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A lady in Açutuba opened her home to Odali & Kathy Barros and now the love of Christ is spilling over to her family and friends.

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## Building Dedication on the Grajaú River



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April 24, 2018  
Dear Brethren,

We have been back four more times to visit the Katukina Tribe. Every time I teach I use some kind of object to illustrate the main theme. They are so used to government people having "meeting" with them that they just tune out to blah, blah, blah. Most of the time these outsiders (anthropologists and other official busybodies) speak "down" to them. These folks (left wingers) know what is best for these lowly souls. Does that sound familiar? Also, not all of them are fluent in Portuguese, so I have to take it slow and make it easy to understand and follow. I never stand, but sit with them and engage them the whole time, getting them to participate in the lesson. This works really well with them....as it does with everybody in the world. Uh duh! We had 3 saved two weeks ago.

The meeting at Vila São José (Breu River) among the Hunikuim went very well. There were over 200 from several locations in attendance. Just after the meeting the young man who takes care of them, Aldenir, the chief's brother, got a bad infection from a bad tooth. They had to rush him to Cruzeiro do Sul. He had to emergency surgeries. Zico and I

have been visiting him. He can barely mumble. His wife is with him, but she can speak very little Portuguese. The infection got so out of control that they had to send him to Rio Branco. The word is that he is better, but please pray for him.

Our church has kids clubs that work on Saturday mornings. We have one at the home church and then there are also clubs at most of the chapels, too. A couple of months ago one of our young women approached me about starting a new and different club for the kids of the Lagoa neighborhood.

This is a slum down by the river and is the most dangerous in town. Murders happen there almost weekly. Drugs are at the center of it all. One of the 3 major gangs controls who comes and goes. We decide that the best way to do this would be to bus the kids in to church on Saturday afternoons. She and a couple of others went to talk to the gang boss to get explain the proj-

ect and get permission. He agreed. On the first Saturday one of our evangelism teams went in just to witness and invite.



from 2 other neighborhoods along the river that want to come. Great things are happening.

This last weekend was the dedication of a brand new building at our newest congregation. This is on the Grajaú River. This is a large village about 170 miles up river. This work was started about 2 years ago by our missionary at Porto Walter, Alexandre. Many have been saved and they wanted to put up a building. Well they did just that and with no outside funds. They also have a generator and installed lights. They fed everybody from their village and others who came from all around. A hint that they might just be Baptists!

We added 39 new members at First Baptist this month. A few by letter, too. We had 10 people saved from Sunday to Sunday last week.

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

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow

There were 3 professions of faith that first day. Last Saturday they already had the team trained and ready to begin (the basic training for all the clubs had already been underway for 6 weeks). They bused in 47 children. Now there are kids



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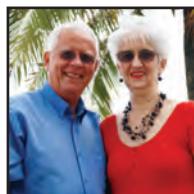
*Read more on pages 4-5!*

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## Headed to Orlandia, São Paulo for Seminary



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April 16, 2018

Dear friends and family,

What a beautiful day today is and to just to think that three days ago it snowed over one inch. And just to add a little interest it is predicted to snow this coming Monday. I heard someone say the other day—this is the ace I know of where you can experience all four seasons in the same week. Our Lord is AWESOME!!!!

Going back to Monday, it is supposed to be 32 degrees with snow—and Tuesday Barbara and I are traveling to Brasil. I don't know how this will affect our departure from Kentucky, so pray for us as we are traveling to Brasil.

This trip is going to be very exciting as we are planning 2 seminary classes in the capital of São Paulo. The classes that will be taught are Systematic Theology and Survey of the Old Testament. They will be taught by Dr. Coleman from Gardenside Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, and Dr. Edge from First Baptist Church in Bastrop, Texas. Both

of these Pastors are mission minded and are AWESOME servants of God.

The next classes will be in Orlandia, São Paulo. These classes will be for the master's program and then we will have two more classes in São Paulo. These will be New Testament Survey and Pastoral Ministries.

I would like to request "special prayers" for our professors who give of their time and their Churches who permit them to leave their pulpits for the time to teach our brothers in Brasil.

Our Professors are:

Dr. Derek Coleman  
Dr. Raymond Edge  
Dr. Terry Leap  
Dr. Greg Waltermire  
Dr. Steven Scherer  
Dr. Dustin Coleman  
David Stokes  
Russell Zik

We have selected four students from the Caragua Baptist Seminary graduates to help as they are planting Churches in Brasil. I am inserting a picture of one of them. In this upcoming class we will be selecting one or more students to sponsor for planting churches.

Our planned seminary classes for 2018 are:

**► April** - Systematic Theology, Old Testament Survey. These will be in

the city of São Paulo.

**► June** - We are planning an exploratory trip to scout out new locations for the coming classes.

**► October** - Expository Preaching 1 and Apologetics. These will be in Orlandia, São Paulo.

As you can see the Lord is really blessing and to Him all the glory and honor belongs.

As always, we have many prayer requests: our health is the first one and a good prognosis in July with the cancer treatments, the mission work in Caragua, church plants, Indians, the new locations for the Seminary, more professors for the seminary, and Pastor Walmir, Mary, Chelsea and Ashley.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara



## Rolling Up Sleeves at Church is Providing Discipleship Opportunities



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April 4, 2018

Dear Friends,

We just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday with a wonderful turnout at our special services. One of the most exciting things to me was that we had so many unchurched folks in attendance. Our members did such a great job of inviting unsaved family and friends to hear the gospel message. We are now praying that the message they heard will be used of the Lord to open their hearts to surrender to Christ as their Lord and Savior.

One of our traveling teams is leaving today on a one-month trip to the extreme western region of our state where they will be helping in new church plants of three local churches. There are 12 young men and women who will be sleeping on mats and cots during this trip and

sharing the gospel in public schools and squares. This is their second long-distance trip this year. The new vans that some of you helped to purchase are really being a blessing. With them, the trips are much more economically efficient and less tiring on the team members as well. We are praying that the Lord will bless all their efforts in sharing the gospel and that many people will hear and receive the message with open hearts.

We have been extremely busy working on the maintenance and repairs of our facilities. In order to save money, we have been doing most of the labor ourselves. That has made for some long tiring days, but it also goes a long way showing the community and recent church attenders that we are willing to roll up our sleeves and work alongside our people. I also tried my hand at cabinet making with old pallet wood that turned out to look and function very well and saved us a bunch of money. As I was doing the job, I really enjoyed having the opportunity of mentoring a few men who volunteered to help me. We got several weeks of daylong discipling sessions in during the course

of the work projects and they seemed to have developed a greater sense of participation in church life.

I didn't ask for permission to use his name, so I'll just say that we are very grateful to an anonymous pastor for the generous donation of funds to purchase a much needed vacuum cleaner for our home and church. We are grateful and we trust that God will bless you for this gift. I also want to thank all of our supporters who give regularly so that we can be here to minister and plant churches for Christ's glory.

In Christ's love,  
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

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# Brief Visit to the States; Pray for Church Planting Plans



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I am sitting in my office on the eve of a long journey. Tomorrow morning, I head to the bus station and take the eight-hour trip to Nairobi followed by my two-day plane ride from Nairobi to the States. I haven't been to the United States for couple of years now and the last time I was there it was a short visit of only a month to attend Emily's wedding. So, in the last four years I have spent exactly two months in the States. I am beginning to forget what it feels like to be there and I'm wondering what kinds of changes I will notice. I am sorry that I will not be able to see most of you this time around either as I will only be in the States for, again, one month. Julie and I still are not able to leave Kenya together because we

still are not able to travel with Chloe and we do not wish to leave her here without us. So, for this trip I will be mostly in Michigan (where family lives) and Ohio (where my church family is) with short trips to Indiana and Kentucky thrown in. Please be in more prayer for Julie than for me during this month. I will be busy and will be "back home" while she will be left in Kenya to fend for herself. Believe me, it is very difficult to remain in Kenya while your spouse is traveling back to the States. And to pour on more suffering for her we just today had one of our beloved cats killed by the neighbors' dogs. This was very bad timing indeed with me leaving tomorrow morning. Please pray for Julie and Amy, as she was Amy's cat. Even now I am waiting until school is out at RVA so that I can call Amy and tell her. My poor Amy. There will be many tears.

Well, I did NOT accomplish the one thing I wanted to do before I left for the States tomorrow. As I have reported in past newsletters, I am wanting to start a church and be the pastor of that church and lead that church to worship and

know God. I have been searching and searching for a place in town to rent so that we would have a centrally located place to meet. Everything I was finding in town was either too expensive (usually the case), badly located, too small or otherwise not conducive to starting a church. I had finally found a location that I thought would work. Even though I was not entirely thrilled with the location I thought it would work fine for what I wanted and the price was low enough that I could afford it. I wanted to get the room reserved and arranged before I left for the States so that when I returned I could begin trying to start the new church in earnest. When I went back to rent the room and sign the papers, "Kenya bit me". OK, Kenya didn't actually bite me (as you probably guessed). But I say "Kenya bit me" because when I went to actually rent the room the owner doubled the price! I guess his original price was meant to lure me in and snag me. All the same, it was very disappointing and discouraging to once again be foiled in this way. I have

explained the situation to a couple of my Kenyan friends and they are now going to bat for me. They have told me that they will be looking for a place in my absence while I am in the States. They have also told me that they would be willing to do the negotiating for a price and that it would be best to let them handle it and for me to stay out of it (to not even let it be known that I will actually be the one renting the place until the time comes to sign the papers). I am glad for these Kenyan friends who are willing to look out for me and who want help me out as best as they can, knowing the culture and the situation in Kitale. Friends, all I want is to start a church that will glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, expand his kingdom here in Kenya and shine the light of the gospel into the hearts of the beloved Kenyan people. May God accomplish that to his glory.

Until next month, beloved.  
May God's peace and joy be with you.  
For the glory of God in East Africa,  
Roger & Julie Tate  
(and Amy, Josiah & Chloe)

*"I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize that He is able to carry out His will for me. It does not matter where He places me, or how. That is for Him to consider, not me, for in the easiest positions He will give me grace, and in the most difficult ones His grace is sufficient." — J. Hudson Taylor*

## Pursuing a New Plan for Church Planting



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Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and there is much to update you on. We thank the Lord for each one of you, who either prays for us, sends us encouraging correspondence, or gives sacrificially to the work of the Lord here in Kenya. You are each a great blessing to us.

Our daughters (McKenna and Camille) are now on break from school in Kitale. God was so good to provide a good school for them to go to, where they can get much needed socialization, as well as try to develop some independence and make some decisions on their own. Now, they are on break and my wife has the opportunity to home

school them on the side. Please pray for this time, as this is the time my wife wants to invest in and teach our daughters. They will be getting much needed teachings and we know the Lord will bless their time together.

The hospital ministry is continuing along well. We thank the Lord that He has kept the door of ministry open for my wife to reach the mothers and children with Biblical materials as well as much needed clothing supplies. Many of the mothers and children are very needy and we do our best to reach them and encourage them. We feel that these children are very near to the heart of God. Many of them come from very challenging situations and need to be shown care and love. Psalm 82:3 says "Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy." This is a very challenging verse and please pray for my wife as she continues in this ministry.

After much prayer and seeking the Lord's will in regards to church plant-

ing here, I (Nathan) have decided on a way of pursuing this ministry. I am seeking to train qualified national men (preferably younger) in their homes, trusting God to raise these men up in His plan and timing, then teaching these men to go to their immediate village they live in and reach their neighbors with the Word and the Gospel message. The goal is for the men that are trained to start groups in their homes that would develop into churches over time.

I desire to go outside of town into remote village areas, teaching the men in the Swahili language. This is a big challenge for me, as Swahili is difficult, however, I feel as much as possible it is beneficial to get the teachings into the language of the people. I am in active pursuit of this at this time and would pray that you would pray for me, that God would raise up the right men who truly want to serve the Lord. There are many challenges here, as I have mentioned before, so it is not easy. I

will probably go through several men before finding the right man to train. I also would ask you to pray that God would open and close the doors that He wants me to pursue. Matthew 10:14 says "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet." Please pray for me as I seek to be led by the Lord in these endeavors and trust Him each step of the way. Church planting is difficult here and there are many challenges, but God is able and I trust Him. I would greatly appreciate your prayers at this time for wisdom for who to work with, and where to pursue opportunities.

We appreciate each of you so much and thank the Lord for you. Please keep us in prayer as we remember you as well.

Blessings,  
Nathan and Carrie Radford



# God is Moving in Açutuba



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Dear friends and supporters,

What a month of seeing God work in many ways! He is our strength in time of sorrow and our strength in time of much work. Thanks for your prayers for my wife and her family in the passing of her mother Alta.

So much going on and God at work in the ministry.

The building in the community of Ubim is coming along. The children are so excited about the building. The other day Kathy and I went to see the construction and while we were there, the kids were singing, "Our church is almost ready!" Very exciting!

We have services in another community called Açutuba. We have been going

there for about a year now. When we started, several people from the church were going. As time went on, most everyone stopped. Last week, the lady where

where we went. I showed them that our spiritual house could not be empty, how to receive Christ as Savior. The service was great but the result has been wonderful.

The lady called and asked if this week she could bring 20 visitors, because all her children and their kids want to come. Well, we had 40 people there! What a service. Pray for them, they are all catholics. As we were there, the lady said, "Oh,

my son has a piece of land he separated to give to some church." Well who knows that might be for our ministry.

When Kathy and I started our ministry



*The Açutuba Community*

we have the service called and asked if we could go to a lady's house that was having trouble with rearing things. So we went. There were 10 visitors at the house



*The Ubim Building*

right after we were married we worked with the deaf and planned on building a camp to work with them. We started and then God sent us to other places. Well now we are back to where we started in Manaus, and 3 weeks ago, the camp that we left with Tabernacle Church was turned over to us to care for and direct. We are excited! We are praying that God will direct us each day in how to use the place more and more for the ministry.

Thanks for your prayers and support.

In Christ,  
Odali & Kathy

## JUNE IS FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING MONTH –

*please give as generously as you can for the support of our veteran/retired missionaries*

### Contribute to the 2018 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*

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

We are asking you to help us provide for our veteran missionary pensioners by contributing as generously as you can to our Founder's Day Offering.

Our Founder's Day Offering is designated to providing for the financial support of our Veteran Missionaries.

All of our pensioners have given substantial portions of their lives – and sometimes ALL of their adult lives – to the proclamation of the Gospel among the peoples of the world.

Now, we have committed to them that we will give back to them and provide for them as generously as we can for the remainder of their years here.

None of their pensions are large, but they do reflect at least an expression of our appreciation and gratitude to them for giving their lives in service to Jesus Christ in partnership with BFM.

The pension benefit disbursements for our veteran missionary recipients do not come from our General Fund.

Rather, they are supplied from an

investment account we have established exclusively for this purpose: to provide monthly pension benefits for our veteran missionaries.

We call this investment account our Veteran Missionary Pension Account.

All of your Founder's Day Offering contributions will be deposited into the Veteran Missionary Pension Account that supplies their pensions month by month.

It is extremely important that we maintain and replenish the capital base in this account so their monthly pension benefits can be supplied by the interest and dividends on those deposits.

So, your Founder's Day Offerings will be your on-going contributions and expressions of your love and appreciation for their missionary service.



*H.H. Overby*

*Z.E. Clark*

Here is a list of our present pensioners. Others will be added in the future as they transition from active financial support to pension status. [We have included Harold Bratcher even though he has gone to be with the Lord just a week prior to the writing of these lines.]

### Baptist Faith Missions Veteran Missionaries Receiving Pensions

Missionaries	Where they served	Where are they now?
Harold & Marie Bratcher	Brazil	Marie is in Heaven. As of 3/23/18, Harold also is in Heaven.
Bobby & Betty Creiglow	Brazil	Betty is in Heaven. Bobby lives in Lexington, KY.
Louie & Mary Carver	Korea & Philippines	They live in Simpsonville, SC.
Harold & Ursula Draper	Brazil	They live in Bardwell, KY.
John & Alta Hatcher	Brazil	Alta is in Heaven. John lives in Clermont, FL.
Paul & Wanda Hatcher	Brazil	They live in Clermont, FL.
Walter & Deloris Lauerman	Peru & Honduras	Walter is in Heaven. Deloris is a resident in a nursing home in Warsaw, KY.
Richard & Wanda Turner	Brazil	Richard is in Heaven. Wanda lives in Lynchburg, VA.



# HELP US PROVIDE FOR THE ON-GOING SUPPORT OF OUR VETERAN MISSIONARIES!

## A TESTIMONY FROM THE ALENCAR FAMILY ACRE, BRAZIL

"My grandfather, Emílio Caminha de Alencar, was saved by God's grace when he was only 14, through the preaching of Mr. Joseph Franklin Brandon. Last April 16th he passed away with 90 years old with his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a Baptist Christian."

I'd like to thank you all for what you have done to the work of God; I'm sure your crowns are full with precious stones! There's no other better thing you could share with us than the everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

Our Family (Alencar) nowadays are around 130 people, and almost all of us are saved by God's grace and many are serving the Lord in Baptist Churches, keeping the faith we have received from our fathers.

May God bless all of you!

*Ícaro Alencar de Oliveira*

*Co-pastor of Primeira Igreja Batista da Promessa at Rio Branco - Acre.*

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I'm writing a book about my family history and brother Brandon is really important to us because he preached the gospel to my grandfather, so, I'd like to know if there any historical resource about Joseph Franklin Brandon's life and ministry, whether it is a book, or pictures, letters, or any relative of him and his family to whom we could keep on touch, etc. This is so important to us and our history that you don't even think! May God bless you all!"



*The Brandons*

Please read the accompanying testimony from the Alencar family in the State of Acre, Brazil. They are descendants of some of the very first-fruits of the First Generation of missionaries supported through Baptist Faith Missions.

Joseph Brandon was the very first missionary to go to Brazil in 1942 supported by offerings given through Baptist Faith Missions. He went to Cruzeiro do Sul. Bobby Creiglow [and others] would follow Joseph Brandon there, and Mike Creiglow is still presently serving and continuing to evangelize and plant churches in a wide radius area from that city.

This Emilio Caminha de Alencar was saved through the missionary preaching of Joseph Brandon. His grandson testifies that Emilio was saved when he was just 14. He went to be with the Lord this past April 14th at 90 years old. This would put him at age 14 in 1942 – just when Joseph Brandon was arriving in Acre.

And, the fruits of that missionary Gospel witness are continuing to perpetuate through Emilio's numerous family members and other Baptist churches being planted and multiplying.

We could fill a volume with countless other similar testimonies – not only in Brazil, but also in Peru, Honduras, Korea, The Philippines – and also other countries where the fruits of these veteran missionaries have migrated and continue to perpetuate the witness of the Gospel and plant Baptist churches!

When you contribute to the Founders Day Offering, you are providing for and enriching the lives of our Veteran Missionaries who are currently receiving pensions through the Veteran Missionaries Pension Fund. Thank you for honoring them this way!

## Contribute to the 2018 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*



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A special thank you to Grace Baptist Church of Fairborn, Ohio, for hosting our Spring Conference this year!

# March 2018 Offerings



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#### General Fund (cont.)

Strickland, Al, Goldsboro, NC ( <i>Giving Friend</i> )	75.00
Union BC, Russell Springs, KY	100.00
Wood, Neree, Columbia, SC ( <i>Giving Friend</i> )	200.00
Zimmerman, Donald & Carolyn, Lexington, KY ( <i>Giving Friends</i> )	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY ( <i>Giving Friend</i> )	100.00

**TOTAL: \$ 25,699.05**

#### In Memorium

Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	Alta Hatcher	100.00
Dunbar, Elton & Wanda, Pelion, SC	Alta Hatcher	25.00
Logan, Ronald & Judith, Lexington, KY	Alta Hatcher	450.00
Newby BC, Richmond, KY	Harold Bratcher	400.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	Alta Hatcher	100.00
Waller, Jared, Ashland, KY	Rosemary Waller	100.00
Sills, Joe & Jessie, Rockledge, FL	Alta Hatcher	100.00
York, Hershael, Frankfort, KY	Alta Hatcher	200.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,475.00**

#### Founders Day Offering

Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY	10.00
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**TOTAL: \$ 10.00**

#### Bibles for India (Louis Maple Memorial Fund)

Anonymous	5.00
Bader, Ronald, Fairborn, OH	200.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	150.00
Jones, Branden, Sterling Heights, MI	2.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mount Vernon, KY	20.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY	50.00
Twelve Ryan BC, Detroit, MI	66.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	45.00

**TOTAL: \$ 538.00**

#### Designated for Missionaries-Emeritus

##### *Paul Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus*

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	100.00
Life Church of Athens, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	150.00
Trinity-Northbrook BC, Cincinnati, OH	Seminary-Manaus	50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 380.00**

#### Odali Barros

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY	As Needed	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	204.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Harmony BC, Frankfort, KY		150.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	A&O	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: \$ 684.00**

#### Mike Creiglow

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	200.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Andrew	154.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	Personal	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	Food Pantry	177.28
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL		500.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL	Medical	250.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Mathis, Vernon & Lois, Lexington, KY	Gas for Trips	500.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL		50.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 2,511.28**

#### John Mark Hatcher

Anonymous	Personal	50.00
Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		110.00

#### John Mark Hatcher (cont.)

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN	Personal	1,000.00
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	As Needed	20.00
Nussmeier, Brian & Sheryl, Evansville, IN		25.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	Personal	180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN	Personal	100.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN		50.00

**TOTAL: \$ 1,765.00**

#### Judson Hatcher

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Corinth BC, Corbin, KY (WMU gift)	As Needed	200.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	1,000.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Phillips, Scott, Lynchburg, VA	Personal	200.00
The Tabernacle, Danville, VA	Personal	500.00
Thomas Road BC, Lynchburg, VA	Personal	250.00

**TOTAL: \$ 2,330.00**

#### A.J. Hensley

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	50.00
Calvary BC, Shreveport, LA		150.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	1,000.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS		177.28
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY		15.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY	School	75.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA	Vocational School	50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY	Personal	50.00
Mt. Eden BC, Hawesville, KY		150.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	Personal	600.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Special Projects	500.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Brandenburg, KY	Feed The Children	100.00

**TOTAL: \$ 3,297.28**

#### Nathan Radford

Anonymous		300.00
Antioch BC, Ona, WV		200.00
Bader, Ronald, Fairborn, OH		200.00
Bakker, Jason, Chambersburg, PA		50.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		90.00
Bible BC, Belva, WV		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	54.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	Special Offering	210.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV		50.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA		20.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV		215.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV		100.00
Faith BC, Wilmington, OH		100.00
First BC of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV		75.00
Grace BC, Lima, OH		500.00
Grace Missionary BC, Sorginville, 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	Gift	50.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
James Meron Wade Living Trust, Abingdon, VA		50.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL		200.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA		150.00
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV		50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY		25.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV		200.00
Lloyd, Billy, Letart, WV	Hospital Fund	100.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV		240.00

**Nathan Radford (cont.)**

Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI		100.00
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN		150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI		35.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA		10.00
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	Gift	50.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA		200.00
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV		30.00
Standale BC, Grand Rapids, MI		600.00
Teays Valley BC, Hurricane, WV		100.00
Twiddy, Michael & Cheryl, Marengo, OH		25.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV	Personal	20.00
Wilmington BC, Wilmington, OH		50.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 5,939.00</b>		

**Roger Tate**

Anonymous	Personal	200.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	100.00
Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		110.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	Special Offering	210.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH		50.00
Calvary BC, West Branch, MI	Personal	400.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Covenant BC, Dayton, OH		400.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	As Needed	250.00
Emmanuel Missionary BC, Oldtown, KY	Personal	100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	Personal	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	Personal	50.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	As Needed	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	As Needed	400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		120.00
Skidway Lake BC, Prescott, MI		50.00
Techmire, Whit, West Branch, MI		25.00
Union BC, Englewood, OH		100.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 3,705.00</b>		

**Bobby Wacaser**

Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL	Projeto Vida	500.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	250.00
Bolan, Paul, Clearwater, FL	Projeto Vida	30.00
Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		110.00
Christmas, Bruce, Lithia, FL		100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	As Needed	75.00
Fellowship BC, Brinson, GA		83.33
Flores, Esther, Orlando, FL	Projeto Vida	50.00
Florida Giving Friend	Projeto Vida	100.00
Lazzara, Richard, Valrico, FL		50.00
Peoples, Matthew, Lithia, FL	As Needed	400.00
Renckens, Kevin, Brandon, FL	Projeto Vida	200.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	As Needed	150.00
<b>TOTAL: \$ 2,278.33</b>		

**GrandTotal.....\$50,611.94**

"...for all things come from You,  
and of Your own have we given You."  
- 1 Chronicles 29:14 -

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"Our church has kids clubs that work on Saturday mornings. We have one at the home church and then there are also clubs at most of the chapels, too. A couple of months ago one of our young women approached me about starting a new and different club for the kids of the Lagoa neighborhood. This is a slum down by the river and is the most dangerous in town. Murders happen there almost weekly. Drugs are at the center of it all. One of the 3 major gangs controls who comes and goes. We decide that the best way to do this would be to bus the kids in to church on Saturday afternoons. She and a couple of others went to talk to the gang boss to get explain the project and get permission. He agreed. On the first Saturday one of our evangelism teams went in just to witness and invite. There were 3 professions of faith that first day. Last Saturday they already had the team trained and ready to begin (the basic training for all the clubs had already been underway for 6 weeks). They bused in 47 children. Now there are kids from 2 other neighborhoods along the river that want to come. Great things are happening." -Mike Creiglow

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;  
that our daughters may be as corner stones,  
polished after the similitude of a palace." -Psalm 144:12

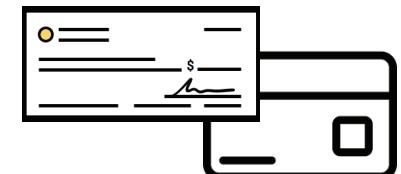
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## PRAY & PRAISE

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## PRAY

also for our other  
faithful missionary families!



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## The Impact of a Godly Life



John Mark & Judy Hatcher

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April 4, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Little did I realize when I wrote you last month that in 4 days my mother would be in the presence of the Lord with all of His children who have left this life. On March 8th I received a call from my brother to let us know that Mom had been promoted to heaven about thirty minutes earlier. I had the opportunity to speak to Mom about 12 hours before that call. Just hours after I spoke to her, and she to me, she was absent from the body and present with the Lord. Many of you have also experienced the loss of your parents and we thank all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers.

Suddenly, the plans for the month changed. As soon as possible, Judy and I were on our way to Clermont, FL. We were there for a little over a week. During this time, members of our family began arriving from many distant places. It was a great blessing to fellowship with children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, de facto family members, brothers and sisters in Christ, and many friends. The memorial service was to God's glory and underscores how He can use each of us to touch the lives of many. Beginning life in a farmhouse near Corbin, KY, Mom trusted Christ at age 7 and felt called to missions at age 10. Her life has touched thou-

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-John Mark Hatcher

sands in many parts of the world. She was the one I went to when I was in despair because I knew I was lost and she pointed me to Jesus. She was my Bible teacher who taught through the Bible in my Sunday School classes as I was growing up in Brazil. She got me on the track of being a daily Bible reader and reading through the Bible annually. The wonderful fellowship that I have with my Heavenly Father was greatly cultivated by Mom.

I could write a book on the ways she touched my life. Her last words before she fell asleep were "I love You, Jesus". She is now eternally in the presence of the One

she loved so much and enjoying fellowship with others that went on before her. You may feel that you are just a "plain old Christian", but I want to remind you that there is no such thing. You are a child of the King of kings, an ambassador for Christ, a seed planted in the soil of this world. My mother would say to you children, teenagers, mothers, fathers, singles, blue collar or white collar workers, "Do all things as unto the Lord...ask God for wisdom in everything...whatever your hands find to do, do with all your might." I probably heard those scriptures hundreds of times.

May each of us live today for God's glory.

Thanks for your prayers, encouragement and support. We pray that God will bless you and enable you to be "the light of the world" where you are today as Jesus lives in and through you.

In France for Jesus,  
John and Judy Hatcher



The Hatcher Family at Alta Hatcher's Memorial Service (March 15, 2018)