



Jesus is the **LIGHT** John 9:4-5

Freedom Center Ministries, Inc.

April 2015 News



Greetings,

A beautiful Holy Week with sunshine and rain on the way. As Christians celebrate Easter every day...this week day by day at Freedom Center we have read and studied what Jesus did each day up to the Resurrection. Hallelujah!! We have been in conversation with 556 folks: serving, praising, sharing our story and witnessing in our Lord's name.

The rain storms came and set a new record for more than 10" of rainfall in a month. KY Governor Steve Beshear declared a statewide emergency after reports of heavy rain and flash flooding in several counties. That included our town of Lynch in Harlan County. We were under state of emergency to boil our water and the city gave cases of water to the citizens because of unsafe conditions.

It reminded me of my Africa journeys when we helped the children haul water from creeks and water holes to the villages. A sad situation.

Father's timing is perfect...He knows all things!! Agape house is looking to open in June for missionaries. If you know any finish carpenters that would like to be a part of God's project...pray and let us know how He is leading. FC has no construction missionaries coming in the month of May. We give Father all the glory for He is in control!!



Father always knows our needs...I was surprise the way He changed our work agenda. When He sent HS girls with Sparrow Missions Frankfort, KY to grout a ceramic shower. They did an awesome job...cleaned and painted floors at Agape house. God is faithful!!! Girl power is what their leader used to encourage them.



Port Royal BC missionaries arrived and hit the ground serving the community...the men were at Agape house...and the women at FC; to glorify our Father! They all came together to bless the children with a block party. We had an awesome week at FC shop and at Agape house with SC family missionaries. Along with good Bible fellowship each day as the Lord brought in new people.



Block party on Russell Drive



Plumbers and Carpenters



Charles Town BC, Charles Town, WV missionaries served with several ministries and loved on the Tri-City folks. Please pray for Bland.

Easter Hope Box experience by NC Pastor Marc Sanders:

Five summers ago, my wife and I stumbled across Lynch, Kentucky while on vacation. We never imagined that this chance encounter would dramatically change our lives and ministry. Our hearts were broken by the poverty and hopelessness we saw literally around every corner as we traveled through the Tri-Cities. We returned home determined to find a way we could partner our church with ministries in Harlan County. Our search eventually brought us to George and Robin Lewis at Freedom Center Ministries who told us about their upcoming Easter shoebox project.

I asked how many boxes they needed and George said approximately 1000. I responded that I thought between us and sister churches in our association, we could meet the need. Three schools and 1000 students in 2012 grew to five schools and 1700 students in 2013. The ministry expanded in 2014 to eight schools and 2600 students and invitation to Harlan County High School and its 1100 students that Fall. God truly blessed as we were allowed to share the Gospel with students at each school and saw many come to saving faith. We were all amazed at how God was expanding the ministry, but little did we know the plans He had in store for 2015.

Truly, we saw God's hand move in the Hope Box ministry this year as we were able to share the Gospel and a little bit of hope to 8,000 students in 25 schools across 7 counties in Kentucky and Virginia. We witnessed over 50 come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. We have been invited to return to Harlan County High and to Letcher County High in the Fall to share the Gospel with over 2000 students.

We saw the impact a little plastic box with hygiene items and school supplies can have on a child just to know that someone loves them and cares for them. Yet, we have seen children's lives transformed by this simple gift of hope every year. Plans are currently underway for Hope Box 2016. We continue to seek where God would have us go next.

If you feel that you are called to be a part of this plan, please visit our website, www.hopeforappalachia.com to find out ways you can help. Henry Blackaby has stated that to experience God, one must find where He is at work and join Him there. Truly, God is at work in Appalachia and the joy of experiencing Him there is unexplainable. Thank you George and Robin for allowing us to partner with you to experience our magnificent God.

FCM needs:

- Queen and King Bed sheets sets
- Men 48" bib overalls
- Summer toddler 2T- 5T boy & girl clothes, summer boys and girls sizes 6- 20
- **No need for women clothes**

Missionary Teams on the 2015 Calendar:

May 11th - 15th Kershaw BC, Camden, SC

May 31st - June 6th Harmony Grove BC, Cumming, GA

June 14th - 19th Lake Murray BC, Lexington, SC

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

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

July 5th - July 10th Raymond BC, Webster, KY

July 12th - 17th Saluda BA Anderson, SC

July 18th - 24th Wampee BC, Wampee, SC, Buck Creek BC, Longs, SC, Ben Avon BC, Spartanburg, SC, Indian Lake, Northport, AL

July 25th - August 1st The Bridge Ch., Princeton, NC

July 28th - August 1st Mt Pleasant BC, TN

August 16th - 22nd Riverland Hills BC, Irmo, SC

August 16th - 21st Pleasant Union BC, Roseboro, NC

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

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.

PRAISE OUR LORD FOR:

- Holy Spirit's presence in every detail of our lives and ministry
- New mission partners
- Obedient local missionary families and friends
- Good health
- Hope for Appalachia Easter project

PRAY TO THE ALL SUFFICIENT ONE FOR:

- Hope for Appalachia
- Salvation for Richard, Tony, and Sue
- His missionary teams of 2015
- 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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