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"The purpose of this Association shall be to proclaim Christ as Lord, to expand the Kingdom of God, and to assist our affiliate churches to carry out their mission before God."

Sharing the love of Christ in many ways

Louisa Baptist (LBC) wanted to build a Latino ministry and invited Josué Luckunchang to head up the task. After receiving his U.S. Visa, Josué arrived in November of 2022.

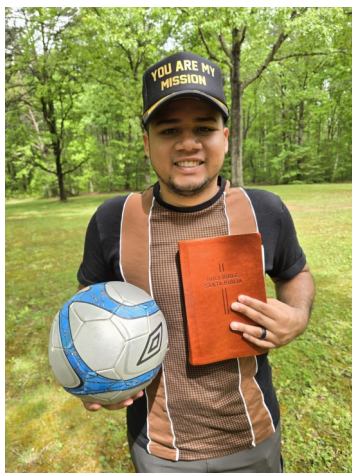
Josué began his ministry at RuraLove helping Latino shoppers. He realized, one of their greatest needs was for an interpreter to be able to function better in the community. This led Josué to visit many of the people he met to begin building relationships.

For the past several summers prior to Josué's arrival, adult soccer teams had been utilizing the soccer field on the church grounds. Josué used the opportunity to introduce himself to continue to build relationships with the Latino community.

Being bilingual, Josué has interpreted for the Latino community in court and with attorneys, filing legal documentation and driver's licenses, transportation to and from court, and other interpretation as needed.

Another aspect of Josué's ministry is teaching English as a second language. Currently, the classes have grown to every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings in the annex building of LBC.

During the summer of 2023, a soccer tournament was held over several weeks for American and Latino men as an outreach of LBC. The Gospel was shared during the tournament and received by many. Josué is now teaching discipleship classes for new believers, and many



Latino Pastor Josué

have attended worship services faithfully. To enter the tournament, each team was required to pay an entrance fee.

The Goshen Baptist Association invited Josué to speak at the Spring Goshen Missions Celebration to share about the Latino Ministry at LBC. While sharing the ups and downs of the ministry, he shared his vision to hold a larger and more organized soccer tournament for the adult male Latino and American

soccer players. His vision was for this tournament to be able to waive the entrance fee so more teams would be able to participate and hear the Gospel. Josué had faith that God would provide the needed \$3000. His passion for this ministry and love for Christ was evident as he spoke to the congregation.

The following morning, during the Goshen Missions Committee meeting, members shared how they were touched by Josué, his vision, and ministry. A unanimous decision was made to fully fund the tournament since the opportunity allows for so many families to hear the Gospel. Josué was overjoyed that the Lord had answered his prayers in less than 24 hours after sharing this vision in public.

Josué started the work of recruiting volunteers, who do

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RuraLove Ministry

587 Mica Road, Mineral
540.894.8440

March RuraLove Report: Helped...

- 11 Families with financial needs (\$4,467.43)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
 - 3 Families with household needs
 - 1 Family with a whole house of furniture & items
- Total Thrift Store sales: **\$4,496.25**
Served 211 with clothing and 793 with household items.

April RuraLove Report: Helped...

- 16 Families with financial needs (\$6,955.60)
(Rent, Mortgage, Utilities)
 - 1 Family with a whole house of furniture & items
 - 5 Families with clothing
 - 3 Families with the loan of medical equipment
- Total Thrift Store sales: **\$5,269.75**
Served 354 with clothing and 764 with household items.

RuraLove Report for March & April continued...

- \$501 Metal recycling
- 1463.5 Volunteer hours *(combined)*
- 14 Donated pick ups
- 4 Donated deliveries
- 5 Paid for deliveries

RuraLove is in need of:

Mattresses & box springs *(especially full & twin)*,
microwaves, electric stoves, refrigerators,
washers & dryers, chest of drawers, etc.

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Baptist Association churches to local families in crisis. Churches are needed to **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs. **All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.** Call 540.894.8440 for more info.

The RuraLove Thrift Store is open Wednesdays from 8-12:30 and the first Saturday of the month from 8-12:30 (thru Nov)
100% of proceeds go to local families in crisis

Temporary Ramps and Firewood

The Crosspoint Outdoorsman Ministry has a ramp ministry for anyone needing a temporary ramp. Crosspoint also gives firewood to those in need. For more information contact Roy Hopkins at 804.943.0734.

MC2 "One to Another"

July 22-26, 2024

Eagle Eyrie.org/MC2 for details or to register
An Intergenerational Experience featuring: Missions;
Discipleship; Worship; Fellowship; and FUN!

With Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to Terry and Rev. Jim Graham on the passing of Terry's father on April 23rd. Jim is the pastor of Mt. Hermon.

Disaster Response in Nebraska

Mountain View Community Church's Director of Missions, Donnie McKinney, recently served a week with Christ in Action to aid with Disaster Response in Nebraska following deadly tornadoes. Donnie is pictured with Dwight Boston, a missionary serving on the staff of Christ in Action in Culpeper.



Dwight (l) & Donnie (r)

A Great Big Thank You!

The Clean Up Day at Leland-Madison Park in April was very productive with 11 volunteers. The team was able to cut up and remove 14 dead trees, 2 truck loads of brush and trash, replace a broken pole, expand the parking lot, paint the trash boxes, and more.

All of the hardwood trees were cut up for firewood. One truck and trailer load was delivered by Tom Sutterfield to an 81 year old gentleman who depends on wood heat in his 160 year old home.



We would like to thank Bill Groome & Tom Sutterfield of Oakland; Ralph Fleming, St. Mark; Robert & RJ Counts of Rhoadesville; Joe, Isaac & Nathan Capozella, Wes & Tammy Wood of Louisa; and Joy Dickens for all the hard work and accomplishing so much in just a couple of hours. Great Job!!!

Attention church sewing groups

Please send Goshen Ministry Center a picture of your church sewing group in action, let us know what you are working on and average attendance to goshenassociation@hughes.net

Mission Opportunities

The Projects for June:

RuraLove

Also for Father's Day: celebrate "Sock it to Dad" by collecting children's socks (all sizes) for Hope for Appalachia and bring to the Goshen Ministry Center by August 28.

Church Planter support overdue—if you have made a commitments and not sent in your contributions for 2024—please send. Ten more commitments of \$200 for 2024, 2025 & 2026 are needed to reach our goal.

Paul Stefan Home (Pro-Life Maternity Housing & Educational Center) www.paulstefanhome.org ~ 120 Caroline St., Orange. 540.854.2300 See website for current needs. **Volunteers also needed!**

The Journey Home www.journeyhomemineral.org

Southwest Virginia Partnership Inc. based in Nickelsville, VA and ministering in Clinch Valley, Powell River and Wise Counties. Register a team of volunteers or get info at www.swvpartnership.org

Hope for Appalachia <http://hfavateam.com> ~ make "Hope Boxes" for students age 4-18 to be given out with salvation message at schools in Kentucky in the spring and fall. See website for info.

BGAV Impact Virginia Disaster Response See www.bgav.org for more information and trainings.

Christ In Action (Disaster Response Org) in the Culpeper Air Park, 21465 Business Court, Elkwood, VA 22718. Call Susan Boston, 703.368.6286 to schedule a tour Mon-Fri 8-4. [Www.ChristinAction.com](http://www.ChristinAction.com)

Hope House 540.371.0831 Battered women's shelter for abused women and their children ~ 902 Lafayette Blvd., Fredericksburg

Shelter for HELP in Emergency 434.963.4676 Working to end domestic violence. Charlottesville.

International Mission Opportunities

Romania: Ministry to Roma People at Ruth School
Brittany Garton: Brittany.garton@project-ruth.org
or see: www.project-ruth.org

Collecting

~Old prescription eye glasses and reading glasses (found in stores) for a missionary in Guatemala.

~Old prescription bottles and non-prescription bottles (aspirin, vitamins, etc.) for Doctor's Without Borders. Labels do **NOT** have to be removed. Bring to the Goshen Ministry Center.

Baby Bottle Project Results

The total funds collected from the Baby Bottle Project and sent through Goshen for The Paul Stefan Home was \$581. Baby items were also given.

Ministry Action Budget 2023-2024

<u>Church</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>GMO</u>
Antioch	330.38	1,939.16	
Berea			
Blue Ridge Shores	246.20	1,254.30	
Craigs			
Crossroads CC		750.00	
Dogwood	363.00	2,144.00	
Elk Creek	1,875.00	5,625.00	
FBC, Louisa			
Gordonsville		5,825.48	
Louisa		2,601.54	
Mechanicsville	846.73	7,235.26	
Memorial of Columbia			
Mine Road		2,070.00	
Mineral		8,646.00	
Mount Gilead	338.52	1,677.94	
Mount Hermon		500.00	100.00
Mountain View	200.00	1,100.00	
North Pamunkey	775.95	4,588.15	
Oakland	640.00	4,124.00	
Orange	630.27	3,790.62	
Perkins	3,180.00	3,180.00	
Rhoadesville	625.00	4,250.17	50.00
Shady Grove		500.00	
Smyrna		850.00	
South Anna	208.00	1,456.00	
St. Mark		250.00	
Trinity	200.00	700.00	
Waldrops		875.00	
Walters	551.44	3,116.14	
Zoar	265.87	1,765.93	
Others	1,620.00	10,045.00	
Total	\$12,896.36	\$80,859.69	\$150.00

2023-2024 Annual Budget Report

Budget for 2023-2024	\$186,562.00
Monthly Needs	\$15,547.00
Received April	\$12,896.00
Received Oct-Apr	\$80,860.00
Budget	- \$27,969.00

Totals as of 4-30-2024



Mission Stitchers

All are invited on Sat, June 15, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.



Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns to the Goshen Ministry Center (587 Mica Road, Mineral).

Needs: Flannel by the yard (new), flannel bed sheets and pillowcases (new or gently used), 100% cotton quilt batting or 80% cotton/20% polyester quilt batting, cotton pillowcases (new or used-no stains, no microfiber), cotton fabric by the yard (new), girls underwear sizes 14, 16 & 18 (new), modern white wedding dresses (gently used). For more information on this ministry contact Terry Graham, 540.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com.

"A word with Dee"



Dee Whitten

What would you say is your #1 fear in life?

Psychology Today Magazine conducted a survey recently in which they discovered the top fears of the average American in 2023. The top five on the list included the following:

- #1 fear of change
- #2 fear of loneliness
- #3 fear of failure
- #4 fear of rejection
- #5 fear of uncertainty

Are any of those fears relevant to you?

Some of you are facing very real fears today because of the challenges confronting you in life:

For instance, maybe you face a fear of death because you have just been diagnosed with a serious illness.

Maybe you face a fear of financial disaster because you have lost your job.

Maybe you face a fear of loneliness and rejection because your spouse wants a divorce.

There is no doubt that the number one problem for most Americans is "fear."

However, God tells us 352 times in the Bible to "fear not"... that means there is almost one "fear not" for every day of the year.

~ Dee

CHURCH NEWS

Antioch - Pastor Heather is teaching "Signs and Wonders" the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Dr. Terry Green is leading a grief group on the 3rd Thursdays. Dinner and a movie night is June 14 at 5 p.m. Homecoming will be held August 18.

Berea's Mission Team to Matoaka, WVA will be June 20-23.

Blue Ridge Shores collected a large bag & box of baby items and funds for The Paul Stefan Home.

Elk Creek continues to grow with 4 members added in April. Sunday services have begun on the lakefront property with many weekenders visiting to hear God's Word. The Woodchuckers are stocking up firewood for next winter and the trash pick up continues to beautify the area.

First Baptist is delighted to welcome back one of its members for a rededication. A Health & Resource Fair will be sponsored on Sat., June 15 from 10-2 at FBC. All are invited and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. www.fbclouisa.org

Gordonsville will have VBS June 10-13 from 9 a.m.-noon with the theme, "Breaker Rock Beach—God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands" gordonsvillebaptistchurch.com

Louisa recently hosted lunch for the Police Unity Tour serving



50 bicycling officers from all around the USA and 30 support personnel - all riding in honor of the fallen. This is the eighth year LBC has been a stop on their tour. LBC will hold VBS July 8-12 beginning with dinner at 5:45 for the children. The theme is "Scuba—diving into friendship with God." and is for children 3 years old—going into 5th grade. www.louisabaptistva.org

Mechanicsville's VBS is July 15-19 (dinner 5:30; VBS 6-8:30 p.m.) with the theme, "God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands." register @ www.mechbaptist.org/vbs-reg-2024

A Deacon Training was led by Ken Pruitt, Executive Director of the Leland Seminary in April. www.mechbaptist.org

Mineral has called Rev. Ken Kessler as Interim. A baptism was held for 2 youth and 1 adult in April. For Upward Sports, events, and services see www.mineralbaptistchurch.org

Mount Gilead VBS will be held June 17-20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for preschool-5th grade with the theme Camp Firelight. All are invited! Mt. Gilead is also organizing a family mission trip to Nickelsville July 15-19. If interested in participating, please contact the church at 804.457.2938.

North Pamunkey VBS will be June 17-21 from 6-8 p.m. The church celebrates its 250th anniversary with special services September 13-15: 13th—Concert with The Crestmen; 14th—History Day Program, Hymn Sing, Dinner on the Grounds under tent at 2 p.m.; and 15th—Homecoming (RSVP catered dinner after worship service).

Orange will have a Brick Breaking Ceremony on June 2 at 4 p.m. to unveil the first order of engraved bricks placed in the temporary walkway to the pavilion. A Summer Chess Camp will be held June 3-6 & 10-13 with beginner and advanced times. Call 540.672.2996 to register. \$25 per week. A touring youth choir from Ohio will present a concert of choral and handbell music on June 6 at 8 p.m. VBS will be held July 7-11 with the theme, "Scuba—diving into friendship with God."

Perkins held a baptism for 3 in April. VBS will be June 17-20 from 8:45-noon. www.perkinsbaptistchurch.org

Rhoadesville is making plans for homecoming and revival services. Their VBS is to be held in June.

Waller's is continuing Free Community Dinner the 3rd Wed of each month at 6:30 p.m. and is well attended. VBS will be June 10-14 beginning at 6 p.m. using "Scuba" from Group Publishing. On Sunday, June 30, Wallers will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Duerson Wing completed and dedicated in June of 1954. Wallers will hold revival services in August. www.wallersbaptist.com

Some Go ~ Some Give ~ Some Pray



2024 Mission Team Update



Currently the 2024 Mission Team to Armenia has 8 members: Kris Hutchinson (team leader) Mineral; Kim Rosson (VBS leader) Oakland; Lesley Alford, Oakland; Josué Luckunchang, Louisa; Donnie McKinney, Mountain View; Diane Ragland, Mineral; John Bevard, Mineral; and Nikisha Diggs, Mineral.

2024 Mission Trip Dates: **Thursday, August 15 through Monday, August 26**

A Commissioning Service will be held at Louisa Baptist Church on Sunday, August 4 at 2 p.m. for the team. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Please keep this team uplifted in your prayers!

Working together to accomplish His will!

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not have to speak Spanish in order to participate. Positions include: helping with parking, concession sales, grilling, setting up the stage, lining the fields, finding certified referees, and of course, people to come and watch the games. To volunteer, please call or text Josué at 540.894.6796.

Soccer teams are for adult males who will bring their families to watch. Games will be held July 21, 28, and August 4 and 11. There will also be a time for worship through music and a speaker to share the Gospel in Spanish and English.

At the Goshen Missions Celebration, Josué shared a story of a young man he had been trying to minister to without success. This man unexpectedly contacted Josué and asked him to go to Northern Virginia with him and attend a gathering where a famous Latino rapper was going to share his testimony. He told Josué that he was the first person he thought of and he didn't want to go alone. After trying to reach out to this young man, Josué finally had the opportunity. Josué shared his testimony during the long ride. While there, the young man received Christ and he has been eagerly attending discipleship classes and church faithfully.

LBC added a TV screen in the sanctuary and a program now translates and displays the sermon in Spanish in real time.

LBC also has a church-to-church partnership with The Way of Salvation Baptist Church in Panama where Josué grew up and his

We are looking for Goshen individuals who feel led of the Lord, to commit to donating \$200 per year for the next three years to help supplement the income of our three church planter pastors working in Armenia. We need 10 more commitments to reach our goal.

The previous three year commitments (made by generous churches and individuals) were completed in 2023. If you would like to make a commitment to help support the bi-vocational pastors (pictured below) by sending in your commitment in 2024, 2025, and 2026 please let the Goshen Ministry Center know by calling 540.894.8440 or emailing goshenassociation@hughes.net



Pastor Vardan



Pastor Svin



Pastor Avo

Please continue to pray for our Church Planters in Armenia... they depend on our prayers and support!

father is the pastor. Josué also serves as an interpreter with the mission teams to Panama.

Josué is always excited for the opportunity to share the love of Christ and is looking forward to being a part of the 2024 Goshen Mission Team to Armenia in August to work with the youth and children.

(Information gathered by Tammy Wood and Edited by Paula Parrish, Ministry Assistant at LBC.)



Last May, Josué married the love of his life, Kalie.

Annual Spring Goshen Meeting Report

Rev. Hubert Hart was recognized for 50 years of ministry within Goshen Baptist Association during the Goshen Spring Meeting on April 30. Rev. Hart began his ministry in Goshen in 1973 and served as pastor at South Anna, Dogwood, and Waldrop (where he continues to serve as pastor).

Messengers voted to welcome Mountain View Community Church (Orange Campus) into full membership following a year of watch care.

The changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual under the heading of “Disaster Response” which the Goshen Missions Committee



proposed, were approved. These changes allow church groups to borrow either of the two disaster response trailers and tools for outreach projects as well as disaster response work.

The Goshen Missions Committee made these changes with the intention of getting more use out of the trailers and tools. For more information on how to check out a disaster trailer and tools for your church’s outreach ministry, contact the Goshen Ministry Center at 540.894.8440 for the information and application.

The John and Barbara Ellington Scholarship Application was approved by the messengers. This fund may be applied for each spring and returned to the Goshen Ministry Center by March 15th by any active participant of a Goshen church for college or vocational school.

GriefShare Support Groups

If you need help in dealing with the loss of a loved one, you may want to join a GriefShare support group near you.

For information on GriefShare and where a group is meeting near you, see www.GriefShare.org

Notice to Churches

Please include: **GoshenAssociation@hughes.net** in your church’s email list for your newsletter, prayer concerns, and event news blasts.

June Calendar

Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Nancy Emerick	Retired
6	Bowers Anniversary	Dogwood
7	Deborah Durham	Retired
8	John Swain	Retired
9	Nancy McDaniel	Retired
11	Mike Durham	Retired
11	Lee Bowers	Dogwood
11	John Shutlock	Waller
12	Miller Anniversary	Orange
15	Hutchinson Anniversary	Mineral
17	Rick Clore	Retired
21	Wollenberg Anniversary	Mine Road
26	Wilson Anniversary	Perkins
26	Jarrell Anniversary	North Pamunkey
27	Tim Wilson	Perkins
27	David Nelson	Smyrna
30	Jojuan White	Retired

Events

1	RuraLove Yardsale 8-12:30
2	WMU Annual Planning GMC 3 p.m.
3	Goshen Missions Committee Mtg GMC 9 a.m.
6	Minister’s Breakfast GMC 8:30 a.m.
9-11	WMU & SBC Annual Mtgs, Indianapolis, IN
15	Mission Stitchers GMC 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
16	Father’s Day “Sock it to Dad” collect children’s socks all sizes for Hope for Appalachia and bring to the Goshen Ministry Center by August 28.

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