

Freedom Center Ministries July 2009 News

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

We cherish your prayers!! Prayer Warriors, thank ya'll on behalf of our people group in The Appalachians. God's blessings continue to flow to His children. Robin and I, as your NAMB missionaries are humbled to be "Serving our Father by serving His People" in the Southeastern Kentucky Mountains.

From shining seas to the purple mountains...all across North America Christian Teams have come to serve with us at Freedom Center Ministries. How blessed we are to have served with and met our Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ...that were obedient to His calling. We lift you to our Father and may He continue to bless you and your families.

July passed rapidly once it arrived. The weather was pleasant and mild with afternoon awesome thunderstorms. This month FCM featured the "**Back to School Week**" project. WOW!! What blessings the Father lavished on all who attended and helped with this project.

July 1st-3rd-- Families on Mission came from several states across the country to serve at FC in preparation for "**BSW**" project...they put together school supply packets, sorted clothes, hung clothes, organized warehouse, and shared Bible studies.

July 5th - 11th --Saluda Baptist Association of Anderson, SC installed the sunroom in the mission house. Praise The Lord. They brought school supplies and made packets, provided health kits for "**BSW**", sorted clothes in the warehouse, and shared Bible studies for the locals before shopping. Donna and her friends from Louisville, KY did a great service by hanging clothing for the kids "**BSW**" ...what a tremendous blessing!

July 12th - 18th--God's Army of four church groups arrived ready to serve as His Ambassadors for "**Back to School Week**". Buck Creek BC from Longs, SC did the Sunday evening worship service at Cumberland Missionary BC. It was great. They sang, did a great skit, interpretive dance, and Pastor Larry shared a great message. This was a work of God because the churches in this area usually do not share their pulpits with outsiders.

Each day of "**BSW**" began at 8:00/8:30 with the setup of tables and chairs for the nine stations to place the new items: shoes, socks, underwear, backpacks with school supplies, health kits with a hug, food (peanut butter sandwiches, snow cones, popcorn, and hotdogs), haircuts, and washing of feet. Meanwhile, the families were taking a place in line at the front door. After all was setup...the one team of four churches circled together and prayed for God's blessings on the families. (Robin and I were filled with joy to see these volunteer missionaries of children and adults in a circle of Jesus' love.) Then the Gospel was preached in the street to those in line.

Buck Creek BC Longs, SC entertained and loved the children with music, puppets, face painting, food, drinks, water games, and other games. It was lots of fun...I enjoyed it myself!! They told them about Jesus. Also, the Buck Creek men built an awesome 12' by 20' deck on the mission house. Praise The Lord. On Friday, the deck was ready for some watermelon!!!

Northport BC Northport, AL blessed the children with 450 backpacks with school supplies and served with Jesus love as they issued: clothes, socks, underwear, backpacks, and school supplies.

Oak Grove BC Phil Campbell, AL registered the children and hosted families through the process with the love of Jesus; they prayed with each family, gave haircuts, the men served at FC and mission house: painted floors, installed door hardware, and did some finished carpentry.

Memorial BC Lexington, KY served with an example of Jesus' love by blessing the children with 500 pairs of new shoes, washed their feet, fitted their shoes, and told them of Jesus. They served many snow cones and popcorn...the children were excited for shoes and snow cones.

At the end of an awesome "**Back to School Week**" we all were very tired. But, 426 students and their parents/guardian were served with all of God's blessings mentioned above...loved on, witnessed to, and prayed with. Through that love two boys accepted Jesus as their Savior and Club 180 will disciple them.

July 19th-25th—Robin and I got away to Charleston, SC to visit family and meet for the first time the newest family member. Andrew Jennings Blair a beautiful two months old from Montana. What! a miracle baby he is. Please pray for him, his Mom and Dad because he has colic and cry's a lot. It was great to see everyone and let our minds rest from all the planning and organizing.

July 26th - 31st--Sardis BC Indian Trail, NC youth group and adults served at FC by cleaning up after "**BSW**" ... and after construction at the mission house and sorted clothes in the warehouse.

Upcoming projects:

"Christmas in August ": giving a Christmas shoe box gift to each elementary school child. Last year the Lord lead us to three Elementary schools and an apartment complex further back in the mountains. Wonder what He will do this year!! Last year we gave out 1110 shoe boxes. Already this year we have around 500 spoken for by churches or Sunday school classes. PTL Here are testimonies of Christmas 08.

Tammy said, "On Friday, December 19th at Ross Point Elementary for the Christmas shoe box ministry coordinated through Freedom Center Ministries. This was a great day and the kids were very appreciative of all the gifts.

They also received The Word and a message about the True meaning of Christmas. It was awesome to see and hear the Gospel being shared openly in a public school. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible. But above all, praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for how he is working in that region."

Cheryl says, *“Thanks again for the opportunity to deliver shoe boxes to Wallins Creek Elementary School. It was an incredible experience!”*

“Thanksgiving Day” project: The FC is going to do a new project this year. We will be serving Thanksgiving dinner to those in the community soup kitchen style on Thanksgiving Day. We will sit with them, visit and share Jesus with them. Please pray with us as the Father directs His plan.

PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

1. Our brothers and sisters that blessed us as they shared their gifts
2. Father’s provision for FCM and our personal needs
3. The privilege to have served approx. 691 people in July
4. Funds given for over the counter medicines
5. Funds sent from VBS to help with “BSW”
6. Sharing Jesus to people while getting a haircut
7. For our missionary families and friends
8. All the help received on the mission house
9. HVAC unit for upstairs
10. Children’s Golf clinic
11. For our webmaster sharing her gift with us
12. July “Back to School Week”
13. His protection

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God to continue to send mission teams to serve with FCM
- Bible study at FCM-that people would be saved and changed forever
- Harvest of the Lost
- Spiritual growth in local men’s and women’s Bible study
- For FCM assistant directors (married couple) to serve with us on a permanent basis
- For continued financial support for FCM
- For continued financial support for us personally
- FCM people’s daily prayer request
- Alan to respond as Holy Spirit calls him
- All the Tri-City ministries as we serve God together
- For Anita our webmaster
- Pastor Dennis’ back problems
- Thanksgiving project for the Tri-City locals

MINISTRY NEEDS:

- over the counter medicines for all ages
- cleaning supplies (laundry detergent, comet and such for household use)
- hygiene items (large shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, deodorant, shave cream, razors, etc...)
- feminine products
- men's blue jeans
- women's socks and underwear sizes 5,6,7, 8, 9, 10
- men's ankle socks
- boy's thru men's clothing sizes infant and up
- junior's clothing both winter and summer (sizes 1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17)
- clothing sizes 2X-4X winter and summer (no regular size women's winter needed)
- Cookware, bake ware, silverware, sets of glasses, sets of dishes
- Bath towels, wash clothes
- Queen and King size sheet sets
- Tennis shoes for the whole family

Please note: We have decided that we need to bring FCM back down to basics. We have been receiving items that we feel are not necessities. Therefore, the following list are things we no longer need: silk flowers, candle holders, flower vases, nic-nacs, wall pictures, magazines, books (other than spiritual growth or children's learning), pieces of items (plastic lids with no bottoms, coffee carafe's but no maker, etc...). We just don't have room to store or display such items. Thank you.

MISSION HOUSE NEEDS: (the list is getting shorter, it won't be long now till we are in) PTL!

- Build retaining wall for driveway to be leveled and fill in
- Replace some of patio roof tin with something clear, close in ceiling and paint
- HVAC with new duct work
- Wood flooring to be installed
- Kitchen cabinets to be painted

The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Faith-walkers,

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