



The SaltShaker

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Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savour, Wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Matthew 5:13

Local Student from Peniel Joins Mission Team to North Dakota

Students from North Greenville University traveled to Bismarck, North Dakota during their fall break October 5–9, 2007. The team helped with a youth rally, assisted in home repairs for the missionaries, and ministered through Church Outreach to the local community. While on an Indian Reservation the team lead Sunday worship and Kids Club. Mr. Murrill Boitnott, NGU Staff headed the team as they worked with missionaries Jody and Emily Jennings, NAMB. Local student, Katie Kirby, went on the trip. Katie attends North Greenville University and is a member at Peniel Baptist Church in Timmonsville.



Bottom Row Left to Right: Christopher Timmons, Becca Traynham, and Jake Patterson Top Row Left to Right: Simone Gatewood, Katie Kirby, and Taylor Thompson.

“We’re Here For You SC” Reports

- * **Coward** – 10 volunteers delivered goodie baskets to the police and fire departments & cleaned up the ball field in town.
- * **Elim** – Women in Action picked up trash at Dewey L. Carter, Youth did yard work
- * **Greenwood** – Three singles did yard work and about 11 WMU members delivered paper

goods to residents at Hickory Knoll Apartments.

- * **Hebron** – 15 RA’s and adults fixed a meal for a shut in and washed their vehicles.
- * **Oakdale** – Seventeen members put plastic on the window’s of a lady’s home. (She had called the FBA office for assistance.) They also cleaned the eaves of her home, raked the yard, replaced pine straw in flower beds, swept carport, and cut down 2 dead trees. A chicken bog meal was prepared for the volunteers and was shared with the resident.
- * **South Florence** – 30 volunteers fixed a Thanksgiving meal for 101 residents of Creekside Retirement Center

LifeChangers July 6-11, 2008

LifeChangers will be hosted by Calvary, Florence again this year. It is for students who have completed 7th grade – up. It is a ministry week to work on homes of lower income or “fixed income” residents that own their home. Only outside construction is done and could include painting, replacing rotten wood, window replacement, roofing, etc.

We also have worship services on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. “Fun Stuff” such as bowling, YMCA, and Mr. Mark’s is also part of the week. We need churches that would be willing to feed the entire group supper on M, T, Th, and F. We also need churches to provide lunch for a crew of 12-15 people at the work site. Crew chiefs, adults with construction knowledge, are also needed. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Louanne at 662-5921. Details and registration forms will be mailed to all pastors and youth pastors in January, 2008.

Prisoner Packet Update!

YOU donated 866 prisoner packets this year! WOW! Thank you so much for this wonderful response to being a witness for our Lord.

Operation Christmas Child Update!

According to what you've reported to us, the churches in our association contributed 2,559 shoe boxes to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! Thank you for your response to this ministry!

Families on Mission: Need a new idea for a family vacation? That's what Sharon and Creig Guinn from Lugoff, SC were faced with. They decided to go on a family mission trip with their four children, ages 9-16, to Lynch, Kentucky. Their work consisted of grass cutting, park cleanup, weed-eating, and helping with a block party for July 4th. Sharon says, "It was the best vacation we've ever had as a family. It was a life-changing experience for all of us." More than 50 families participated in NAMB's inaugural Families on Mission experience. To learn more about Family Mission Trips and other mission experiences available through the North American Mission Board, visit www.namb.net/fom. (*On Mission* winter 07)

Good News Club Story: Public Schools in our area are a "ripe" mission field. The Lord proved this point to me recently. Elim and Evergreen are sponsoring a Good News Club at Dewey L. Carter on Wednesday afternoons. The very first day of our club when the invitation was given 6 children responded. I had the opportunity to counsel these children and 5 of them prayed to receive the Lord as their personal Savior.

I asked one little boy if he would like to ask Jesus to forgive him of his sins and to be his Savior. He replied, "Yes, I've wanted to do this for a very long time, but **no one has ever asked me that question before.**" I about flipped! After club I looked at his registration form and saw that he attended a church so he knew how to be saved – but no one had ever asked him. His words echoed in my mind and I started thinking about what we're doing in

our churches. ***Are we letting these precious ones "fall through the cracks" because we are not intentional enough about their spiritual condition?***

Adopt A School: Churches have a "golden opportunity to be "salt and light" as they represent Christ to faculty and students in our public schools. Here are some ways to pray, give, and open doors for you and your church. Be sure to go through the proper channels before doing anything on campus.

- Keep a list of teachers and school administrators, then pray for them on a regular basis. (most web sites have a list of faulty)
- Organize periodic weekend prayer-walks around the school premises.
- Provide donuts or danishes for the school office and teacher's lounge.
- Feed the teachers on an in-service day
- Provide donuts, muffins and coffee for bus drivers early in the morning. (Set up in the bus parking lot and greet them when they arrive.)
- Volunteer to work the ticket gates at ballgames.
- Provide free tutoring.
- Take the "mentor" training and mentor a child.
- Provide school supplies – teachers spend a lot of their personal money meeting these needs.
- Provide clothing and shoes for needy students.
- Volunteer at the school once a week to do whatever is needed.

In most of these areas you won't be able to "preach" the gospel – but never underestimate the power of demonstrating Christ's love. When the question is asked, "Why are you doing this?" be prepared and sensitive, it may be an opportunity to share your testimony! God works in mysterious ways!

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Don't throw that SS book AWAY!!

Luke 19:10 Ministries - Over the last few years we have had several calls about places that will take old Sunday School materials, VBS materials, etc. Luke 19:10 Ministries in Greenville SC collects these items and sends them to missionaries overseas. I contacted them to see if they had a closer collection center to Florence. I received an email back saying that they do not have a collection center in this area but would REALLY LIKE to establish one. It could be at a church that has extra space to collect the materials.

I have been praying about whether God would like for us to establish such a collection center for this ministry. We could have set "collection days" and then have volunteers with pick up trucks to take the material to Greenville two or three times a year. OR if someone knows of someone that goes to Greenville on a regular basis OR a trucking business that travels to Greenville. I don't know what God has in store, but I feel like this would be a great ministry for a church or group to adopt. **If God has sparked a desire within you to help with this, please contact me so we can discuss the matter further.**

The following information came from the Luke 19:10 Ministries web site. You can visit the site at www.luke19-10ministries.org for more information.

The name Luke 19:10 Ministries came from the verse in the Bible that says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." We desire to be useful to Christ as He seeks and saves the lost people of the world.

Luke 19:10 Ministries was incorporated on August 31, 2006. However, we already had several years' experience in this kind of work.

*It is important for you to know that this is a "we" ministry. The only way for Luke 19:10 Ministries to function effectively is for a great **many people like you to get involved and help.***

There's something you can do so "we" can get the job done. We need people who will pray for us. We need people who will encourage us. We need

people who will collect materials in their church or area. We need people with pickup trucks to bring the materials to our building. We need money to pay the bills for shipping, etc. We need bookshelves, banquet tables, package sealing tape, etc. We need people who will help us spread the word about this ministry.

The only way this ministry can fulfill its mission is for hundreds of you to be a part of it. Please prayerfully consider whether the Lord Jesus Christ would be pleased for you to get involved. "We" need you! (from web site)

Here is a list of things that Luke 19:10 Ministries needs at the current time: left-over church literature of all kinds – SS, DT, Missions, VBS; new and used Bibles – all translations, Christian books of all kinds, tracts, hymnals, sheet music – any other printed Christian music, Christian cassette tapes, videos, & CD's, public school textbooks, home school textbooks, college textbooks, used prescription eyeglasses and cases, manual portable typewriters – ribbons and accessories, overhead projectors – transparency sheets & markers, medical supplies & equipment; boxes of new or out-of-date church envelopes, Cassette tape duplicating equipment, blank cassettes, used cell phones, cases, & accessories.