



# Reaching Out to THOSE IN NEED

**J**acob and Janice Baum covenanted together to form **Loudoun Valley Baptist Church (LVBC)** in Purcellville, Virginia, in August 2016 — along with 28 other adults. Now, nearly three years later, they have grown to 64 members and have seen God work in their midst in some amazing ways. Specifically, the congregation launched its Mercy Ministry.

Loudoun County is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. Unfortunately, because the area is so affluent, the issue of poverty is often overlooked. LVBC supports the Tree of Life Ministries in Purcellville. This effort has proven to be a tremendous way for the congregation to reach out to those in need. LVBC has supplied community dinners, taught Bible studies and made food deliveries. Through this effort, they have seen one woman come to Christ, baptized and join the church.

But, there's more — LVBC also hosts another ministry called Main Street

Commons Outreach. Since LVBC began this ministry, they have hosted a number of events at a local apartment complex, including two mini Vacation Bible Schools. They plan to continue to be involved in this neighborhood, which is close to the high school where they once held their services. Pray for inroads into that community and for the Gospel seeds that have been planted to take root.

Finally, the Women's Ministry has taken off in this young church plant. This ministry has seen the conception of a regular women's Bible study that has been well-attended. Through this ministry, women have taken ownership of expounding God's Word to one another and supporting each other in accountability and prayer.

Pastor Jacob led the church to become part of an additional network of church plants, the Pillar Church Planting Network out of Raleigh, North Carolina. LVBC has been a great Gospel Partner with the SBCV. Pastor Jacob states, "Over the last few years the

SBCV has been a really valuable support and prayer partner. With their trainings and encouragement, I have been blessed again and again."

Please continue to pray for the Baum family, Loudoun Valley Baptist Church and Loudoun County. ■

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