

# FREEDOM CENTER MINISTRIES

## JANUARY 2011 NEWS



**After weeks of snow closings in Eastern Kentucky;** Leatherwood Elementary School was in session the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. A gracious Trinity BC, Lugoff, SC sent gifts for the children. Frankie and Judy Caulder along with George presented the children with Christmas shoebox gifts...they were surprised to receive a gift in January. The Gospel was shared in each classroom...Judy asked them questions about Jesus and Christmas, their answers were correct and for the most part true. Some said that they are Christians. Others were cute and honestly stated what they knew; but one could tell they do not receive Biblical teaching at home.

As I talked with one 4<sup>th</sup> grade boy, we looked at the things he got in his box and I said you have a Bible! Do you like to read the Bible? Blake said I have never read it, so I talked about John and showed him to begin reading in the Gospel of John. He responded with an okay. I left that classroom with a seed planted; with hope Blake would preach throughout these mountains one day.

Talking with another little boy as we looked in his box...he asked me to open his cars. Then he asked what is this? With some sadness, I answered that is toothpaste and here is a toothbrush. Then he showed me a big smile. That is why we do what we do...meet a physical need that gives an opportunity to share Jesus. Robin and I as your missionaries in Eastern Kentucky thank each of you for your prayers and financial support.

In Eastern Kentucky the last two winters have been severe...too many snow days for the schools. It has been difficult to share/deliver Christmas with the children because of the weather, so we believe the Lord has prompted us to share Easter (teach them about Jesus the Resurrection) beginning 2012. With an Easter box; in the box there will be things to educate each school child and some fun things as well.

**Snowed-in has become a norm!** The first two weeks of January the Tri-City area was snowed in so we used the time to re-arrange the FC shop. A friend helped us build shoe racks and shelves making more room in a small building. We were ready to serve our Father by serving His people...after the snow melted...FC shop opened and will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. This will allow more one on one time with folks. Thank you for your prayers as we minister to our people.

The Lord blessed the following week at FC shop...Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday about 95 folks came in to shop and some to Bible fellowship. Let me share a story! Today Robin gave each lady a Bible...we read and discussed several Psalms. We praised and thanked the Lord! One 80 yr. old lady said she could not read...so Robin encouraged her as she followed along. She also said I can ride a bike and roller skate. Everyone laughed! We have fun together!!

Another day at FC Bible fellowship Brother Buster from our church brought his karaoke machine...he shared several songs and then Robin joined in. We all had a good time of praise. A few of the older folk shared some of their mountain experiences...and funny stories of their youth. They enjoyed it as we laughed.

Let me share a little about my 82 year old friend Buster: first he loves Jesus, he enjoys singing, hard worker, and his two dogs are always with him. One afternoon he was roofing a house and during a break he cut down a tree in our front yard and then went back to the roofing job. Oh yea, a true mountain man!

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

Feb. 14th thru 18th ---Linda Alford, Alexandria, KY

Feb. 24th thru 27th ---Mt. Springs BC, Wadley, AL

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

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

April 30th---Ocean View BC, Myrtle Beach, SC arrive

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, Back to School Week is all booked up with volunteers for 2011 and one church has already booked for 2012. PTL

### **PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:**

- Brother Larry in Kentucky as he recovers
- Sister Judy in Alabama surgery
- Reminding us that He is very present and in every detail of our lives
- Holy Spirit’s leadership in ministry
- Times in the desert when we see and know Him more
- 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 approx.306 folks
- Our Tri-City missionary family and friends
- His wisdom and His protection
- Robin and George’s health
- Our brothers and sisters who come serve our Lord

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

- Volunteer mission teams who serve in 2011
- God to bind evil spirits in the mountains
- Harvest of the Lost

- Pastor Dennis Williams back and legs
- Linda Griffis knees
- 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
- Pastors to be bold preaching God's word
- Financial support for FCM and personal needs
- FCM folks prayer list
- Spiritual growth for new believers
- The Bo Chapman family – brother passed

#### MINISTRY NEEDS:

- Updated/new laptop computer
- House cleaning supplies (family size pine sol, dish washing liquid, comet)
- Feminine products
- Cookware, 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 ages, all seasons, mostly big sizes(Lg-4X)— (gently used, not stained, torn, wore out or antique)
- Blankets
- Baby diapers

**"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 outside motion lights
- Install two ceiling fans in screened porch
- Wooded boardwalk from corner of house to brick steps in back of house

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