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Pictures and stories from recent baptisms from two of our missionaries in Brazil!

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Pray with us that the Lord would supply the church in Caraguatatuba with Sunday School teachers & helpers.

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April 7, 2017

In my last letter I shared that Charlene, our daughter Jessie, and I would be going to Brazil to work with Projeto Vida in the public schools. I want to tell you about how amazingly the Lord blessed that trip and the efforts of all those who were involved. On the first day of outreach we were able to go into three very diverse locations. One group went to a public park in downtown Curitiba to serve a hot meal to nearly 200 homeless people. Not only did we give them physical food, but we also shared the gospel in different ways. Our youth performed gospel skits using pantomime. One of them also shared their testimony of salvation through a translator and then their leader preached an evangelistic message from God's Word. There were several individuals who professed Christ as their Savior. All this was done to assist a missionary who follows up on these conversions to get these homeless people into a discipleship program and, often, rehab to overcome drug and alcohol addiction. The missionary operates a halfway house that helps these converts get into productive lives and leads many of them to begin assisting others who are



still struggling with their vices.

The same group who ministered to the homeless in the morning went to a different neighborhood in the afternoon to assist a local church in sharing the gospel to the folks who were out and about in the streets. The teams again performed skits and shared their testimony, but here they were working in a middle-class neighborhood. Even here there were several who surrendered to Christ through the Word shared.

Over the next few days of outreach the teams were working in some public schools. The opportunities there were just thrilling! I want to share one won-

derful blessing that God gave Charlene and me the privilege of experiencing.

About 25 years ago, we began offering classes of English as a Second Language in order to get opportunities to meet lost people and share the gospel with them. One of our first students was teenaged boy who wanted to learn English in order to understand the words to Heavy Metal rock music bands. That wasn't my intention, of course, but when he asked me to translate the lyrics to one of his albums I realized that it was a Christian Heavy Metal group and the lyrics gave me the chance to share the gospel through a medium that he himself was interested

in. He came to know Christ and almost immediately began bringing many of his "metal-head" friends to our church. One of those friends trusted in Christ, surrendered to preach, got married to another converted rocker and became a Baptist Pastor to another state in North Brazil. Though I have not seen them for over 25 years, they have become the parents of 4 wonderfully dedicated Christian children now ranging from 15-22 years of age. When our group was ministering in one of the local high schools, I translated the message of the main speaker. At the end of the meeting, a 17-year-old girl came up to me and asked if I knew a Nilson Bispo de Jesus. Immediately I remembered my old disciple and I told her that I did. She told me that she was his daughter and that their family had recently moved back to Curitiba. That night we got to meet the entire family and we rejoiced to know that they all serve Christ and have been used by Him to spread the gospel through their talents and gifts. The Lord truly blessed us to see some of the fruit of our labor in Brazil, even to the second generation.

The Lord blessed in so many other ways during this mission journey, but I will save some for my next report. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

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Praying for Sunday School Teachers & Helpers


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April 12, 2017

Dear friends and family,

What an AWESOME God we serve. As we left the States I completed my last shot (I thought); however, when I received that "last shot" my doctor said, "SORRY, but I would like you to have TWO more shots." Oh well, life has turned around. I am so thankful for all the prayers for me during these cancer treatments. I would also like to exalt my God for the GOOD reports from the doctor. So, these TWO more shots will be on August 3, 2017, and the LAST one on February 3, 2018. God is AWESOME!!! So, thanks one more time for all the prayers that have been sent on my behalf. With Him all things are possible.

The ministry here is going wonderfully. Pastor Walmir and Mary K. are working very hard and the Sunday School has doubled. Worship service is also growing. They have started a Children's Church on Sunday nights and this is going good. One of the kids came for the first time last Sunday night and the

first thing he asked was, "Is there children's church tonight?"

We have been in planning mode for next year's classes for the Seminary. Two classes have been planned and we are just waiting to have the dates confirmed for two more. Here we need lots of prayers because this is an AWESOME way for us to reach Brasil. Training new Pastors and helping old ones to be more grounded in the Baptist doctrine.

Along with the ministry there is lots of maintenance and construction going on. The work on our new building is going very good, but as always there is more work to be done. We can always use more help in this. Are you thinking about a mission trip? Put us on your list of places to go. We are praying for more financial aid for the completion of the building. Maybe you or someone you know would like to be a part of this.

We started a training program for us to have more Sunday School teachers and helpers. This is one of the areas where we are lacking as some of our teachers have upwards to 40 students in their class and only one helper. So, we are in great need for more qualified teachers. God is great and He will supply our needs. Of this we are sure.

As usual car and bus maintenance are an everyday job. You can get one thing

fixed and turn around and there are two more to fix. The urgent need for the bus at this time is new tires. We have noted since our return this time that everything has gone up--not only things for the vehicles, but food, Sunday School supplies, electric, water, and the list goes on and on. I would like to say thanks to Grasp International for help on the bus maintenance. Thanks Jason and family, you are greatly missed here in Brasil.

We would like to ask for special prayer for our granddaughters, they both have been having health issues. The doctors are not discovering what the problems are and, on top of that, they both have been suffering with a virus. The health-care here is not like the States. If nothing else, I can tell you that "social medicine" is terrible. Treatment is minimal if at all—don't let me get on my soap box about that. Just remember Chelsea and Ashley in your prayers please.

Like I say, come on down and see what your mission dollars are doing here in Caraguatatuba, Brasil. We will leave the light on and put some more water in the beans. As Barbara's dad always said, we will treat you so many different ways, you will have to like one of them and come back.

In His service,

Aj and Barbara Hensley

Preparing to Return to Kenya


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April 1, 2017

Dear praying friends,

We are now in the month of April, and time is passing so quickly. It is a very beautiful day in WV today, nearly 80 degrees. This has been a very good furlough for us but as we begin to prepare to return to Kenya we have many prayer requests to share with you. God is in control of the future and we know we can trust Him. What a mighty God we serve.

It has been a great year of schooling for our two daughters, McKenna and Camille. As I have mentioned previously, one of their big challenges on the mission field is socialization. There are very few children their age for them to have as friends.

God knows all about this we depend on Him and His grace, trusting in His perfect will. Please pray for our daughters as they are

finishing up the school year in WV and also for their return to Kenya in June, Lord willing. There will be transitions for them when we return to Kenya, but we believe they will adjust quickly as they know Kenya as their home. We know God will provide the grace and strength for them in their adjustments.

Please also pray for my wife and me and our adjustment back to Kenya. It is always difficult emotionally to leave our home and family in the States and return to Kenya. However, we have recently learned that there are some new families in Kitale and we are excited to meet them and hope to build new friendships. Missions has many challenges and we need one another. We need to pray for each other, encourage each other and be there for one another. Adult missionaries have struggles as well, and how important these friendships are to day to day life on the mission field. Of course, we need to depend on God first and foremost, as He is always there for us and will never leave us or forsake us. Proverbs 18:24 says "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Praise His name.

Please pray for us and the many things that are needed in the days ahead, such as packing for a long period of time in a foreign country, all the last-minute details that are needed, etc. I really appreciate my wife as she works very hard to make sure we have all we need before departing for another term. This is a huge job and stress for her, yet she is so faithful to do it well each furlough. I hope and pray I never overlook her sacrifices that she makes and all she does for our family. She serves behind the scenes, but I know the Lord will reward her for her faithfulness, servant spirit, good attitude, etc. I am a very blessed person. When I think of her, I think of Proverbs 31:10, which says "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Please pray for her and the many sacrifices she makes daily on the mission field, and also as she raises our daughters overseas. Thanks so much to each of you for your prayers, sacrificial giving, and encouragement. All of you are such a blessing to us. I will keep you updated. God bless you.

Nathan and Carrie Radford

Events May Be a Surprise to Us, But Not to God


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April 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have noticed that my return address on this letter is in Indiana. Sometimes we are surprised by events that suddenly arise, but our heavenly Father is never surprised and uses all for our good and to display His glorious love to folks around us.

I mentioned at the close of my March letter that Judy had remained in the US and to be with her sister Peggy. Peggy, who has outstandingly displayed the light of Jesus in ministry to others, has been diagnosed with cancer in various parts of her body. The oncologist and radiologist quickly began radiation treatment on one tumor on her spinal column to keep it from causing paralysis. Judy had mentioned to me that they might go out for lunch to celebrate the end of these treatments on March 17. About 7pm France time March 17, I called Judy to ask her where they were going to cel-

brate and received shocking news.

"I am at the emergency center. I broke my kneecap. I am scheduled for surgery on Monday. My leg is immobilized at the knee and will be for 6 weeks after surgery." Judy had accidentally fallen as she went to get the car following the last treatment. This, of course, meant that Judy could not drive and care for her sister. She needed assistance herself. She did not say a word about me returning to the States. A few minutes later our youngest daughter called from Chicago having just spoken to her mother on the phone. "Mom said to not jump up and buy a ticket to the US." This is a true reflection of Judy's attitude. She never wants to complicate anyone's life or interrupt the Lord's work. However, at that moment, it was obvious to me that the Lord's work was for me to care for Judy and Peggy.

Within an hour, our son Philip, who works with us had bought a ticket for me to fly to Evansville early the next morning. I left the house at 4:45 am the next morning having spent the few hours before leaving in contacting folks, making arrangements for replacements and packing my bags. I missed the the 8:30 am men's breakfast at our house that morning and a first-time counseling session with a couple from our church

scheduled at 11 am. Philip, Amanda and the folks from church who have really stepped up to the plate have left our mind at ease. A man that for several years we disciplined several hours each week early in our ministry in France is leading the Bible study in Mazere. I am including a picture of that Bible study the week after I left taken by Douceline. She is the lady with whom we started there who now leads a couple of evangelistic lady Bible studies. The man on the left is the replacement leader. He is also in the process of planting a church with another pastor on the south side of Toulouse.

God uses events that are a surprise to us to move us and others around us along the race that is set before us. In the process, we see God's amazing grace. He displays His love toward us through Himself in us and through His children. Our lives have been touched by the help of many around us here in Evansville. The Lord has also already opened doors of service for us here. My personal life has changed. Suddenly being removed from our usual place of ministry and facing an opaque future has a somewhat stunning effect. But, I have found that there is great joy in cleaning house, washing dishes, taxiing and giving personal assistance to those you love.

Our youngest daughter and her family are in Tournefeuille to visit us! They had bought tickets months ago for this epic visit. So, they are staying at the house we rent and call home. They are having a great visit with Philip, Amanda, Abigail, Nathalie, Camille and Emily. The house is also the church meeting place which means that the space has double usage and needs to be set up for each meeting. However, in order to make Lydia and family's stay less stressful, various church families have volunteered to host church meetings during these three weeks.

Amanda and Philip have given raving reviews of the services in the last two weeks and the evidence of God's people there growing in Christ as they read and apply His word to their lives. We are grateful beyond words for what God is doing.

Thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for Judy's sister Peggy who is now undergoing target medical treatment for her renal cancer. Ask God to display His glory and love through all of us.

Until the next surprise,

John and Judy in Evansville


Bible Study in Mazere

The man on the left has been leading this Bible Study since John has been in the States. He is also in the process of planting a church with another pastor on the south side of Toulouse.

A Day of Worship & Fellowship!



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to play volleyball. Since most of them come from homes that are not saved, they enjoy being here at our house with other kids from church. It is a blessing to see them grow each day. Pray for them and for us that we can continue to help them grow spiritually each day. Next month the youth are going to have a special supper for their parents. The idea is to bring their parents to visit the church in an informal way, to see where their children are coming and what they do.

The last Sunday of the month we had a special day. When we have baptism,

we make it an all-day celebration. We gather all the mission points and start the day at 9:00 am and go to 4:00 pm. We eat, have fellowship time, then eat lunch, then have service and baptism. Then we fellowship some more. It is a great day. Since the missions are not close to each other, we make baptism day a very special day. This time we had 7 baptized and after the service, 3 received Jesus as Savior. What a wonderful and blessed day!

In Christ,
Odali and Kathy

March 31, 2017
Dear Brothers and Sisters,
We praise God for each of you and pray all is well with each of you. Thank you for your love, prayers and support! You are an important part of our ministry.

Things are doing great here. God has blessed the ministry. We have had many visitors coming. Most of them have been reached through the youth ministry. Our house is always filled with youth. On weekends, we have several that come and stay and during the week many come



Snapshots from works along the Juruá River



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April 10, 2017
Dear Brethren,

March Madness? I missed most of it since I was up river on a long mission trip. You won't hold that against me, will you?

The river is very high right now, so travel is a bit easier. My bigger boat has a top and windshield, which make things much better, too. Three of our men went with me. Zico (our missions director), Rondisson (one of our chapel pastors) and Sinsando, a young man who just got to go on his very first mission trip. Our visits were to Porto Walter, Trunfo, Foz do Breu, Thaumaturgo and Tipisca in Peru. All of these locations are on the Juruá River. We travelled 625 miles. We used 95 gallons of gasoline at \$6.70 per gallon. The trip cost just under \$640.00. Gasoline here in town is a little cheaper, but I can now gas up at 2 of the towns upstream. That makes it possible to travel lighter, but pushes the cost up. The weather was perfect. We didn't have any muddy river banks. There weren't too many bloodsucking insects. Best of all though is that all the works are doing well. We had one profession of faith. I also baptized 6 at Foz do Breu on the border.

Tipisca is still a tough place, but showing signs of getting better. One of Damiana's brothers, Bibiano and his wife Eva have been saved and are being trained by our missionary José Maia and his wife, Silvânia. Bibiano's family is from the Kaxinauí tribe (pronounced kah-shee-now-ah). This name was given to them many years ago by the white folks. It means "bat people". Nobody remembers why. The real name amongst the tribe is Hunikuim (pronounced hu-neeku-een) which means "the true people". They see themselves as the "real" humans and then there are all the others. They see themselves as the "Jews" and all the rest of us are the "Gentiles". Anyway, there have been 15 of the "real people" saved over the last few months. We now have a

new missionary from their own people, who we brought from the Purús region to work with them. We now have regular preaching points at 3 of the 5 villages on the Breu River. The other 2 villages are now open and inviting Fredi and José Maia to preach to them, too. Fredi has worked very hard to win his own people and the results are coming in. He has also worked with the other tribes in and around Tipisca to get the gospel to them. As I walk around the small town of Tipisca I hear a little Spanish, a smattering of Portuguese, but mostly 5 other Indian languages. The town has grown to about a thousand people. However, the cultural, moral and linguistic jumble is a huge barrier to the gospel.

The work here in Cruzeiro do Sul is thriving. The construction of our rebuild and expansion is progressing slowly. The finish work on the annex is moving along in its final stages. The building continues to fill up every week. Our children's services, both morning and evening have grown. Since we have added extra rooms in the annex, this has given more space in the main building for adults and youth. It will soon be overflowing again, by God's grace. We will need the new balconies that are in the project very soon. The economic crisis in Brazil has really held us back, but God will supply. Several more have been saved. Others have come back to church. We even have had several new members by letter, which is rather unusual here.

My son-in-law, Pastor Dauro, has malaria again and some of my other pastors have been off on other projects. That means that I have been doing much of the preaching and teaching. I work on the buildings by day and teach at night. Long hours, but fun. My health has been great and have been feeling fine, so all is well here in our tropical paradise. Keep praying, though. Need it always.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you as much as He has us.

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



A baptism service at Foz do Breu



Zico and Mike Creiglow with Bibiano Hunikuim



Fredi, our newest missionary to the Kaxinauí, and his family



Teaching the candidates under a Jambo tree

Baptisms in Brazil



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

- Matthew 28:19-20 -

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Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Berean Class)	62.00
Ahava BC, Plant City, FL	100.00
Anonymous	200.00
Anonymous	255.00
Beech Grove BC, Crab Orchard, KY	150.00
Beech Grove BC, Frametown, WV	100.00
Berea BC, Hiddenite, NC	1,025.00
Berry BC, Berry, KY	400.00
Bible BC, Clarksville, TN	325.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	764.00
Bible BC, Portage, IN	300.00
Bohon Road BC, Harrodsburg, KY	400.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	200.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	1,746.29
Carver, Louie & Mary, Simpsonville, SC (Giving Friends)	200.00
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends)	100.00
Cedar Creek BC, Cedarville, WV	100.00
Charity BC, Frametown, WV	450.00
Conner, Samuel & Martha, Cannelton, IN (Giving Friends)	30.00
Crooked Fork BC, Gassaway, WV	70.00
Dobbins, Wesley & Janis, Gassaway, WV (Giving Friends)	40.00
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Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL	200.00
First BC, Science Hill, KY	75.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	100.00
Foster, Peggy, Evansville, IN (Giving Friend)	50.00
Friend In Virginia	610.00
Godbey, Louise, Waynesburg, KY (Giving Friend)	100.00
Goldfloss BC, Winston-Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings BC, Rogersville, AL	731.71
Goodsprings BC, Rogersville, AL	445.28
Grace BC, Beattyville, KY	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH	125.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	300.00
Grimes, Melvin, Milton, WV (Giving Friend)	100.00
Hardman Fork BC, Normantown, WV	1,000.00
Hatcher, Philip, Newburgh, IN (Giving Friend)	300.00
Hensley, A.J. & Barbara, Caraguatataba, Brasil (Giving Friends)	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	1,150.00
Isbell Chapel BC, Tusculumbia, AL	70.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL	60.00
Kahut, Donald, Xenia, OH	100.00
Keen, Victor & Leaneor, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends)	250.00
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King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Giving Friends)	180.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
McCall, Charles & Violet, Maysville, KY (Giving Friends)	200.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	700.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary BC, Grafton, OH	400.00
Mt Pisgah Baptist Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson BC)	250.00
New Hope BC, Dearborn Heights, MI	305.00
New Life BC, Lexington, KY	540.00
Oak Grove BC, Normantown, WV	100.00
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL	200.00
Park Ridge BC, Gotha, FL	211.25
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA (Giving Friends)	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary BC, Piney Flats, TN	100.00

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General Fund (cont.)

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Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN	120.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	1,993.44
Thompson Road BC, Lexington, KY	330.00
Union BC, Russell Springs, KY	50.00
Watkins, Bert, Richmond, KY (Giving Friend)	65.00
Whaley, Lois, Winston-Salem, NC (Giving Friend)	210.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC (Giving Friend)	200.00

TOTAL: \$ 24,311.97

In Memorium

	IN MEMORY OF:	
Aldridge, David & Terry, Nicholasville, KY	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	20.00
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	100.00
Burchett, Edward & Theresa, Clarksville, TN	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	50.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	<i>Bessie Sowers</i>	50.00
Bobby & Sandra Greene, Richmond, KY	<i>Bessie Sowers</i>	50.00
Logan, Ronald & Judith, Lexington, KY	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	100.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	<i>Irene Orrick</i>	50.00
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Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	100.00
	<i>Linda Gibbs Coakley</i>	100.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	25.00
Shanks, Larry & Kathy, Richmond, KY	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	50.00
Stinnett, Robert & Fay, Lexington, KY	<i>Ed Overbey</i>	50.00

TOTAL: \$ 745.00

Founders Day Offering

Anonymous	50.00
Anonymous	105.00

TOTAL: \$ 155.00

Thanksgiving Offering

Anonymous	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	1,000.00

TOTAL: \$1,050.00

Miscellaneous Designated Offerings

Anonymous Giving Friend	<i>For TRBC Conference</i>	5,000.00
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TOTAL: \$ 5,000.00

H.H. Overbey Scholarship Fund

Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	100.00
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TOTAL: \$ 100.00

Bibles for India (Louis Maple Memorial Fund)

Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY	10.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	125.00
Hogan, Billy, Ashland City, TN	50.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY	50.00
Todd, Larry, Chattanooga, TN	5.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	30.00

TOTAL: \$ 270.00

Designated for Missionaries-Emeritus

John A. Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	80.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	<i>Maria</i> 150.00

TOTAL: \$ 330.00

Paul Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>Seminary-Manaus</i>	80.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	<i>Michael Samples</i>	100.00

Paul Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus (cont.)

Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA	<i>Michael Samples</i>	250.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	<i>Mission Team</i>	100.00

Trinity-Northbrook BC, Cincinnati, OH	<i>Seminary-Manaus</i>	40.00
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TOTAL: \$ 570.00

Bobby Wacaser - Missionary-Emeritus

Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL	<i>New Work</i>	500.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	250.00
Bolan, Paul, Clearwater, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	30.00
Christmas, Bruce, Lithia, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Fellowship BC, Brinson, GA		83.33
Flores, Esther, Orlando, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	50.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Lazzara, Richard, Valrico, FL	<i>As Needed</i>	50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Renckens, Kevin, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	200.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	150.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,693.33

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES-EMERITUS: \$2,593.33

Odali Barros

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	50.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		100.00
Anonymous	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
Battlecreek Independent BC, S. Pittsburg, TN		100.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	209.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	<i>A&O</i>	15.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY		25.00
McKinley, Carl & Julia, Cecilia, KY		10.00
Trumbo, Floyd & Flora, Upton, KY		100.00

TOTAL: \$ 839.00

Mike Creiglow

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		25.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH	<i>New Work</i>	100.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	200.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Andrew Creiglow</i>	159.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	<i>Andrew Creiglow</i>	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	<i>Food Pantry</i>	153.52
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL		300.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	<i>Personal</i>	300.00
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL		60.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,677.52

Judson Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		70.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	<i>Personal</i>	500.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Phillips, Scott, Lynchburg, VA	<i>Personal</i>	200.00
The Tabernacle, Danville, VA	<i>Personal</i>	500.00
Thomas Road BC, Lynchburg, VA	<i>Personal</i>	250.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,750.00

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John Mark Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		100.00
Anonymous Giving Friend	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN	<i>Personal</i>	600.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	<i>As Needed</i>	20.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Nussmeier, Brian & Sheryl, Evansville, IN		50.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	<i>Personal</i>	180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN	<i>Personal</i>	50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,480.00

A.J. Hensley

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Box, Elisabeth, Shreveport, LA		100.00
Calvary BC, Shreveport, LA		100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	<i>Personal</i>	500.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS		153.52
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	<i>(In Memory Of Margaret Nail)</i>	50.00
Gerth, Arthur & Brenda, Versailles, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY		215.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY	<i>Vocational School</i>	75.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA	<i>Vocational School</i>	50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	<i>Personal</i>	300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY	<i>New Work</i>	50.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	<i>Personal</i>	600.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA		200.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	<i>Special Projects</i>	1,000.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Brandenburg, KY	<i>Feed The Kids</i>	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,733.52

Nathan Radford

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		100.00
Anonymous		300.00
Anonymous		400.00
Antioch BC, Ona, WV		200.00
Baker, Jason, Chambersburg, PA		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	59.00
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY		25.00
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY	<i>Personal</i>	25.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	<i>Special Offering</i>	200.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV		50.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV		200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV		100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV	<i>Gift</i>	75.00
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH		50.00
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV		50.00
Grace BC, Lima, OH		500.00
Grace Missionary BC, Surgoinville, TN		50.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		175.00
Harper, David, Concord, NC		25.00
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Cross Lanes, WV		50.00
Harrah, Tryone & Loretta, Cross Lanes, WV	<i>Love Offering</i>	50.00
Huguenin, Ben, Mt. Airy, MD		40.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL		220.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA		150.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY		25.00
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV		25.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV		200.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV	<i>Hospital Fund</i>	100.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV		230.00
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI		100.00

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Nathan Radford (cont.)

Mitchell, Matthew, Ossian, IN		150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI		35.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA		20.00
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC		50.00
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX		350.00
Ripley Tabernacle BC, Ripley, WV		100.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV		50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI	<i>Gift</i>	25.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA		200.00
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV		60.00
Standale BC, Grand Rapids, MI		600.00
Teays Valley BC, Hurricane, WV		100.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Wade, James Rev Living Trust, Abingdon, VA		50.00
Walker, Richard & Rebecca, Toms Brook, VA	<i>As Needed</i>	200.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV	<i>Personal</i>	40.00
Wilmington Baptist Temple, Wilmington, OH		50.00
Witherow, Shannonn, Graham, NC		50.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV		150.00

TOTAL: \$ 6,494.00

Roger Tate

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		100.00
Anonymous	<i>Personal</i>	200.00
Anonymous		400.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	<i>Special Offering</i>	200.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH		50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00

Covenant BC, Dayton, OH		400.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	<i>As Needed</i>	170.00
Emmanuel Missionary BC, Oldtown, KY	<i>Personal</i>	100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	<i>Personal</i>	25.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		175.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Messer, Jason, Dayton, OH	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Messer, Jason, Dayton, OH	<i>Personal</i>	50.00
Skidway Lakes BC, Prescott, MI		50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	<i>As Needed</i>	400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		120.00
Skidway Lakes BC, Prescott, MI		50.00
Techmire, Whit, West Branch, MI		25.00
Union BC, Englewood, OH		

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PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD for the youth God has blessed them with and PRAY that they will help them grow spiritually. PRAY for the dinner they have planned to reach unsaved parents. PRAISE GOD for the recent baptisms! [PAGE 4]

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for a good mission trip and that the works along the Juruá River are doing well! PRAY for the Hunikim people as they grow in Christ and for Fredi as he preaches the gospel to his own people. [PAGE 5]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for using circumstances that sometimes surprise us for our good and to display His glorious love! PRAY for Peggy as she undergoes cancer treatments, Judy as she covers from knee surgery, and John Mark as he cares for them. PRAISE GOD for Philip, Amanda, and the believers in France continuing the work! [PAGE 3]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for the church growing! PRAY that God would supply more Sunday School teachers and helpers. PRAY as they plan for seminary classes and for the pastors they will be training. PRAY for Chelsea and Ashley. [PAGE 2]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for being in control of the future! PRAY that God will help their daughters as they finish up school in WV and adjust to life back in Kenya. PRAY for them as they prepare to return to Kenya. [PAGE 2]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for blessing their trip with Projeto Vida! PRAY for those who surrendered to Christ. PRAISE GOD for reconnecting them with a disciple and his family! [PAGE 1]

PRAY

also for our other
faithful missionary families!

Jud & Raquel Hatcher

Roger & Julie Tate



View more pictures from our missionaries and read all their latest letters on our FaithWorks Blog!
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JUNE IS FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING MONTH – please give as generously as you can for the support of our veteran/retired missionaries

Beginning in 2017, all funds received in the Founder's Day Offering will be directed toward current and future missionary retirement support.

Support the 2017 Founder's Day Offering

"Now also when I am old and grey headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to everyone that is to come."
Psalm 71:18

The Directors of Baptist Faith Missions spend a great amount of time and prayer toward meeting the needs of your missionaries. Our thoughts and actions are directed not in just meeting today's missionary needs, but looking forward five, ten, and twenty years from now. We are committed to the present and future financial solvency of Baptist Faith Missions as well as its ability to fulfill our existing commitments to garner future growth.

Beginning in 2017, all funds received in the Founder's Day Offering will be directed toward current and future missionary retirement support. An immediate strategic challenge we face is meeting promised obligations of our retired missionaries and their widows.

To that end, BFM Directors are recommending a pay-as-you-go retirement program instead of funding retirement obligations due fifteen to thirty years from now. Currently, our missionaries are not vested in our traditional retirement program until having served at least fifteen years, with a sliding scale to full retirement being received after serving thirty years and reaching sixty-five years of age.

BFM Directors are not recommending changes for missionaries near or in retirement. Rather, BFM policies are changing by requiring all new missionaries establish a Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) in their first year as a missionary.

This change offers substantial opportunity for the new and existing younger missionary.

- First, the new missionary begins receiving tangible retirement funds under his control starting the first year of missionary service. It is important to remember taxes will be prepaid only on the investment amount, not on interest and compounding returns.
- Second, with investment and compounding over twenty-five or thirty years, the missionary should have a minimum retirement fund of several hundred thousand dollars that can be withdrawn tax-free with the balance upon death passed on to his dependents.
- Third, should Baptist Faith Missions become insolvent or dissolved for any reason, these retirement funds are linked to the individual missionary, not Baptist Faith Missions.
- Fourth, existing missionaries who choose this proposal will be given an additional salary bonus for each year of previous service to date to be placed in their Roth Individual Retirement Account. This salary bonus will be spread out over future service years based on the maximum amount each individual can contribute to a Roth IRA.

It has been said that a missionary never retires in heart and spirit, but the years may take a toll on the body and mind forcing a change in life. This is reflected in the life of John and Alta Hatcher who have served our Lord in Brazil over 60 years. They are directly and



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indirectly instrumental in tens of thousands coming to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, planting dozens of churches, and raising a family driven to serve the Lord. Their missionary heart and spirit continues in their children and grandchildren. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant! ..." Matthew 24:21

Retirement for a missionary can be an emotional and spiritual struggle. While actively serving on the field, the missionary is often busy fulfilling speaking engagements, counseling, directing projects, advising local pastors, teaching classes, etc. Once retirement is necessary, the missionary and his wife are often shown benign neglect. Coming home from the mission field to their supporting church, the missionary and his wife are often surrounded by a younger generation who may consider them too old to be useful. This can make their transition much more difficult.

Missionaries are so focused on their everyday responsibilities their future physical and financial security becomes of lesser importance. Many are not able to claim Social Security benefits because of not having worked and paid into it in the traditional sense. They have put their future in the Lord's hands. Baptist Faith Missions, by your contributions, has made a commitment to provide a defined benefit (pension) or a defined contribution (Roth IRA) retirement program to your missionary.

The following is a list of our missionaries who have retired or who have returned to the States for health or family issues or to transition to Stateside-based ministry. Pray for them. Reach out to them through every means you can (call, write, e-mail), and let them know you still appreciate them and their service. They would love to hear from you personally, or from your Sunday School class, or your church leadership.

- Mike and Pam Anderson (Kenya)
- Dana and Becky Adams (Philippines)
- Harold Bratcher (Brazil)
- Louie and Mary Carver (Korea / Philippines)
- Bobby Creiglow (Brazil)
- Harold and Ursula Draper (Brazil)
- John and Alta Hatcher (Brazil)
- Paul and Wanda Hatcher (Brazil)
- Deloris Lauerma (Walter, deceased / Peru, Honduras)
- Sheridan and Anita Stanton (Peru)
- Wanda Turner (Richard, deceased / Brazil)
- Bobby and Charlene Wacaser (Brazil)

Your missionaries and their families have served and sacrificed greatly on your behalf during their productive years. Please make a small financial sacrifice for your missionaries in their senior years by giving to the Founder's Day Fund.