

Freedom Center Ministries March 2011 NEWS



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Tulips 2011

Greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Hope all is well with you and your families...May Father continue to bless your family and your church this spring as His creation blooms. The folks of Eastern Kentucky are so grateful for springtime! However, we still have Redbud Winter, Dogwood Winter, and several more winters before Easter. We are casually stocking the Freedom Center shop with some spring clothes. Although, folks are still coming in for winter clothes...and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ! The Holy Spirit is blessing the Bible fellowship with the scriptures, music, testimonies, and love. We have amazing times together sharing across several generations. Please continue to pray for our time together on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 as we meet.

On March the 2nd we joined many missionaries from North America and around the world to share in a 5 day mission's celebration - GIC at Millbrook BC, Aiken, SC. We had a blessed time of worship and praise; as we met new friends and other friends from past mission trips, we shared about how God is blessing His ministries to SS classes, and in their homes. The missionaries joined in with the Millbrook family on mission to do community service at local ministries and schools. The Millbrook family reached out and blessed their missionaries with God's love.

After the GIC we traveled through Columbia to visit with friends and have time with Momma and enjoy some of her home cooked meals. On March 9th at Buffalo BC, Kershaw, SC we were blessed to have met Pastor Way's family and the Buffalo Church family. We

shared a word from God and about His ministry. We give God the glory and are grateful to have mission friends! I thank God for the kindness of a man that gave me his time...his watch. PTL!!

On Saturday March 12th a couple welcomed us into their home as if we were family...yes-God's family. God blessed us with all our needs. Just as He promised!! That night we encouraged their mission team as they prepare for their August mission trip to Lynch. On Sunday March 13th at Popular Springs BC, Moore, SC in behalf of the Annie Armstrong missions-giving emphasis...we gave glory to God our Father for His blessings and shared about what He is doing in Eastern Kentucky.

On March 20th Cumberland Missionary BC, Cumberland, KY went on a mission vision tour of: the Sacks of Love, Loaves and Fishes, and Freedom Center Ministries. We met in the church parking lot and prayer walked through town. We shared with CMBC the daily operations, needs through donations, and service that the ministries do in their community and throughout Eastern Kentucky.

The week of March 20th Russellville Christian Church, Russellville, KY mission team helped organize, sort clothes, shared in Bible fellowship, prayed with and encouraged us and the local folks. They went up a hollow to give a woman some cleaning supplies. The volunteer mission team served our Lord with joy and glad hearts.

Parking lot Evangelism...to reach one. On Tuesday night sitting in the parking lot next to Freedom Center after my pizza order was placed at Black Mountain Pizza...three teenage boys parked their truck across the parking lot from me. I was preparing for a Bible study for Thursday and thought I must go over and share with them...I stopped reading picked up a couple of tracts and walked over...knowing that the pizza would be ready in about 10 minutes. They were hanging out playing guitar, I asked if they knew about the "Bridge of Life", one said no, so I shared with them and all three said they are believers. One said 30 minutes later, that he worked at the restaurant. Oh, that reminds me I have a pizza waiting! The thing is: We must GO and TELL as we go!

On Thursday, FCM Bible fellowship was a great blessing, the Good News was shared...seeds was planted...and the Holy Spirit harvested a sister's soul. I gave an invitation to have a relationship with Jesus...while I was speaking Sue jumped up from a chair crying "pray with me " she was ready for Jesus...we all were so excited. Wow, I danced and shouted in my soul. I am still shouting inside! Thank you for praying, the Holy Spirit is bringing a harvest in Eastern KY.

The free Chariot Ride Taxi service is still sharing the Good News and giving rides to the grocery store, clinic, making deliveries to fulfill needs of folks in the hollows, and other places throughout the area.

It has been a hard winter. The winter power bills are catching up to those we serve. The phone is ringing more and more for help to keep the "juice" on. Our benevolence policy is \$50.00 per family per year. For some families that is not going to help much once the power is cut off and hundreds of dollars due. We advise them what to do, help them if we can, share Jesus with them and encourage them to put Him first and improve on their relationship with Him.

Thank you all for praying for our neighbor Lula. She is much better. She has not fallen since we worked on her walker. We check on her every day and make sure she is eating regularly. She is amazing. She is back to cooking for herself and doing her laundry. Robin took Lula to her Dr. this week to get a referral for in-home physical therapy. She will have a CT scan first for she has had a stroke in the past. If the Dr. says it's OK she will receive PT. Please continue to pray for God's blessings on her life she is 93 years in age. Her mother lived to be 103.

Mission Teams on the Calendar:

April 11th thru 13th: (pre-visit) Columbia Metro Baptist Association, Columbia, SC

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

April 25th thru 29th: FBC Cold Spring, Alexandria, KY

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

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

May 27th thru 31st: FBC Cold Spring, Alexandria, 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, 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 the mountains
- For Linda Griffis missionary service to FCM
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- The privilege to have served about 490 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
- Richard in filling the laptop computer need
- Linda Griffis health

PRAY FOR:

- Miss Lula

- 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, 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, Omi, 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 shingles on roof (to be done in April)

- 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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