

# Freedom Center Ministries, Inc. February 2015 News

## Greetings Friends,

In these ten years in Eastern Kentucky this February has been so wow! The Highway 160 over Black Mountain was closed and other weather records have been broken. We all look for some sunshine to thaw the snow that is banked up several feet high alongside the roads. It has been beautiful, we enjoy the snow!



However, it is such a joy to serve our Lord in the snow or sunshine! When we fulfill a need with a bottle of water, a warm coat, a hot meal, or a pair of boots...do we give it with love or do we grumble. We know the Bible tells us to love one another and what we do for another is like, we do it to the Lord. So I must do better and love with a smile...LOVELOUD! The Lord's life was with passion and purpose.

I would like to share a story: A memorial story of our young missionary from her school teacher.



Maddie attended Woodford Christian School as a 2015 senior; she died in a car accident Monday afternoon 3 weeks ago.

I taught Maddie in 2009-2010 as a seventh grader. She was a fantastic student and funny kid! She always had a smile and was always ready with a joke. Even at

that young age, her love for God and people were evident. I took that class to Harlan County for their class trip. We spent four days with George and Robin Lewis of Freedom Center Ministries doing yard work and helping in the warehouse and store. My students worked very hard! This was their first mission trip, and they embraced the labor and the challenge. I have never been more proud of six students.

Maddie's friends and fellow students have chosen to honor her on social media with #LiveLikeMaddie. I cannot think of a greater honor. To live like Maddie would be to love God passionately and serve others humbly and lovingly. Maddie wrote an essay for her sophomore English class. Mary and Maddie shared the essay with me, and I am so thankful they did.

According to Maddie, "Everyone has a purpose in their life, and part of life is finding that purpose. Without the mission trip to Harlan County, Kentucky, in seventh grade at Woodford Christian School, I wouldn't have known my purpose for serving and ministering to others."

Freedom Center thanks Maddie for living out her purpose as a testimony for others to follow. I am sure she would say LIVE LIKE JESUS!

A lot of our friends here in Kentucky have moved home to be with Jesus over the past few weeks...Heaven is getting sweeter and sweeter day by day, young and older are going.

Tri City Fire Departments have been busy between forest fires in the mountains and delivery of bottle water throughout the community because of main water lines broken due to abundant of snow.





Firemen off the trucks onto ATV.



The weather had us snow bound...we served folks from our home. The FC shop was out of heat oil and closed most of the month...hope the heat oil truck can get to us soon. The most needed thing for a lot of folks in Lynch area is kerosene that is used for heat. The phone has rung, folks knocked at the door with a need of kerosene. God says we must bear each other's burdens so we assist where we can.

There are two stations that carry kerosene in Cumberland and one is empty...it is difficult for the trucks to move on the snow/icy roads to bring in a supply. The snow has cause roofs to collapse and for the main water lines to break. After the snow is gone we can begin to inspect for any home damage. We pray for the Lord to continue blessing as we minister with the folks.

God's folks are needed in His Ministry. We have had some partners finish out their commitment and move on to other mission opportunities. So if you would please

pray and ask God to lead your church or group where to serve. We would like to serve alongside and begin a new partnership so we can continue God's Work together here in Eastern Kentucky.



Prayer Warriors, we cherish your prayers!! Thank ya'll on behalf of our people group in The Appalachians; may God's blessings continue to flow to His people. Robin and I are humbled to be "Serving our Father by serving His People" in the Southeastern Kentucky Mountains. Thank you for your PRAYERS and support! May God receive the glory and honor in our obedience.

# Missionary Teams on the 2015 Calendar:

March 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Crossway Community Church, Harrison, OH

March 25<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Old Hickory 1<sup>st</sup> BC, Nashville, TN

April 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Port Royal BC, Beaufort, SC

May 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> Kershaw BC, Camden, SC

June 21st - 27th Friendship BC, Greenville, SC

June 28th - July 3rd St. Mark BC, Columbia, SC

July 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Saluda BA Anderson, SC

July 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Wampee BC, Wampee, SC, Buck Creek BC, Longs, SC, Ben Avon BC, Spartanburg, SC, Indian Lake, Northport, AL

If your church/group is planning to come and serve with Freedom Center Ministries and you are not listed please contact us. Thank you!

#### PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

- Holy Spirit's presence in every detail of our lives and ministry
- His missionary teams of 2015
- New mission partners
- Obedient local missionary families and friends
- Good health

### PRAY TO THE ALL SUFFICIENT ONE FOR:

- Harold Scroggs Family, Joyce
- WEE project: community meals
- Hope for Appalachia...Easter project
- Richard's healing after surgery-salvation
- Blessed health for local missionaries
- Holy Spirit controlled lives
- Bible Fellowship at FC...folks would live God's Word
- His Light to overcome the darkness in America
- FCM folks prayer list, God knows each need
- Jesus followers to share God's truth with boldness
- Mercy and Peace for folks in nursing homes

Serving Him until we see Him, Servants for Christ!

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