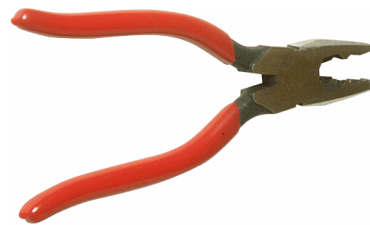
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Partnership Missions

Construction Trailer

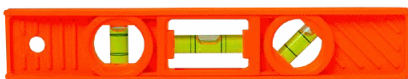
One of the Goshen Partnership Missions group's goals at this time is to purchase a Construction Trailer. The trailer is to be stocked and ready to leave at any time a team needs to use it. The trailer would be used for ongoing recovery efforts and ministering to local low-income homes damaged by storms or time. The trailer would be similar to our Disaster Response trailer pictured here but stocked with construction tools.

25% of our GRIF offering will go towards this construction trailer and tools.



MISSION TEAMS NEEDED

Mission teams are being formed for the following: Romania, Siberia, Switzerland, Moldova, Panama, South Africa, Standing Rock, and Appalachian Ministries. For more information contact John Miller at 540.894.8440.



Stop Hunger Now

We are collecting money for Stop Hunger Now until the first of September and pack meals on October 9 at the Fall Missions Celebration. One quarter purchases one meal. Our goal is 40,000 meals!



RuraLove

RuraLove is a ministry of your church through the warehouse at Goshen to help you reach out to people in the community by meeting physical needs of families in crisis along with spiritual ones. 25% of this year's GRIF offering will go toward helping pay electric bills and rent for families in crisis. RuraLove is funded completely by donations, grants, and yard sales and is manned by volunteers.

RuraLove is in need of donations of dressers, bunk beds, mattress sets, cribs, bed frames, blankets, twin comforters, twin sheets, towels, pots and pans, can openers, mops, brooms, laundry baskets, cleaning supplies, washing machines, dryers, electric stoves, refrigerators, good vehicles, etc. Also, funds for Bibles & Tracts to be given out with requests.

Please make sure all donations work before giving them to RuraLove. It is an embarrassment to the volunteers who have to go back again to replace a broken appliance. We do not have anyone able to repair donations.

We NEED Church Mission Teams to follow up on families in crisis. We also NEED VOLUNTEERS for pick-ups and deliveries, and to help sort Tues. or Wed.

mornings or another day 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. There is no greater joy than following God's lead.

For more information about the RuraLove ministry, how you can volunteer, or make a donation contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440.

RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 11 families with financial help
- 14 families with household needs
- 3 families with baby items
- 10 families with clothing



Hispanic Church



The Hispanic Team has been visiting local Hispanic families and is having a worship service in their heart language each Saturday evening at the Louisa Baptist Church Annex Building. The church, Iglesia Cristiana Cordero de Dios, translated Lamb of God Christian Church has Felix Foronda as pastor. Fiestas are also held for Christmas, Easter, and Fall.

May

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 15 Danny Lester (Thornburg)
- 20 Whetzel Anniversary (Blue Ridge Shores)
- 27 Moen Anniversary (Oakland)
- 30 Harfst Anniversary (Antioch)

May

- 5 Minister's Breakfast GMC 9 a.m.
- 5-6 VA Missions Forum, Roslyn Conf.
- 6-7 Empowering Church Leadership EE
- 8 Undy Sunday for Coeburn
- 13-14 Disaster Training, Chancellor BC, Fredericksburg
- 14 RuraLove Yard Sale 8-1
- 15-22 Week of Prayer for Associational Missiions and GRIF Offering
- 30 Office Closed for Memorial Day

Code

GMC = Goshen Ministry Center, 587 Mica Rd., Mineral
 EE = Eagle Eyrie Conference Center, Lynchburg

Mission Opportunities

Candy and gum bags for truckers & sailors from around the world



Christmas in July or August - collecting school supplies for local school children who cannot afford to purchase them



Cookies to Naval Carriers at Christmas time



Necessities for the local homeless shelters, crisis pregnancy centers, and safe houses



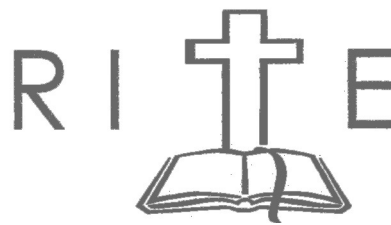
Care bears and comfort dolls for children in crisis

Hygiene bags to women in prison for Christmas



Christmas and all-occasion cards for inmates

And lots more!!!
This month:
Baby Boy and Girl
Layettes for RuraLove



The **Rural Institute for Theological Education** provides college level courses for people who want to continue their college education. Other people just want to increase their understanding of the Bible to help them to be good church members, Sunday School teachers, and leaders. The classes are held in Goshen churches as well as other facilities. Instructors are certified professors who want to help other people learn more about God's Holy Word. 20% of this year's GRIF offering will go toward RITE scholarships.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Tim. 2:15 KJV

Goshen Counseling Center



Dwight Boston, LCSW, M.S.W.

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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. 20% of the GRIF offering will go to the Goshen Counseling Center to make counseling affordable to lower income clients.

Focus on Associational Missions the month of May and GRIF Offering

Why an offering?

To help fund projects not paid for by the operations budget.

Partnering together through Associational Missions

GRIF



GRIF ~ Goshen Rural Initiatives Fund

Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

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