

## Opportunities

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Without frequent reminders it is easy to overlook events. Today I would like to use this space to encourage you to take part in two upcoming opportunities to help. Both have deadlines in November. One is a state-side physical need; the other, a spiritual need in a far away.

### **Schults-Lewis Child & Family Services**

For those who may not be familiar with Schults-Lewis, this is a non-profit organization in Valparaiso, Indiana that provides services for troubled teens and their families. Each year they ask churches to assist with non-perishable food items and other items needed in their operation that can be stored for long periods of time.

Schults-Lewis currently average 30 children in their care with the need to provide three meals per day. Non-perishable items are collected periodically and stored on-campus. Perishable food items such as fresh meat, fruit, and milk are provided through monetary donations. They are dependent upon the collective generosity of congregations and individuals to meet their children's needs.

To insure that their needs are covered, Schults-Lewis asks each congregation for a specific category of food items. The Quincy Church of Christ has been asked to supply 'Hot Cereal' (Instant Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, etc.). A representative from Schults-Lewis will be coming the week of November 2nd to pick up our donation.

**Please bring your 'Hot Cereal' items no later than November 2nd. You can leave them on the table in the lobby.**

### **Gospel Chariot Missions: Africa**

In short the Gospel Chariot Missions (GCM) is an effort to spread the gospel throughout the continent of Africa.

GCM has implemented a strategy of spreading the gospel through the use of 'Gospel Chariots.' These are custom built vehicles that are essentially mobile church buildings. Each 'chariot' is built to store a tent, gospel literature, and chairs.

The Gospel Chariots are driven by African Christians to various locations where the gospel of Christ is preached and taught by African Christians. The chariots are equipped with sleeping quarters and a kitchenette. Currently, GCM has nine Gospel Chariots, three full size chariots and six mini chariots.

In November, a representative will be coming to pick up donated Bibles for use in the Gospel Chariot Ministries. **You may have one or more Bibles in your house that you no longer use. Please bring your donated Bibles and leave them on the table in the lobby no later than November 16th.**

The Apostle Paul was amazed by the generosity of the Christians in Macedonia. They were experiencing trials of their own, but they wanted to assist the saints in need. Read Paul's description in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Then I would challenge each of us to follow the example of generosity of our fellow Christians of ancient Macedonia. How can you help in these worthy efforts today?

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