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March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 International Friends WEM Net- working Meeting at Sarepta at 6:30	5	6 WMU Regional Conference- Clarkeville, GA
7	8 Buckets of Hope Drop-off	9	10	11 NO International Friends Evangelism Semi- nars-7:00 pm	12	13 8:00 am VBS Clinic @ Beech Haven RA Derby Race @Union BC
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—March 7-14						
14	15 8:30 am PLACE Work- shop @ Sarepta	16	17 	18 International Friends	19	20
21	22	23 NEGSMO Free Employee Lunch-Tanger	24	25 International Friends	26	27
28	29	30	31			

LIVE WITH URGENCY
 SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER

LIVE WITH URGENCY
 SOWING TOGETHER FOR HARVEST
 JOHN 4:35-37

March 7-14

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
 NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
 AND THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®**

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 \$65 Million**

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The Accompanist Appreciation Banquet and Workshop was a great experience for those who participated. I want to express my appreciation to the Sarepta Worship Team for handling the planning and conducting of the banquet. The team consists of Ronald Mize (team leader), Richard Dickson, Rev. Richard McFall, Rev. D.R. Randal, Jackie Chastain, and Melissa Council. The staff of the GBC did a fantastic job conducting the training sessions: Dr. Jon Duncan, Steve Brown and Judy Crumley.

Buckets of Hope for Haiti is being promoted by the GBC Disaster Relief Team and NAMB. The deadline for getting your buckets to a drop off point is **March 8th** which is right around the corner. More details are in the newsletter about the buckets. I hope you will do your part to provide a filled bucket which will feed a family for a week.

Across Georgia 2010 training opportunities are approaching on March 11th at East Athens. Two staff of the GBC Evangelism Department will be leading two sessions that evening that will equip you how to do Scripture distribution and also how to do a Servant Evangelism type of event. You will need to select the one you want to attend because they will be held simultaneously. The training sessions begin at 7:00 and will conclude by 8:30.



The Associational Strategic Preparation Process has already begun. In January our pastors received a packet of information about what is involved in this effort. The next step will begin the first week in March as each pastor is contacted to set up an appointment time **for April 19-20**. NAMB has trained interviewers who will be in our association those days to conduct 1 hour and 30 minute interview with each pastor. I am looking for a great level of participation from our pastors as they help chart the future direction for our association. Approximately two months after the interviews, NAMB will provide us with a diagnostic report based on the pastors input.

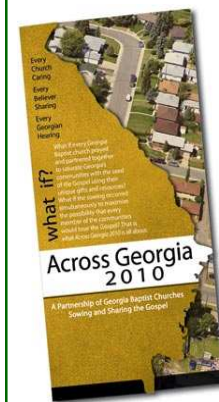
Annex Demolition Update: The old house to the left of our office is going to be demolished in the near future. Our Executive Committee has already given the green light for it to be torn down. Initial tests are being conducted related to asbestos and the removal of it before the demolition takes the next step. I will keep you informed on the process as it unfolds.

Recently we gathered at Athens First for a Valentine dinner with friends from all over the world. It was a wonderful evening! Good food and good fellowship create a memorable experience. This was the eighth time Athens First has provided such an evening for us. All who attended felt the warm welcome and hospitality. We deeply appreciate the food, fun and love of the evening.

This ministry is a sowing ministry. We cultivate hearts. The English lessons prepared, the van drivers, the weekly refreshments provided, the babies held, the kitchenware collected, the baby showers given, the Valentine banquets and a multitude of other activities, including sweeping floors, go a long way toward establishing credibility and interest in the minds of our guests.

In recent weeks a young woman prepared to leave Athens. She had no apparent interest in the brief devotions that had been a part of her weekly English class. In fact, she seemed bored by the devotion time and even a little disdainful, according to her teacher. It came as a surprise to all of us when she quietly said to her teacher, "I want to know God. Do you think that you can help me get a Bible in English and Chinese?" Of course, the Bible was provided. Although we were not able to see the final step taken, we trust God to finish what He started.

There is a shared conviction among those of us who serve in this multi-faceted ministry that all the hard work we do has deep and eternal significance.



**"Across Georgia 2010"
"Every Church Caring,
Every Believer Sharing,
& Every Georgian
Hearing"
North Georgia Target
Dates:
April 15-May 15**



**"Train the Trainer" PLACE
Workshops**

**March 15th @ Sarepta Center
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.**

For: Pastors, Christian Education Directors, Assimilation Pastors, Volunteer Coordinators, Youth Pastors, Small Group Leaders, Lay Leadership
Cost: **Early Bird-\$49 per person (at least 2 weeks prior to workshop-March 1st)**

Regular Registration-\$69 per person
Each church receives \$50 worth of resources when attending the Workshop

Register online at:
www.placeministries.org
Or call: 877-463-2863

NEGSMO

**Free Lunch for Tanger Employees
March 23rd — 11:00 am-1:45 pm**
Need churches to help with portions of the meal. Need 30 volunteers to help serve.
Contact Kevin Kurtz-706-491-7064

Coming Up:
Water Outreach—NO-Tax weekend—
watch for dates and details

East Central Region R.A./Challenger Racer Derby 2010

Saturday, March 13—Union Baptist Church, Ila, GA

Registration: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Judging and races start at 11:00 a.m.



The regional derby will follow the rules printed in the State Activities Handbook 2009-2010. A full copy is available online at: <http://www.ga-ra.org> or you can contact Mike Flowers, State R.A. Director at 478-994-5333.

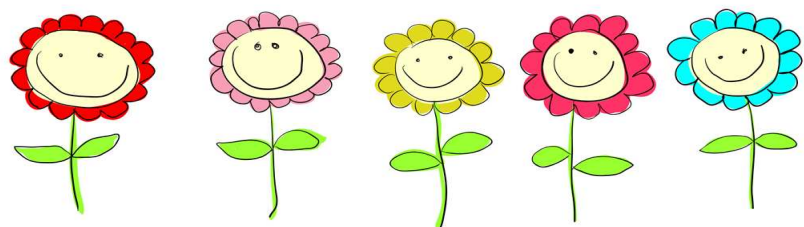
Registration must be completed and returned no later than **Tuesday, March 9th**.

Registration fee is :\$5.00 per car and must accompany the registration form.

Contact Kara at Sarepta for a registration form.

For more information or questions, please contact Mike Rivers, Associational R.A. Director at 706-742-7758 (home) or 706-303-2165 (cell).

Minister's Conference—11:30-12:30 with lunch to follow at a local restaurant
March 1, 8, 15—PLACE Workshop, 22, 29, / April 5, 12, 19, 26 / May 3, 10, 17, 24



What Does the Face of Women's Ministry Look Like in the Future?

If you want to know the answer and how this will impact your church's Women's Ministry, then join us for a networking meeting.

Bring your Women's Ministry team along too!

Thursday, March 4th

**6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Sarepta Center
 4010 Jefferson Road, Athens**

Walk-ins are welcome but for planning purposes, please let Tami Autry know by March 1st by contacting her: tkautry@windstream.net or 706-789-2163/706-296-4725

"Taking the Good News to Town" and "Serving and Sharing" Seminars

Thursday, March 11

7:00-8:30 p.m.

**East Athens Baptist Church
 Led by: Randy Mullinax and Marc Merritt, GBC Evangelism**

WMU Regional Conference
 Northeast Georgia Region
"Tools of the Trade"
March 6, 2010
**Clarkesville Baptist Church,
 Clarkesville, Georgia**
All age-level conferences
 Contact Kara @ Sarepta for registration Form
Deadline: March 1, 2010



VBS 2010 Regional Clinic

Northeast Region—Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Host: Sarepta Association

Host Church: Beech Haven BC, Athens

Cost: Registration—\$5 per person (Sarepta churches only-register by March 5)

All Others: \$20-register by March 5 / \$25-after March 5. Registration fee includes admission to clinic sessions, continental breakfast and lunch.

Order your VBS material through the Lifeway store at the Mall of Georgia and **mention that you are with Sarepta** and we receive 15% of all sales. Order several ways: Send your order to Kara at Sarepta; Fax your order—770-831-7748; Go to the Lifeway Store at the Mall of Georgia and order; Email orders: rick.stevens@lifeway.com or cathy.weiss@lifeway.com; Call in your order at: 770-831-7707



Sarepta Annuals are now available. Each church may receive two free copies. Additional copies are \$2.00

Organization	January 2010	Y-T-D 2010
Academy Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$100.00
Apple Valley Baptist Church	\$125.00	\$125.00
Athens First Baptist Church	\$83.50	\$83.50
Athens Korean Church	\$127.00	\$127.00
Beaverdam Baptist Church	\$60.00	\$60.00
Beech Haven Baptist Church	\$2,061.00	\$2,061.00
Berea Baptist Church	\$90.00	\$90.00
Bethany Baptist Church	\$150.00	\$150.00
Blacks Creek Baptist Church	\$182.57	\$182.57
Carlton Baptist Church	\$80.00	\$80.00
Center Baptist Church	\$57.00	\$57.00
Cleveland Road Baptist Church	\$227.97	\$227.97
Clouds Creek Baptist Church	\$178.07	\$178.07
Colbert Baptist Church	\$728.19	\$728.19
Collier Baptist Church	\$288.17	\$288.17
Comer Baptist Church	\$976.98	\$976.98
Commerce First Baptist Church	\$347.48	\$347.48
Corinth Baptist Church	\$750.00	\$750.00
Crawford Baptist Church	\$300.00	\$300.00
East Athens Baptist Church	\$558.00	\$558.00
Edwards Chapel Baptist Church	\$189.66	\$189.66
Glade Baptist Church	\$116.40	\$116.40
Green Acres Baptist Church	\$377.00	\$377.00
Grove Level Baptist Church	\$250.00	\$250.00
Hudson River Baptist Church	\$197.00	\$197.00
Hull Baptist Church	\$735.00	\$735.00
Johnson Drive Baptist Church	\$233.85	\$233.85
Lexington Baptist Church	\$781.00	\$781.00
Madison Street Baptist Church	\$508.00	\$508.00
Maysville Baptist Church	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00
Millstone Baptist Church	\$12.00	\$12.00
Moon's Grove Baptist Church	\$360.00	\$360.00
Mount Olive Baptist Church	\$608.84	\$608.84
New Harmony Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$100.00
New Hope Baptist Church	\$591.39	\$591.39
Nicholson Baptist Church	\$475.29	\$475.29
Oconee Baptist Church	\$750.00	\$750.00
Oconee Heights Baptist Church	\$90.36	\$90.36
Pendergrass Baptist Church	\$170.14	\$170.14
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	\$100.00	\$100.00
Prince Avenue Baptist Church	\$1,041.67	\$1,041.67
Prince Avenue Hispanic BM	\$125.00	\$125.00
Providence Baptist Church	\$133.64	\$133.64
Riverside Baptist Church	\$310.38	\$310.38
Rogers Baptist Church	\$74.56	\$74.56
Sandy Creek Baptist Church	\$200.00	\$200.00
Stevens Grove Baptist Church	\$155.00	\$155.00
Vesta Baptist Church	\$116.00	\$116.00
Watkinsville First Baptist Church	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand Total:	\$18,103.11	\$18,103.11

SAREPTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Financial Summary

Balance 1/31/2010	1,529.26
January Budget	20,079.67
January Budget Receipts	17,513.56
January Budget Expenses	16,628.05
Budget Year-to-Date	20,070.67
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date	18,157.31
Budget Expenses Year-to-Date	16,628.05
Annual Budget	240,956.00
Designated Funds	
Mission Development Fund	46,108.55
International Friends	370.00
Disaster Relief	2,466.19
Mission Partnerships	1,249.12
Camp Joy	158.12
SBA History	726.34
Annex Removal	1,568.00
New Carpet	1,600.00
Balance in Designated Funds	54,246.32

Haiti Relief Contribution News

"According to the IRS, any donations for "relief of victims in areas affected by the earthquake in Haiti" received between January 12, 2010 and February 28, 2010 may be claimed as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes in either 2009 or 2010, **not both.**"



Buckets of Hope for Haiti

Remember to drop your buckets off at the **Sarepta Center on March 8th (not before)** or **Lexington Baptist Church by March 7th.**

For more information go to:

www.namb.net/bucketsofhope