

# FREEDOM CENTER MINISTRIES

## SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWS



**Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.  
Matthew 5:16**

**Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,**

It was wonderful to be at home in a small mountain town for Labor Day...no traffic. The FC ministry was very busy the first week of September after tropical storm Lee passed through and left almost 6 inches of rain, which caused the creeks to rise. In some cases it caused disasters with property damage. Also, the Black Bear of God's creation... are on the prowl to find food. They have found red berries on the Dogwood trees.

**On Saturday night Sep 10<sup>th</sup>** we went to bed for a sweet sleep. After a few hours our dog woke us up at 3:00am Sunday...she bark and bark, as I walked through the house into the kitchen...I heard some outside noise, it was plastic bins being banged around by a Black Bear...it was about 40" high as he walked on all fours, about 550 lbs...he walked into our front yard and the motion lights came on...he stopped to look at the lights, so we were able to watch him for a couple of minutes and then he mosey on down the mountain.

**The week of September 11<sup>th</sup>** Riverland Hills BC, Irmo, SC mission team served our Lord as they evangelized in the mountains. We shared Gideon New Testaments from Grays Knob to Lynch, (Harlan C o.) Kentucky. They shared their Jesus stories/testimonies at FCM Bible fellowship, prayed and loved the local folk. At the warehouse they sorted and hung clothes and stocked the shop. Some served the community as they landscaped yards. The construction team removed

the old leaking tin roof on the screened porch of the mission house. So the next team could replace it with an aluminum roof. We all laughed and praised our Lord together...and we enjoyed the meals and shared daily Bible fellowship together.

**On that same** day the construction team was headed to Solomon's Porch...Richard walked by the mission house and two of us had conversation with him and found out about his struggles with darkness. After a while the LIGHT broke through and he received Jesus as Savior and Lord. Praise Father!

**On September 19<sup>th</sup>** Buck Creek BC Longs, SC arrived in Lynch...the four man mission team installed a new wooden frame and aluminum roof on the FCM mission house. Let me shared this God incident! At the aluminum shop back in the woods of Harlan County...God orchestrated one of His on-time events.

As we arrived at the shop a lady came out to help us pick out the color for the aluminum roof...and I mentioned we would like to pick up the order today. She said, oh it may be a few days there are orders ahead of you. So we walked around the corner to the back building ... some were concerned...and some of us with praise because Father knew our need. We greeted a sweet humble man that was the business owner and gave him our color and order. Again, I mentioned that we would like it today. In his humble way "that won't take about 5 minutes we have that color loaded so we will get it right out". We thanked him and looked at each other...and praised the Lord.



"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

Robin took our neighbor Lula to Food City and to the doctor for a follow-up visit from her hospital stay. The doctor said at 93 she is in okay shape. George and Buster (84 years old) cut

tree limbs out of our neighbors' pecan tree. Buster was up the tree with a chain saw as George held the ladder and did the ground work.

We had a Bonfire/wiener roast Sunday night at the mission house with about 15 neighbors in our community. One little boy ate 5 hotdogs and I do not know how many S'mores...his papaw finished off the marshmallows. We all had some good fellowship.

**On Tuesday Sep 27<sup>th</sup>** at FCM Bible fellowship was an eye opener for us and training for the folks in attendance. Bibles were passed out to each one...and Robin said turn to the Gospel of John. With some surprise these adults, whom confess to be Christians were thumbing from cover to cover...Old and New Testament. After a few minutes, with encouragement we assisted them.

**On Wednesday Sep 28<sup>th</sup>** another group of folk came in FCM...as we continued the study in John chapter 2, one man had a question as out of the blue, where is the Old Testament. Now the study went to the Law (sacrifice of lambs) and Grace (perfect sacrifice the Lamb of God). This is going to be a new and good challenge. We are going chapter by chapter in John. Please pray as we disciple and learn together!

**On that same day** some folks had prayer request...one lady shared about a friend with several health issues and she was not sure of her salvation. So after Bible fellowship Robin and the lady went to visit her friend...they had a nice visit and found out her friend was saved. However, the daughter Tonya was there and after she heard the conversation and Robin's prayer. She said I need to be saved! God is good...we must follow Holy Spirit's leadership.

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

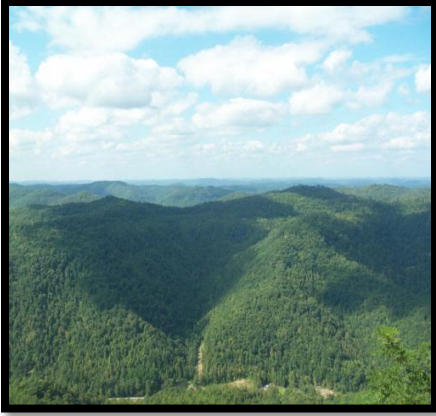
- September 30<sup>th</sup> thru October 3<sup>rd</sup> Millbrook BC, Aiken, SC
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 7<sup>th</sup> FBC Lake Wales, FL
- October 9<sup>th</sup> thru October 15<sup>th</sup> Ocean View BC, Myrtle Beach, SC
- October 19<sup>th</sup> thru October 21<sup>st</sup> Highview BC, Louisville, KY
- October 23<sup>th</sup> thru October 26<sup>th</sup> Eastwood BC, Boiling Green, KY
- October 24<sup>th</sup> thru October 26<sup>th</sup> FBC Cold Springs, KY

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

#### **2012 Project**

Aside from the projects FCM does on a regular basis: the daily operations of the shop, 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 2012.



**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 hang out in vacant parking lots at night to talk with friends. It's a great opportunity to go and share Jesus with them.

**PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:**

- Our 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary September the 1st
- The Holy Spirit's harvest in Sep Richard and Tonya
- 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
- More police visibility in Lynch area
- Our brothers and sisters that share financial gifts
- 175 pairs of blue jeans and other needs
- The privilege to have served about 650 folks at FC
- Our local missionary families and friends
- His wisdom, His protection, His provision, and His peace (His everything)
- Linda Griffis, Robin and George's health
- Harold & Joyce Scroggs back on mission field

**Thank you for your PRAYERS!**

**PRAY FOR:**

- FCM Board members health
- God to bind evil spirits in the mountains
- Kentucky prescription drug problem...our country
- Children in this area that are being neglected and abused
- Bible Fellowship at FCM that people would be saved and changed
- The lost...Richard, Marty, Robbie, Bennie, Luann, Sue, JP, Wayne, Kevin, Mike
- Mission opportunities
- Pastors to be bold preaching God's word
- FCM folks prayer list, God knows each need
- Our neighbors...Lula, & Warren
- Missionaries: Rick Hunter and Harry Johnson
- Spiritual growth for new believers
- Spiritual warfare in Tri City area

#### **MINISTRY NEEDS:**

- Giant/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 tall 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
  - Hygiene items (deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, body lotion, triple antibiotic ointment)
  - Men's blue jeans-all sizes
  - Any season big sizes (Lg-4X)— (gently used, not stained, torn, wore out or antique)
- ❖ **We only accept items of necessity. No winter clothes needed at this time. God has blessed...you have given have plenty.**

#### **MISSION HOUSE PROJECTS FOR 2011 and 2012:**

- 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 (wood floor on site)
- Install bathroom threshold
- Seal painted floors upstairs
- Vinyl siding and insulation on exterior of house

*Freedom Center Ministries will not be doing Christmas shoebox gifts and school families in 2011. Due to the schools winter snow schedule, FCM will celebrate Easter 2012 with the schools. Please advise if your church would like to participate in this exciting project to share the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. If you have ideas of Easter gifts, please contact us.*

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