

## FREEDOM CENTER MINISTRIES FEBRUARY 2011 NEWS



In the Sunshine...finally no snow! So, the delivering of the Christmas shoeboxes and sharing the Good News of Jesus came!!! It was 60 degrees at 6:00 Friday morning Feb. 18th. That was a blessing in itself. That day was filled with God's blessings: SC, OH, and KY mission teams (our brothers and sisters) served our Father at Rosspoint Elementary School by giving Christmas shoeboxes and sharing testimonies of His Grace and Love. The children were surprised and excited to have Christmas in February. We all were blessed to be able to plant the Gospel seed in these precious lives...the future of Eastern KY. More than 400 students and teachers were very thankful!! The 5 families who received Christmas presents were very grateful for the gifts from Ohio Churches! We thank each church family and the individuals who made this possible by being willing to serve Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> was "Designer Day" at Freedom Center. We opened to share the Good News of Jesus with the folks that work during the week, since we are normally open on: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There were about 15 folks at Bible fellowship that morning; some were eager to learn and praise the Lord. Robin advertized on the local TV channel about three weeks before this date. A few days after the ad went on TV we got a call from a man in Greenville, SC. He said, he had a truck full of Liz Claiborne, Talbots, Ralph Lauren, Coldwater Creek, Sag Harbour, and Ann Taylor like-new clothes and shoes that were his wife's and they wanted to donate them. He arrived in Lynch, right on time on the 8<sup>th</sup>, with God's blessings for the business people. Ain't God great!!!

The week of February 14<sup>th</sup> our sister Linda Alford from Alexandria, KY served with FCM. She sorted clothes and helped organize the warehouse. She also, shared in Bible fellowship as she encouraged us and the local folk. She prayed with and led Sharon McKnight to a relationship with Jesus. Robin and George have been friends with Sharon a few years; along the way they have sowed the Gospel seed...by celebrating birthdays, meeting physical needs, praying and counseling her in the love of Jesus. She is very excited now in her new life! Linda Griffis FCM staff missionary will give Sharon a ride to church fellowship. Pray for her as she continues to grow in Christ as His disciple.

The Lord commanded Linda to go and would not let her sleep until she surrendered. He told Linda Griffis to share Jesus' love with the locals that visit the beer bar adjacent to FC. Many mission teams have joined us in prayer walks around town and this bar included. Thank each of you as you continue to pray for these folks and that God's Angels will hedge Linda from danger. For several weeks she has prayer walked and passed out tracts at the beer bar. Check this out it is a first for me! The barkeeper said she would place some Gospel tracts on the bar. PTL!!

Robin stopped at our gas station in Cumberland today and noticed a van at a pump with a ramp coming out the side of it. As she pulled up to the pump next to it there was a man in a wheelchair pumping his gas. He had no legs and only one arm. She got out of our van and started pumping her gas. It was cold and windy. The man said "I wish I had my short-john's on." She laughed and said yes I don't guess you need long-johns. They laughed. He had a Marines hat on so she asked him if he lost his legs while in the U.S. Marines. He said "In Vietnam, stepped on a mine that was a long time ago." She thanked him for his military service. He went on to say he couldn't wait for Spring so he can get up in the mountains. She asked "what do you mean? You are already in the mountains." He said "Oh, I have a Gator (ATV) and I squirrel hunt and ride in the mountains all Spring, Summer, and Fall." Isn't that awesome!!! What an amazing man. And some of us complain and moan about the smallest of discomfort.

Our neighbor that lives across the street is a 93 year old lady...she lives alone. Well, Lula has fallen three times this week in her home...PTL nothing broken, just sore. The first time when she fell, she called us at 2:00 AM for help. She said the door is locked...so come and break in...so Robin and I went over with tools and a flashlight. As I looked into the window to scope things out I saw her on the kitchen floor. So we took some screws out of the storm door frame and got in to care for this sweet lady. We now have a key. She said you must have a key to my house...I'm going to adopt you kind people.

One of those times she fell, bless her heart...Lula cut her brow and had a knot on the head. We believe she has become weak from not eating...so now we make sure she does not miss meals! We do some grocery shopping for her and Loaves and Fishes Ministry serves her meals three times a week. Robin has given her accounting assistance with bills because her handwriting is not so plain. Thank ya'll for your prayers for Miss Lula as we minister to her in our Father's love. She is so precious.

Several times in December and January the Christmas mission trips were postponed because of the snowy weather which closed the county schools. The Mountain Springs BC mission team from Frogeye, AL. rescheduled their trip for the 25 -27th. On Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> LOVE traveled to Wallins Creek, KY to a school of 455 precious children. The team shared the love of Jesus with the children and teachers. Each child received a Christmas shoebox; more than 450 children at Wallins School received a gift and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ on that day. We thank God for the love and obedience of our brothers and sisters from Frogeye; we are blessed for God's faithfulness, His love, joy, and peace!!

Remember the JOY of your salvation. What is 2nd to that? Well Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>, FC had a coat, boot, and shoe give-away in the parking lot. There were approx. 125 folks that received these items of need; it is not only giving things away. But...The JOY of the day was when Michael invited Jesus into his life. I shouted hallelujah and everyone applauded his decision!!

The Mountain Springs BC mission team came to do evangelism in the Eastern Kentucky Mountains as they shared testimony and prayed with each person that received a need. Also, do you remember our friend Buster who enjoyed singing about Jesus? Well, on that sunny day he was up on the roof to replace shingles; when another friend Pee Wee told him that George invited him to sing at FC...Buster was there in minutes to praise our Lord Jesus in song.

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

March 2nd thru 6th: At Millbrook BC, Aiken, SC for GIC

March 9th: At Buffalo BC, Kershaw, SC

March 20th: Cumberland Missionary BC, Cumberland, KY Vision Tour

March 20th thru 24th: Russellville Christian Church, Russellville, KY

April 11th thru 15th: Lake Norman BC, Huntersville, NC

April 30th thru May 4th: Ocean View BC, Myrtle Beach, SC

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

May 10th thru 13th Woodford Christian School, Versailles, KY

*[If your church is planning to come this spring 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 Sharon, Omi, and Michael
- Reminding us that He is very present and in every detail of our lives
- Holy Spirit’s leadership in ministry
- Healing Pastor Dennis Williams back and legs
- Times in the desert when we grow and know Him more deeply

- His mercy as mission teams travel to and from the mountains
- For Linda Griffis missionary service to FCM
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- The privilege to have served about 677 folks at FC
- Our local missionary family and friends
- His wisdom, His protection, His provision, and His peace
- Robin and George's health
- Our brothers and sisters who come serve our Lord
- Samantha reading her Bible and faith guide book

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Miss Lula
- Volunteer mission teams who serve in 2011
- God to bind evil spirits in the mountains
- Harvest of the Lost
- Linda Griffis health
- 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, Jim, 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...Sharon and Omi
- Brother Larry in Kentucky as he recovers
- Sister Judy in Alabama as she recovers from surgery

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.....**

- Updated/new laptop computer
- 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 shingles on roof
- Repair or replace 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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