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SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCH PLANTERS TO VISIT RICHMOND IN OCTOBER 2010

Virginia has 15 South African Church Planters who will be coming for a visit to Virginia from October 14 to November 1. Four out of those fifteen pastors are sponsored by the Richmond Baptist Association. One of the goals of this visit is to have our Planters preach, teach, speak in our various churches, as our folks did last year when they went to South Africa for an evangelistic thrust. Four volunteers have been enlisted, one to work with each of our RBA Planters, to coordinate their schedule during their visit. Here is a list of the Coordinators, their contact information and the Planters they will be working with:

PLANTER Hans Zinyoka, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Virginia, South Africa
COORDINATOR Valerie Carter (Bon Air)
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Work 237-7866
Cell 928-2920

PLANTER Peter Choma, pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Kgotsong
COORDINATOR Allen Townsend (Pine Street)
allsfirehouse@hotmail.com
Cell 437-1991

PLANTER Shadrack Monageng, pastor of Monyakeng Baptist Church in Wesselsbron
COORDINATOR Howard Germany (Carlisle Avenue)
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Cell 239-8940

PLANTER Joseph Monageng, pastor of Hope Restoration Baptist Church in Odendaalsrus
COORDINATOR Brydon DeWitt (Second)
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Work 783-6917
Cell 363-5845

As a part of their visit to Virginia, the Planters will want to experience our American culture. Therefore, it is preferred that the planters be hosted in homes and eat in the homes with families rather than in a hotel and restaurant. There will be some days when the planters do some sightseeing as a larger group and attend other statewide meetings together. The coordinators will have all that information.

Please use these Planters in as many ways as you possibly can: worship services, Sunday School classes, missions groups, youth groups, small discussion groups, or a special reception in their honor for a chance to get acquainted with them. We want them to meet as many members of the RBA as possible and see our churches, so please invite them to come. If you should want to give one of the Planters an honorarium for speaking, it would be better to give it in cash rather than a check. He will have difficulty cashing a check.

Thank you for your faithful support of our RBA partnership with the Free State Baptist Association in South Africa.

We urge anyone interested in opening their home or having one of the Church Planters to come and speak to their group to look at your calendar right away and call the coordinator to reserve the date of your event on their calendar!
Greetings,

This is my last official article for the TRANSFORMED Associational newsletter. Allow me to use these paragraphs to say thank you and farewell. It is difficult for me to adequately express my appreciation to you for your kind and gracious support of my leadership as the Director of Missions for the Richmond Baptist Association. These past five years have been some of the best years of my life. Working with our 69 churches in the association has been a real joy. I am blessed by the many wonderful friendships I have made working with you in various capacities in Associational ministry.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to have been able to serve you as your Missions Team Leader in our collaborative ministry as an Associational family of churches on mission together. I am indebted to you for allowing me to be your Director as we worked together through some challenging days in the life of the Association. It is my hope and prayer that the Association has risen to a new level of ministry and will continue to rise to a higher level under the leadership of your new Director of Missions.

As I complete my time of ministry with the Richmond Baptist Association, I will assume the position of Interim Pastor of the Oakwood Memorial Baptist Church in our Association. Thus, I am delighted to be able to say that I will have CONTINUED involvement in the life and work of the RBA. As a member pastor, I will attend our RBA quarterly Executive Council meetings and many other meetings as well. I will eagerly look forward to seeing you at those meetings because I highly value our friendship. You are indeed my family. And I plan to attend some of those wonderful WMU meetings from time to time. I will always wear it with joy and pride. Thank you so much for including me in the recognition — which I definitely did not expect.

My thanks to all of those in our churches who warmly welcomed me when I visited your worship services and other events. I can say with a great deal of pride that the RBA has one of the best staff teams in all of Virginia. The new Director of Missions will be blessed to have these wonderful staff members in place to give him their assistance and support.

May God richly bless you and use you to advance His Kingdom through the work of the Richmond Baptist Association.

A Thank You Note

The retirement celebration Friday evening July 18 was beautifully planned down to the last detail. Please be assured that Pete and I are very appreciative. The meal, the music, the flowers, and the fellowship were beautiful. My special thanks to Dr. Somerville, our friend and pastor, for his warm and loving words about Pete. Jim, your observations were on target about Pete.

I cannot even begin to tell you how surprised I was to receive a gift from the RBA. The Fabergé Egg is absolutely beautiful, and I will always treasure it because of the love with which it was given. I will treasure your loving expression of care for me as Pete’s wife and partner in ministry. I wore the Egg to church on Sunday morning, and I was so proud to say that my dear friends in the Richmond Baptist Association had given it to me. I will always wear it with joy and pride. Thank you so much for including me in the recognition — which I definitely did not expect.

My thanks to all of those in our churches who warmly welcomed me when I visited your worship services with Pete during these past five years.

Again, thank you for a lovely evening and for the beautiful gift!

Your friend in Christ,
Elaine du Plessis

The RBA family extends our deepest sympathies to:

The family and friends of Jane Jack-son, Director of Hillside Baptist Center from 1957 to 1988, who passed away on June 9, 2010 in Prattville, Alabama. Jane moved to Prattville in 2003. Services were held at the Prattville First Baptist Church on June 12. For online condolences go to www.ridoutsprattvillechapel.com.

MAY 2010 BUDGET REPORT

| Budget Amount: | $48,800.00 |
| Budget Receipts: | $55,707.32 |
| Budget Expenses: | $35,727.30 |
| YTD Amount: | $244,000.00 |
| YTD Receipts: | $193,282.59 |
| YTD Expenses: | $216,819.73 |

2010 Camp Alkulana Offering

Formerly known as the RBA Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

As of 5/31/10
Offering Goal: $109,000.00
YTD Receipts: $10,236.67
YTD Expenses: $19,619.21
REGULAR WEEKLY PROGRAMS include:

* Kids On The Hill - each Tuesday after school (Oct. – May)
* Youth Meetings – 2 Sunday afternoons a month
* Food Distribution - each Thursday morning
* Emergency Assistance – as needed basis
* Senior Adult Dinners - 2 Thursdays a month
* OHMOMS group – (young mothers’ support group) last Saturday of each month

>* Kids On The Hill, the Youth Ministry and the OHMOMS group are joint ministries with Pine Street Baptist Church in that we share in the leadership, recruitment of volunteers, and the financial support.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Our Food pantry is open 1 day a week. We give food to approximately 30 “households” each week. Over one-half of these “households” are actually homeless individuals. Thanks to the Agape Class of Derbyshire Baptist Church, Pine Street Baptist Church, & Huguenot Road Baptist Church for their regular monthly contributions of food. Thank you as well to all the other churches and individuals who contribute to this ministry. We can always use more!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE: During the months of January through June, 2010 the Oregon Hill Center has assisted people with rent, utilities, medications, and other emergency needs in the amount of approximately $4,469.50. This amount is up from last year for the same time period. This is most likely a result of an increase in requests due to such things as the downward turn in the economy, loss of jobs, etc.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Our teenagers are looking forward to attending FUSION Camp at Bridgewater College this summer for a week. The cost is $225 per person. Most of our young people & their families cannot afford this amount so any money sent in toward camper scholarships is greatly appreciated! We also involve the youth in several fund raising projects a year.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

♦ Camp Alkulana. The Oregon Hill Baptist Center continues to be the organization to send the most children to camp. This year 28 children registered for camp through the Center. Free Camp physicals were arranged by the Oregon Hill Center and given on June 2nd at the RBA office building. These Physicals were open to all campers.

♦ Children’s Day Camp: will be hosted once again by Second Baptist Church on August 9-13

♦ School Supplies Gathering: Churches all over the Richmond Association and beyond will soon begin gathering school supplies to be given away to children active in our Baptist Centers. We will distribute supplies at the OHBC on Thursday, August 19th.

PLEASE PRAY: for our summer programs and for the children and youth with whom we will be ministering. Pray for the many homeless in our community who spend much of each day on the hot summer concrete. Pray that our finances may be built back up so that we may continue to assist people in distress.
Mission Opportunities

2010

The Meadow Event Park
I-95 exit 98 next to Kings Dominion
Doswell, Virginia

September 23 - October 3, 2010

Mission Opportunity #1:

What is Needed: Churches are invited to prepare Hospitality Bags for the State Fair. Hospitality bags would include toiletry items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, conditioner, band aids, lip balm, soap, and tissues. Please put the items in gallon-sized Ziploc bags.

Where to Drop Off: Drop off hospitality bags at your associational office. Please place a note with the bags that indicates the name of your church/organization.

When to Drop Off: Hospitality bags need to be dropped off by September 15.

Distribution: Central Virginia Baptist Ministries will distribute the hospitality bags to the State Fair residential campsites.

Mission Opportunity #2

What is Needed: Cross-Walk Volunteers are needed each morning to help guide children in the State Fair parking lot from their school buses to the entrance gate. Volunteers should report by 8:15 AM on the day of their volunteer service to receive orientation and are needed until 10:30-11:00 AM.

Contact: Please contact Gayle Taylor, Associate for Missions, to register for volunteer opportunities at gayle.taylor@cvbm.org or 598-6350.

Types of Sponsorships Available

Bright Eyes Sponsor: $500
Benefits include:
- Your logo will appear on publication information (when sponsorship is pledged by August 1).
- Your logo will appear on a banner at tournament registration.
- Your company or organization will receive two complimentary hole sponsorships.

Hole Sponsor: $100 per hole
Benefits include:
- Your company or organization will receive your logo or other artwork placed at a hole on the golf course. You can sponsor more than one hole!
- Hole sponsors will be listed in the program on the day of the Golf Tournament when sponsorships are received by September 15.
- Hole sponsors are eligible for a $20 discounted fee when also registering a golf foursome at $380.

To become a sponsor contact Beth Reddish Wright at email campalkulana@gmail.com or call 804-329-1701.
2010 “BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS” @ BAPTIST CENTERS
NEEDED: BACKPACKS ∙ SCHOOL SUPPLIES ∙ UNDERWEAR ∙ SOCKS ∙ TOILETRIES

Last fall our three Baptist Centers distributed over 700 backpacks with school supplies to the children of their communities! We hope to do as well this year. Items to be included in each backpack are listed below. Questions? Contact Kathleen Coxon, WMU Mission Involvement Consultant, 804-272-1667 or mkcbgly1@verizon.net.

**BACKPACK (sturdy, large enough for notebooks and textbooks.)**
- 1 three-ring binder and divider tabs ■ 1 or 2 packs loose-leaf paper (wide or standard rule-200 sheets total)
- 4 black-and-white composition books ■ 2 three- or five-subject spiral notebooks

**DO NOT INCLUDE 1-SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS, NO ONE USES THEM!**
- 5 to 8 No. 2 pencils (no mechanical) ■ 5 to 8 black or blue ink pens (erasable/no gel)
- a Christian bookmark or something similar, appropriate for children

**South Richmond Center prefers pre-filled backpacks.**

**Church Hill and Oregon Hill Centers prefer empty backpacks with supplies separately grouped by type.**

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**Socks and Underwear for children kindergarten through high school age.**
(Boys prefer boxers and Girls prefer bikini underwear!)

**For Church Hill Only—TOILETRY BAGS** (approx. 500) to include w/backpacks. In 1 gallon zip-lock bag:
- travel size shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, mouth wash, tooth paste, tooth brush, dental floss, deodorant,
- regular size bar soap, and wash cloth.

WHERE AND WHEN TO DELIVER THESE SUPPLIES
AGAIN, THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU TAKE YOUR BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO ONE OF THE CENTERS
(check the list below for the suggested recipient center of your church’s supplies.)

**OREGON HILL CENTER**
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 (6-8PM)**
Deliver supplies 10am to 2 pm on Aug. 16 & 17
Call Jennifer Turner; 648-1353 to schedule delivery.

**CHURCH HILL WELLNESS CENTER**
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 (10AM-3PM)**
Deliver Supplies to Bethlehem BC,
1920 Fairmount Ave on August 17 & 18 from 10am to 12pm and 1 to 3 pm.
Call Glinda Ford; 780-0053 to schedule delivery.

**SOUTH RICHMOND CENTER**
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31 (4-6PM)**
Deliver supplies on August 30 from 10am to 12 noon. Call Margaret Allen; 232-0174 to schedule delivery.

**OREGON HILL**
- Broadus Memorial
- First
- Ginter Park
- Monument Heights
- New Covenant
- Northminster
- Oakwood Memorial
- Patterson Avenue
- Pine Street
- Skipwith
- Stukeley Hall

**CHURCH HILL**
- Bethlehem (Fairmount)
- Bethlehem (Penick)
- Cambridge
- Carlisle Avenue
- Chamberlayne
- Community Mission
- Derbyshire
- Disciples for Christ
- Fairmount Memorial
- Gayton
- Hatcher
- Lakeside
- Leigh Street
- Life-Line for Jesus
- Mount Carmel
- Mount Sinai
- Mount Tabor
- New Bridge
- New Canaan Int’l
- River Road
- Sandston
- Second
- Staples Mill Road
- Westhampton

**SOUTH RICHMOND**
- Bethany Place
- Bon Air
- Chinese
- Community of Grace
- First Union
- Friendship Memorial
- Gravel Hill
- Huguenot Road
- Jahnke Road
- Korean
- Lighthouse of Hope
- Morning Star
- New Canaan
- New Life

Oak Forest
Oak Grove
Shalom Fellowship
Southampton
St. Paul’s
Stockton Memorial
Swift Creek
Trinity
Weatherford Mission
Group
Webber Memorial
Westover
Woodland Heights
CHURCH NEWS

BETHANY PLACE is hosting “Rock the Fourth”, a Community Block Party, on July 4, 7:00-9:00 pm, featuring Moonwalks, Great Food, Face Painting, Games, Tournaments, Catalyst Band and Patriotic Music. BON AIR’s “Hope Resources Ministry” has recently renovated their mobile home in the Suburban Mobile Village Park and is now home to a Myanmar refugee family which they are mentoring towards self-sufficiency using the One Church One Family ministry model. Bon Air is offering two Sunday Concerts, Marty Goetz on July 18 and “Brethren” on July 25, both at 7:00 pm. FAIRMOUNT MEMORIAL will have the “Announcer’s Quartet” concert on Sunday, July 11 at 6:00 pm. Robbie Spiers and his group, “REIGN” will perform on Sunday, August 22 at 5:30 pm. FIRST hosted a wonderful Retirement Dinner in honor of Rev. Pete du Plessis, RBA DOM, on Friday, June 18. GAYTON has a mission team going to Germany to help with VBS for the children of military personnel. GINTER PARK hosted the Youth Choir of First Baptist of Mount Holly, NC performed the “Christ: His Kingdom is at Hand!”. HATCHER MEMORIAL is sending a mission team (including a nurse) to Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota to lead Daily Bible Study and Crafts with children and adults. They will be taking many donated items such as craft and medical supplies and gifts (handmade girls’ jumpers and dolls) August 1-6. MONUMENT HEIGHTS’ Sanctuary Choir will present “America: a Pilgrim’s Prayer, A Patriot’s Dream” July 4 at 11:00 am followed by a covered dish luncheon and recreation for all ages. They are shipping over 100 dolls (handmade by their WMU mission groups) to Haiti. NEW COVENANT has new summer Sunday schedule: Sunday School – 8:45-9:45 am and Worship – 10:00 -11:00 am. OAK FOREST had the “Dove Brothers” in concert on Thursday, June 17. RIVER ROAD is helping Mount Vernon Baptist Church host CARITAS by providing packed lunches and preparing & serving dinners on July 7-9. SANDSTON had a Summer Event Kick Off at Dorey Park with lunch and old fashioned family games on June 13. They will host the North/East WMU dinner on July 20. SECOND will be hosting CARITAS July 17-24. They will be offering “Give and Go Basketball Camp” for children who have completed grades 1-4 to learn, or improve upon, basic fundamentals of basketball. STAPLES MILL ROAD sent a team to the Camp Alkulana Work Day on Saturday, June 5.

STAFF NEWS

CARLISLE AVENUE celebrated the 5 Year Anniversary of Howard Germany as Senior Pastor during the Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 13. DERBYSHIRE celebrated the 10 Year Anniversary of Keith Smith as Senior Pastor during the June 6 Worship Service followed by refreshments afterwards. GRACE will celebrate the 20 Year Anniversary of Betty Pugh Mills as Senior Pastor with a Love Gift and a Pot Luck Luncheon on Sunday, July 15. HUGUENOT ROAD celebrated the 5 year anniversary of Melissa Fallen as Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Pastoral Care. OAKWOOD MEMORIAL has welcomed the retired RBA DOM, Rev. Pete du Plessis, as their interim pastor. RIVER ROAD has named Michael Price to the position of Church Administrator.
Celebrate 40!

Entrust Federal Credit Union will be celebrating 40 years of serving our Christian membership on our actual birthday!

Save the Date: Friday, July 23 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

Join us in the Entrust parking lot (1801 Dabney Road) for all your favorites:

♦ ICE CREAM
♦ THE WHEEL OF PRIZES
♦ SHRED-IT Truck … shred your personal information and protect yourself from identity theft

For more information, visit www.efcu.coop/celebrate40 or call us at (804) 353-8012.

Reflecting on the past 40 years of improved technology, enhanced accounts, increased member accessibility, added online tools, and expanded financial education. A heartfelt thank you for allowing us to be there for you over the years and to continue in the years to come.
SUPPORT CAMP ALKULANA THIS SUMMER WITH YOUR PRAYERS

We cannot all be volunteers helping out at Camp Alkulana this summer, but we can pray for Director Beth, the camp staff, counselors and campers as they make preparations for the summer and during the four summer sessions:

- June 23-July 4 - Older Boys (ages 12-14)
- July 8-15 - Little Boys (ages 9-11 and CITs)
- July 19-20 - Staff In-Service Training
- July 21-28 - Little Girls (ages 9-11 and CITs)
- August 2-13 - Older Girls (ages 12-14)
- August 14-15 - Summer Staff Wrap-Up

DIXON MINISTRIES TORONTO PARTNERSHIP

“SEWING SUPPLIES NEEDED”

- FABRIC (no polyester, please),
- ZIPPERS,
- NEEDLES (ALL SIZES),
- SCISSORS,
- BUTTONS,
- AND OTHER SEWING NOTIONS.

Stu and Eleanor Dodson will be traveling to Toronto in their RV again this year to help with the ministry at the Matthew House in late July and are willing to take all of the above.

Donations are being collected at the RBA office, 8:30-4:30 Monday - Friday. **Deadline for donations of items to go to Toronto is July 15.**

If you have questions, please contact Ruth Guill, Partnership Missions Coordinator, at 804-745-1655.

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- To be added or deleted from the mailing list.
- To submit a change of address in a timely manner so the RBA will not incur postage due costs for returned newsletter that cannot be forwarded.

Help the RBA Save Money Give us your Change of Address!
If you are on our newsletter mailing list and will be moving—please let Frances Jones know your **Change of Address** in advance! The RBA has to pay $0.44 “postage due” for each returned newsletter because they are mailed bulk rate and the post office will not forward them to your new address! Postage due costs can add up if we have several newsletters returned each month! We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

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