

## Day Five

### LIBERIAN PARTNERSHIP RBA AND THE AFRICAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH



The Partnership between the RBA and the African Christian Community Church (ACCC) celebrated it's first anniversary in February 2011. Many exciting events have taken place this year blessing both the ACCC family and the volunteers from the RBA churches who have taught classes or come to help with building maintenance or repairs.

The first annual ACCC Christmas Store held December 4 and 5 blessed 75 children and adults..

Last summer, 22 RBA churches and 4 Middle District churches provided volunteers for the very successful summer program for the ACCC children resulting in four professions of faith.. In September, the After-School Program returned on Mondays through Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. Volunteers provide tutoring, crafts, music, games, Bible Drill, and snacks. One of the Liberian Ladies, Hawa Gobah was hired to provide leadership and coordination.

In February, the University of Richmond made a very generous donation of ten refurbished computers, monitors and keyboards to the RBA and the ACCC. The computers will be used for tutoring and the enhancement of English language skills for both children and adults.

To find out more information about partnership opportunities or to volunteer, contact Mrs. Ruth Guill, Partnership Coordinator, at 804-745-1655 or via email at [mrquill@verizon.net](mailto:mrquill@verizon.net).

#### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Rev. Calvin Birch and the leadership of the African Christian Community Church, Richmond.
- For Hawa Gobah, the children, and the volunteers in the after-school program.
- For more members of RBA churches to catch the vision and give assistance.

## Day Six

### SOUTH AFRICA PARTNERSHIP



This is the last in a five-year partnership with the Baptist Union of South Africa. It has been a richly rewarding partnership!

Some from among us have gone to South Africa to see the work that God is doing there through the lives of our ministry partners. Those who journeyed to South African preached, taught and offered encouragement. They witnessed first-hand the social injustice, spirit crippling poverty and economic disparity among the people who receive ministry daily. On the outskirts of many of the bustling cities people live in crowded hovels scarcely habitable.

Last year Peter, Shadrack, Hans and Joseph traveled to Richmond to see how Christ is working here and to view what ministry looks like in America. Their lives inspired us; their words challenged us. Their joyous spirit was infectious!

It cannot go unnoticed that Peter, Joseph, Hans and Shadrack willingly serve in places that call them to make tremendous sacrifice. Their ability to "do so much with so little" inspires us to do "even more with our much."



Peter Choma



Hans Zinyoka



Shadrack Monageng



Joseph Monageng

#### PRAYER CONCERNS:

- For Hans Zinyoka, pastor of Harmony Baptist Church in Virginia (South Africa).
- For Peter Choma, pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Kgotsonq.
- For Shadrack Monageng, pastor of Monyakeng Baptist Church in Wesselsbron
- For Joseph Monageng, pastor of Hope Restoration Baptist Church in Odendaalsrus

## Day Seven

### RBA ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



"Partnership," "cooperation," and "diversity" are just a few of the words that characterize the corporate life of the Richmond Baptist Association! The vital work of our three Baptist Centers and Camp Alkulana are excellent examples of partnership and cooperation that call us together out of our diversity to faithfully represent the hands and heart of Christ to people of all ages and backgrounds different from our own. Because of the strength of the ministries we perform as a voluntary association of independent Baptist fellowships, large and small, hundreds of families and thousands of individuals experience the touch of Christ upon their lives in ways they would not otherwise know.

Our inner-city centers, our rustic camp, missions partnerships and varied training opportunities offered singly by the RBA and in conjunction with our neighboring associations through Central Virginia Baptist Ministries supply to all of our churches the rich potential of becoming stronger and making a significant difference right here in the city where we live.

Through cooperation and partnership our associational staff and our churches are able to participate with God's Holy Spirit in re-writing the life stories of countless children, youth and adults. Challenges are great, opportunities are even greater, and our God is even greater still! (Philippians 4:13)

#### PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please pray for each member of the staff as they seek wisdom in their ministry to the RBA churches:

- Tenny Farnen, Financial Coordinator
- Mike Robinson, Director of Missions
- Frances Jones, Administrative Coordinator
- Amy Sowder, Administrative Assistant



## PRAYER GUIDE FOR THE 2011 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

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South Richmond



Oregon Hill



Camp Alkulana



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## Day One

**CHURCH HILL  
CHRISTIAN  
WELLNESS CENTER  
"THE WELL"**

**Glinda Ford,  
Community  
Missionary**



Many have crossed the threshold of the "Well" during my six-year ministry here. With such a great number coming and going, I often wonder if the ministries that we offer are effective in touching or changing lives in positive ways. This nagging curiosity stems from my strong desire to meet physical needs that are apparent and easily satisfied as well as to cultivate, encourage, and strengthen spiritual foundations. The data that we collect has proven useful in measuring our effectiveness in satisfying the physical needs. However, we don't have the capability to calculate the effectiveness of prayers, counseling, listening and nurturing a sin sick soul. Yet, every now and then, God's grace spurs one to return to say "Thank You." When this happens I realize that the ministries at the "Well" do touch lives in positive ways. Below are two examples.

Last month, two of the many whom I met during my early years at the Well (when I was green, inexperienced and innocent to what was to come) returned to share how the Grace of God they experienced through ministries at the Well had transformed their lives. A young heroin addict who had believed that the things sitting around in the Well were there for her to take to help support her habit, learned early on that our mission was to give hands-up, not hand-outs. Today, she is clean, praising God for her new life and working a steady job. The second to returned was the husband of a homeless couple who tried for two months to make the Well their home. They are now living in a nice apartment; he has a stable job as the sexton of the church they are attending; and he is seriously seeking the purpose that he knows God has for his life.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Please pray that the "Well" will continue to be a blessing to all who cross its threshold and that God would receive the glory from the ministries that are offered.

## Day Two

**OREGON HILL  
BAPTIST CENTER**

**Jennifer Turner,  
Community  
Missionary**



*"If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

The neighborhood of Oregon Hill has changed! After several years of decline, people are finding Oregon Hill to be a great place to live. It is close to the city and all the city has to offer and VCU students have found it close to campus and a great alternative to dorm life. New people continue to become a part of this old neighborhood. Things have changed for sure, but there are still long-term residents and a growing population of homeless individuals within the neighborhood who continue to struggle with the effects of poverty. But whether rich or poor economically, many in Oregon Hill hold in common a spiritual poverty- living without Jesus Christ.

The Oregon Hill Center continues to serve the people of Oregon Hill and beyond. We serve individuals who need to know the life changing power of Jesus. Many are trapped in old ways of living that involve alcohol, drugs, promiscuity, and the like, while others struggle with financial crisis, loneliness, broken relationships, questions about their future and their faith.

Daily we try to plant the seeds of God's love in people's lives with the help of many partnering churches and faithful volunteers. Sometimes we are privileged to see dramatic transformations; other times we have to trust God and His perfect timing. As we do so we remember that there is always hope for those who are in Christ and we continue to share the good news that in Christ we are new creations, the old has gone and a new way of living is possible.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

For the homeless woman who stays with her abusive and alcoholic homeless boyfriend. For the father who lost his job and for the first time has to face the humiliation of asking for help in providing food for his family. For college students who fill their minds but not their souls.

## Day Three

**SOUTH RICHMOND  
BAPTIST CENTER**

**Margaret Allen,  
Community  
Missionary**



Matthew 5: 14: "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid." (GNB)

The South Richmond Baptist Center has been an agent of hope, encouragement and inspiration to many over the years. The center was an agent of hope to an elderly mother as she searched for her missing son. Our search took us from Chippenham Hospital to a detective who sent us to the Medical Examiner's office. We found her son there after he had passed away in the emergency room. It was not easy for her or me to sit there as the investigator read part of the report to us. Yet in the midst of this mother's pain, she thanked me for my kindness in helping her and added that the Center was such a blessing to her.

The Center has also been an agent of encouragement to those who were seeking to better themselves such as the young mother of three who was struggling to earn her high school diploma while working full-time. The Center assisted with transportation and other needs. I was inspired by her strong faith in God and her ability to witness to others in her community.

The Center has also been an inspiration to children. I remember a little girl who had received certificates for pizza at Pizza Hut for the books she read. Because no one at home could take her to a Pizza Hut, I took her and remember how she was inspired to read more even books after our outing.

The South Richmond Baptist Center is the light spoken of in Matthew 5. I thank God for the opportunity that was provided for me to be his witness at the South Richmond Baptist Center for the last 25 years..

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Pray for the people who visit the center that they will continue to build a relationship with God. For a smooth transition with the new director. For the volunteers who will be serving with the director. For Margaret Allen as she transitions into the beautiful golden years of her life.

## Day Four

**CAMP  
ALKULANA**

**Beth Reddish  
Wright,  
Camp Director  
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Anna Tuckwiller  
Camp Registrar**



Campers who attend Camp Alkulana in the summer come just for a chance to be a kid again. One camper who attended last year came with a scowl on his face and the weight of the world on his shoulders from the abuse and neglect he suffered at home. After a week of fun adventure activities, meaningful Bible study, and positive friendships built, he left with a sense of hope for the future.

Counselors who work at Camp Alkulana come to camp full of excitement about the work God has called them to do. They leave fulfilled from giving everything they've got. One of last year's counselors reported: "I had never imagined I could feel so much love for so many people that I just met who were often so different from me." Our ministry changes the lives of every counselor who work at Alkulana.

Camp Alkulana's year-round program helps Campers learn more about themselves and to begin envisioning themselves anew. 7th and 8th grade campers were inspired to become writers and storytellers. We've connected 14 and 15 year old campers with camp counselors who became year-long mentors inspiring better grades, honest dialogue, and conversations about their faith. We've met twice a week with our junior counselors to talk about leadership skills and how they can become the people God wants them to be. These juniors and seniors in high school, who were once our campers, can now conceive of themselves as college students, and leaders in their schools and communities.

### **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Pray for Beth Wright in her role as Camp Director. For Anna the camp registrar. For the children that will be attending camp, that they will experience and recognize the love of God at Camp this summer. For our summer staff, that they will take up the challenge to show God's love in their day-to-day experiences with our campers.