

# WMU of Virginia

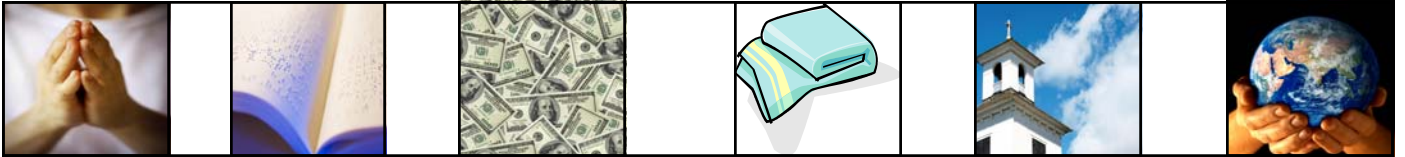
## ADULT MISSIONS UPDATE

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**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Thank you so much for your donations of fabric for the grief ministry at MCV.! We have had an overflow of donations and will not be needing any fabric for the foreseeable future! We have so much in fact that your group may want some to make ditty bags, jumpers or dolls for our upcoming mission trip to Standing Rock reservation. Feel free to stop by our office and pick some up!

We've had high school students take fabric to make ditty bags, a mom took some so she could teach her daughter how to sew and make jumpers, and more fabric is going on a mission trip to Toronto! Your donations really are a testament to how well you are getting the word out about WMUV! Thanks so much!



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### Back to School Already?

LUCHA ministries needs your help with school supplies for Latino children. The goal for this project is to fill the school supply lists for children from Spanish-speaking immigrant families. We've found that these parents don't always know of other school supply distribution programs in the community, they don't always get the lists from the schools in a timely manner, and they have trouble knowing what the items on the list are. If they ask for our help, we will use the list from that child's particular school and grade, provide the basic supplies they need, and help the parents understand what remaining items they need to contribute. We ask key persons (immigrants themselves) to help identify friends and neighbors in the community who may need help, and thus involve them in the project as well. We usually try to take the supplies to the home, which gives us the opportunity to visit with the family and offer follow up during the school year if they need help interacting with the school system (i.e. parent-teacher conferences or open house, filling out paperwork) or other types of assistance.

The number of children we are able to help depends directly on the donations we receive from churches, groups, and individuals. Two summers ago, we were able to serve approximately 145 children from over 20 different schools. Last year, due to the lack of donations, we were only able to help less than 70 children. We've estimated that the average cost of filling a child's school supply list is around \$35 (and this doesn't include a good quality backpack). For families with several children or limited income, this can be a lot of money.

If your group would like to help with this project, please contact Sue Smith at [suesmith@luchaministries.org](mailto:suesmith@luchaministries.org) for more information about the list!

## Standing Rock Mission Trip Items Needed

We are excited that more than 140 volunteers from around Virginia will be serving on the Standing Rock reservation in the Dakotas this summer! Some of the items needed for this mission trip include:

**Sewing machines in working order, 8x10 black picture frames, kites, backpacks, boys boxers, socks, girls underwear, white t-shirts, flip flops, plain cotton baseball caps, old sheets, new bibles, yarn, knitting needles, and 8 x 10 photo paper.**

If your church group is willing to donate any of these items, please contact Judy Hetherington at the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association office 540.366.7631. Please check with her before collecting items...she can tell you what is still needed!

## Baby Shower for Bland

Many of you have held Baby Showers for Bland Ministry center and Undie Sunday. Thank you for your generosity and creative ways you are engaging in mission! We'd love to see your pictures and hear your stories, so please send them! Here a few pictures from the Salem WMU having a great time!



## Hunger Dialog

As part of our Hunger Initiative, we have held 10 regional dialogs across Virginia. The purpose of these dialogs is to learn how churches and associations are involved in hunger ministries, share resources for funding and education, envision more relational, sustainable, life changing ministries, and create a network for further dialog. Thanks to many of our WMUV ladies for hosting many of these dialogs. We heard over and over again how the work of the church in addressing hunger is often led by our women's mission groups!

## Door of Hope

WMUV has been connected with the Door of Hope orphanage in South Africa for several years through Venturer Sarah Hubble. You have the opportunity to hear Kate Allen, Director of Door of Hope speak at 7pm on June 8th at the Virginia Baptist Resource Center in Richmond. You will not want to miss hearing about the exciting things happening in and through the Door of Hope!

Comments, questions, suggestions or stories?  
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