

FREEDOM CENTER MINISTRIES

MAY 2011 NEWS

Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord!

Rise and shine in Eastern Kentucky, as we sit still in the sun room...talking and seeking the council of the Lord through His word and Spirit...we reflect on the hard winter and the storms of life. We express with praise and thankfulness for His: peace, joy, and love. Take a moment each day to count your blessings! It will make a difference.

May 2nd thru 4th: Ocean View Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, SC came on a spring mission trip with a team a ladies...for some it was their first trip and I believe they will go again. The team prayer walked around town and encouraged the local ministries. Some of the ladies took our neighbor Lula to the clinic and grocery store...which was a blessing for her.

May 9th thru 13th: Kershaw Baptist Association of SC. Served Father by serving His people in Eastern KY as they installed cabinets in laundry room, sorted items and organized the warehouse, took boxes to goodwill, hung clothes in the FC, cut hair, shared in Bible Fellowship, encouraged the local people, and prayed with a lady for salvation.

May 11th thru 13th: Woodford Christian School, Versailles, KY served at FCM. Principal Cara Meadows along with students and parents came on their annual spring mission trip. This year the 5th graders brought blessings of school clothing for "Back to School Week". They sorted and organized all of them...when finished they had over 40 boxes of clothes. On Thursday morning they went to our local elementary school and packed over 60 food backpacks for the neediest of the students to take home over the weekend.

Then they restocked the food shelves for the next week. After that they went over to the FC and sang during Bible Fellowship time. They had fun serving our community by picking up trash in the blocks around FC. Also, the carnival was in town setting up for the Black Bear Festival so they delivered water to the workers. I know the carnies liked this because it was 86 degrees. Thursday evening they came to our house and we cooked out, ate watermelon, played Frisbee, had a bon fire and roasted marshmallows. Oh yes, sang around the bon fire. I'm tired now but what a blessing they were. Those students are a blessing each year.

May 16th week: Lake Murray BC, Lexington, SC served at FCM and other ministries throughout the Tri-City area as they shared God's love. Earlier in the week, Robin and I attended a Kentucky Baptist Convention "When Helping Hurts" workshop in Louisville, KY...that will assist us in ministry. We try to schedule things together as we travel to practice good stewardship. So Robin scheduled her doctor's appointment in Lexington, KY the following day after the workshop. Our health is fine...thank ya'll for praying.

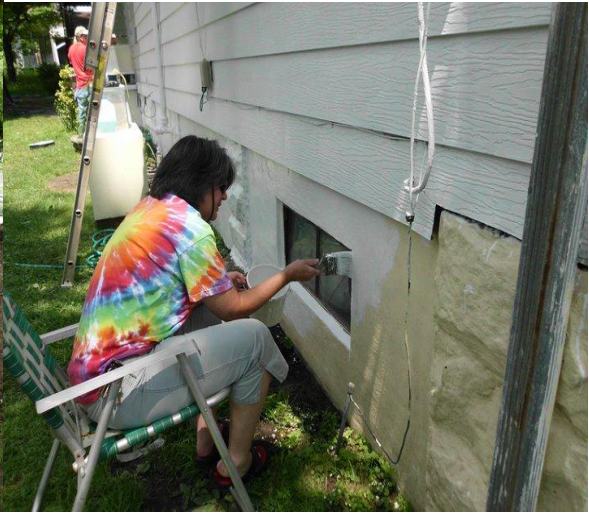
May 27th thru 31st: Six Mile BC, Six Mile, SC came to Lynch, KY to share the Good News of Jesus and spread some paint. The first "Paint the Town" project went well...Two men of the Six Mile team arrived 4:00 Friday afternoon...we primed half the house before dark...to be ready to receive paint Saturday morning. At 8:00 Saturday morning the paint went on...until the owner brought out three batches of brownies. The team continued with a brownie in one hand and a brush in the other. The Six Mile team (men, women, and children) with two of the owner's family members and FCM missionaries painted the home in about 14 hours. The ladies prepare meals and shared their paint skills. The homeowner Evelyn was proud, excited, and encouraged that someone would help her in such a way as this.

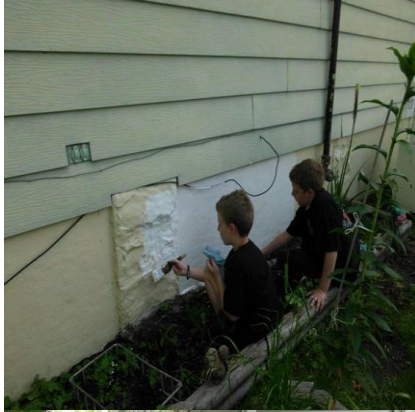


Father knows our every need and in every detail He is faithful to supply. One year ago at the end of May, He sent a special Helper to us (Robin and George) to serve with FCM...to share the Good News of Jesus our Lord and Savior..."Serving Father by serving His people" ...His time and provision was perfect!

We thank you Linda Griffis MSC missionary for your faithfulness and obedience to your Lord Jesus Christ.

What a blessing you are!!! We praise our Lord!!!! Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. As faith walkers we shall trust in Him and stay committed to the Lord's way.





Mission Teams on the Calendar:

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

June 14th thru 17th Grace Fellowship, Johnson City, TN

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

June 27th thru July 1st Union BC, GA

June 27th thru July 1st FBC West Columbia, SC

July 3rd thru 8th Ben Avon BC, Greenville, SC

July 10th thru 15th Center Grove BC, Clemmons, NC

July 16th thru 23rd Buck Creek BC, Longs, SC

July 17th thru 22nd Memorial BC, Frankfort, KY

July 17th thru 23rd Columbia Metro BA, Columbia, SC

July 23rd thru 30th Whitley Church, Goldsboro, NC

July 25th thru 30th Maple BC, Conway, SC

July 31st thru August 5th Popular Springs BC, Moore, SC

[If your church is planning to come June thru July 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 local folks work in the coal mines and stores during the day...

so they hangout in vacant parking lots at night 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 Angela, Jim, Shaun
- 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's first year of missionary service with FCM
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- The privilege to have served about 422 folks at FC
- Our local missionary family and friends
- His wisdom, His protection, His provision, and His peace
- Linda Griffis, Robin and George's health

PRAY FOR:

- Health of Harold Scroggs Missionary in KY
- Alisha Paul and family (family deaths)
- Sister Judy's health test in Alabama
- Our Alabama families (tornados)
- 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...Bennie, Luann, 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.....

- Large Print Bibles
- 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)
- Men's blue jeans
- 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
- Install wood floor in sunroom
- Vinyl siding and insulation on exterior of house
- Install bathroom threshold
- Install two outside motion lights
- Install ceiling fan in screened porch
- Install wooded boardwalk from corner of house to brick steps in back of house
- Seal painted floors upstairs

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