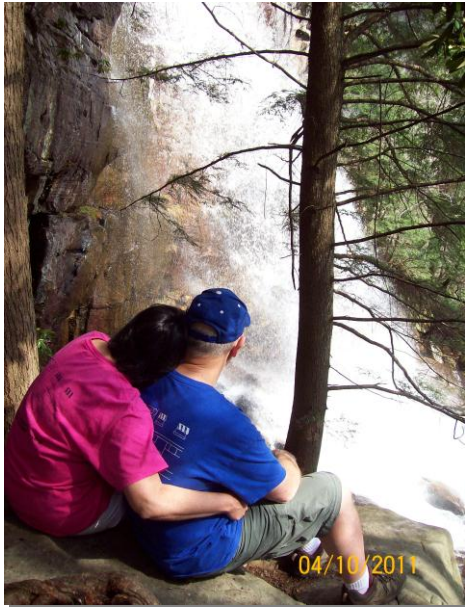


## Freedom Center Ministries April 2011 NEWS



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! April was full of excitement and much awareness of God. He has shown us time after time that He is still in control throughout the world! Praise Him for His beautiful creation...for He is the same today and every day. Our Creator brought high winds with rain and hail...that filled the creeks so we could enjoy the majestic waterfalls. Also, the excitement of the Holy Spirit that called several folks to Himself...they became believers in Jesus Christ.

On Wednesday morning the 13th Clarence Deal came into FC to wash his clothes at the free laundry mat...while all the folks were gone from the shop...God the Father gave us time together. I introduced him to our Father's son Jesus. He received Jesus as his Savior. I praise Jesus our Savior for our new brother. CLARENCE SAID, NOW I KNOW WHY I CAME HERE TODAY...NOT TO WASH CLOTHES...BUT TO GET SAVED!!

Clarence was ready! He passed into eternal life with Father Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> and his body was buried the 27<sup>th</sup>. The Good News was shared at the funeral...four people accepted Jesus as Savior at Clarence's celebration. Who's following you? Where are you leading them? We are to be about our Father's business.

Some gifts from our Father are freedom and peace. Larry joined our King's family and received those gifts. He and his wife came into FC Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> for baby clothes and he left as a Child of King Jesus! Jesus is alive...HE IS ALIVE!!

We are uplifted as the harvest of salvation comes and are encouraged when someone that we have counseled with comes back years later. As Jessica did last week...she has a BA degree to teach reading. It is a joy to see her life changed.

Robin counseled a young lady at FC that needed shoes for her kids but had no money. The young lady started crying and explained they were going through a real hard time. Robin found shoes for the kids and spoke with her about Jesus. The young lady did not know what being "saved" meant. She has never been to church. She had lost her kids to her mother due to drug addiction but she has been clean of a while. She said her mother takes the kids to church. Robin encouraged her to continue that when she gets the kids back, which should be hopefully soon. Robin invited her to devotion (Bible fellowship) time at FC on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The young lady asked "what's that". This was the first time Robin has ever spoken with anyone who did not know Jesus died for her and what that means for her. The young lady was very interested to hear that God has a wonderful plan for her life but did not accept His free gift that day. Please pray for Joanie...she is not saved YET!

Our spring mission teams have encouraged the local missionaries for they have met our needs in service to God. The week of April the 11<sup>th</sup> Lake Norman BC, Huntersville, NC team served in an tremendous way...they sorted clothes in the warehouse, transported summer clothes to FC shop...hung-up summer clothes and stocked the racks downstairs. The locals were so excited to receive summer clothes and are thankful for warmer weather. We have enjoyed Bible fellowship at the FC with: singing, praying, praising, and Bible study.

Another amazing week of April 25<sup>th</sup> the Lord united two teams together from FBC Cold Springs, KY and FBC Goodlettsville, TN to serve with FCM. They came to re-roof the mission house with excitement...though the weather tried to discouraged them. Our God is good!! The weather forecast called for 90% chance of rain for 2 or 3 days...these brothers prayed and asked God's favor...for the rain not to be on Church Street. During the working time of 8:00 to 4:00 God blessed us with good working conditions. He also blessed with cool rain during lunch time and after 4:00 PM. I enjoyed the work and the fellowship with these brothers. Our sisters sorted clothes in the warehouse, shared in Bible fellowship at FC shop...during the women's visit with Lulu they played piano and sang praises to the Lord, and served up some excellent meals at the Porch.

The last weekend in April the Tri- City missionaries attended a Women's conference in Johnson City, TN...they had a good time of praise and fellowship. Also, throughout April the National WMU encouraged and prayed for us...Robin's birthday was the 16<sup>th</sup>...it will be one to remember...she received 152 birthday cards (with hundreds of sister's names) from

churches and associations of 19 different states. We prayed for them as they prayed for us. Please continue to pray for the fields are ready to harvest.

### **Mission Teams on the Calendar:**

May 9th thru 13th: Kershaw Baptist Assoc. of SC

May 11th thru 13th: Woodford Christian School, Versailles, KY

May 27th thru 31st: Six Mile BC, Six Mile, SC

June 6th thru 10th: Bakers Chapel, Aynor, SC

June 19th thru 24th Highview BC, Louisville, KY

June 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> Union BC, GA

June 27<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup> FBC West Columbia, SC

*[If your church is planning to come May thru June and you are not listed please contact us.]*

### **2011 Project**

Aside from the projects FCM does on a regular basis: the daily operations of the store, Bible fellowships, haircuts, back to school week, etc....**this year we will do a "Paint the Town" project.** There are many run down houses in Lynch that elderly folks are living in. They are not able to maintain their homes nor can they afford to pay anyone else to do it. We feel lead to lift their spirits by painting the outside of their homes. All the while sharing the Good News and loving them with the love of Jesus. **If your church is interested in being a part of this ministry just let us know and we will arrange it. This will run April thru October.**

### **Evangelism in the Mountains... Jesus said "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"**

We would also like for our volunteer teams to do some street evangelism in the evening in downtown Cumberland. A lot of the locals work in the coal mines and stores during the day and hangout at night in vacant parking lots to talk with friends. It's a great opportunity to go and share Jesus with them.

Just FYI, As you change your winter clothes over to summer ones please think of **July 18-22nd "Back to School Week"** and send or bring school appropriate clothing to bless the children. We

will need a lot because each student receives 2 pants (jeans) and 3 shirts. We usually have 425 students.

PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

- The salvations of Larry, Clarence, Jim, Tammy, Sharon, Omi, Michael, and Sue
- Reminding us that He is very present and in every detail of our lives
- Holy Spirit's leadership in ministry
- His mercy as mission teams travel to and from EKY to serve
- For Linda Griffis missionary service to FCM
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- The privilege to have served about 445 folks at FC
- Our local missionary family and friends
- His wisdom, His protection, His provision, and His peace
- Robin and George's health
- Linda Griffis health
- Replaced shingles on roof

PRAY FOR:

- Our Alabama families
- Miss Lula 93 year old neighbor
- Sister Judy in Alabama as she has treatments
- Volunteer mission teams who serve in 2011
- God to bind evil spirits in the mountains
- Tri-City area prescription drug problem
- The innocent children in this area that are being neglected and abused
- Bible fellowship at FCM that people would be saved and changed forever
- The lost...Sue, JP, Wayne, Kevin, and others
- Pastors to be bold preaching God's word
- Financial support for FCM and personal needs
- FCM folks prayer list, God knows each one
- Spiritual growth for new believers... Larry, Jim, Tammy, Sharon, Omi, Michael, and Sue

Thank you for your PRAYERS!

MINISTRY NEEDS:

**We only accept items of necessity. Please don't send flower vases, plastic lids with no bottoms, items missing pieces or broken, knick-knacks, etc.....**

- House cleaning supplies (family size pine sol, dish washing liquid, comet)
- Feminine products
- Cookware (pots w/ lids), bake ware, silverware, sets of glasses, all kitchen things
- Bath towels, wash cloths
- Queen and king size sheet sets (no twin sheets needed)
- Athletic/tennis shoes for adults... we never have enough (no dress shoes please)
- Summer clothes all sizes for children and adults (need asap)
- Clothing— all seasons, mostly big sizes (Lg-4X)— (gently used, not stained, torn, wore out or antique)

**"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."**

**2nd Corinthians 9:12**

MISSION HOUSE PROJECTS FOR 2011:

- Replace fascia board, gutters, and downspouts
- Add master bathroom
- Finish caulking and insulating the house
- Finish installing quarter round and crown mould
- Recover sunroom floor
- Vinyl siding and insulation on exterior of house
- Install two thresholds
- Install two outside motion lights
- Install two ceiling fans in screened porch
- Install wooded boardwalk from corner of house to brick steps in back of house

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