

NEW YOUTH VOLUNTEER

As Projeto Vida gears up for winter evangelism, they are looking forward to another new volunteer joining them.

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Church Planting in Multiple "Municípios"



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Dear Brethren,

The state of Acre has 22 "counties". Here they are called municípios (municipalities). We are trying to plant churches in all of them. So far, we have churches in 7 of the "county seats". The 2 largest cities are the capital, Rio Branco, and Cruzeiro do Sul. These churches have been around for years. The other 5 churches are in smaller cities close to us. Now

we are going for the most isolated towns that have no Baptist church. We sent a missionary family to the city of Jordão 2 years ago.

This month we made a visit to Jordão and a survey trip to Santa Rosa do Purús. We had to fly to these cities that are deep in the forest and along the Peruvian border. We chartered the

New Tribes Mission plane. It was necessary to make and pay for 2 flights as the pilot had to come from way up north in Roraima to make our flights and others over a short 1 week period. New Tribes Mission has a plane here now and mechanics, but still don't have a pilot stationed here.

Jordão is on the Tarauacá River. The population is 8000 and 60% of these are from the Jaminaus and Kaxinauwa tribes. Our missionary couple is Idevaldo, Queila and their

daughters, Vitória and Ludmilla. They have already bought a house and rented a place to hold services. We had a low of 45 people and a high of over 70 in services. One young couple that they have won to Christ have already been trained to help with the music. The man did not play any kind of instrument. Idevaldo taught him to play bass in 3 months. Idevaldo plays guitar and actually made his own instrument! Very talented. Queila has started a kid's club that has an average of 25 children attending. They have already acquired 2 lots for us to put up our first church building. They are also already doing mission work in the villages and along the streams out of town. I am so proud of them. On Sunday morning, I baptized the first 14 members.

Our visit to the town of Santa Rosa do Purús was exciting, too. This is the smallest town in the Acre: 6,000 people. 70% of these are Kaxinauwa. It is almost 2 hours by air. For us to get there by land and river we have to go 250 miles east by road then up river from the bridge on the Purús River for another 225 miles. The Purús is another one of the major tributaries of the Amazon River that flows parallel to the Juruá River. It flows into the Amazon a few hundred miles downstream from the mouth of the Juruá River. In other words, we are getting into a completely new river valley.

There is already a small group of the Kaxinauwa who meet and hold services. The tribe is called "Kaxinauá" by most folks. The name means "people of the bat", as in the animal. They call themselves "Huni Kuim", which means "The True People". Many of the tribes around us see themselves as the original

people of the earth and superior to all others. Their "building" is really just a hut. There are 6 poles, thatch roof and dirt floor. We had 50+ in the one service we held. The singing and most of the service was in their native language. My message was NOT in Huni Kuim! They all understand Portuguese.

The town has 15 sects and cults, but no Baptist church, so we are going to try to open the work there soon. There are 46 villages along the river between the border and the bridge, so we have our work cut out for us.

I took Zico (our missions coordinator), Ruben (one of our businessmen), and Rondisson (one of our chapel pastors) along on this trip. Please pray for the new missionary that we need and the funds to support him, whoever he may be. So much to do and so few workers and funds.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



Baptism in Jordão



Service with the indigenous folks at Santa Rosa do Purús

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May God give them wisdom and discernment as they prayerfully make decisions.

Projeto Vida Gears Up for Winter Evangelism, New Youth Volunteer



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Dear Friends,

As you gear up for summer mode in the USA, our evangelistic teams in southern Brazil prepare for the chill and activities of winter. For example, the only school break between May and September is a two week "winter break" in the late part of July. The best thing about this is that, when the schools are in session, we have a much greater opportunity of taking the gospel to entire school assemblies ranging from 200 to 1500 at a time.

Two of Projeto Vida's teams will be heading out to minister in separate states for trips that will last for 3 weeks before returning to headquarters. Not only will they get the opportunity to share the gospel in public schools, but they will also assist some church-planting missionaries with evangelism in the neighboring streets and parks close to new church plants. The free health checks, haircuts, counseling and creative interaction with the children serve to open people's hearts to listen to a clear presentation of the gospel, both one-to-one

and through publicly preached messages.

One young lady from Brandon, Florida has recently returned from what is called a "Go Term". The church where she attends in the USA has developed a program that encourages recent high school graduates to spend 6-12 months in a foreign mission field ministry before heading on to college. This program is to help them get a greater and clearer sense of how God can use them in life, beyond

or through their eventual career choice. Hannah Baxter has just returned from a 10-month term of service and was greatly impacted by all the ways that she saw God use her in missions. Zoe Peoples will be the next youth embarking this month to begin a shorter term, but certainly she'll have a tremendous number of experiences that will make a major impact on her life choices afterward.

We are thankful that our Projeto Vida teams always graciously adapt to these new volunteer members coming on board. There are always several learning challenges involved. The US students

usually don't speak Portuguese and very few of the Projeto Vida team members can speak English, so the communication level is an automatic obstacle in the beginning. Add to that the cultural differences and then the personality traits and you can imagine how 13 people living in an 18-passenger van and sleeping on mats in homes or church building floors for several months can test one another's Christian character.

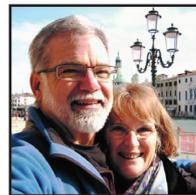
"Presently there are more than 20 missionaries serving worldwide whose first mission experience was with our teams and nearly all say that this initial experience was a major toll God used to lead them into fulltime mission service."

We haven't had any cases yet, though, where unity and love didn't increase and abound. Presently there are more than 20 missionaries serving worldwide whose first mission experience was with

our teams and nearly all say that this initial experience was a major tool God used to lead them into fulltime mission service. We are joyful and grateful to be used of God to have a part in that process.

We appreciate you continued prayers and support.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to each of you for your prayers. Judy is progressing in her recovery from the broken patella. She is now in Physical Therapy twice a week along with daily exercises at home. The immobilizer is still in place around the clock, but Judy handles it quite well especially considering the fact that she is normally quite active. We are glad to be here and to be able to assist Peggy. She continues to be treat-

"We miss the interaction with folks who need Christ in France but there are opportunities for displaying the light of Christ wherever He places us."

Believers in France Step Up to the Plate; Opportunities in Evansville

ed. Pray for the girls as they experience my cooking, housekeeping and driving.

God is providing fellowship and extra blessings through believers here in the Evansville area. It is a good time for us to remember and pray for those

in a number of countries who cannot enjoy fellowship without risk of persecution and physical death. My brother Paul detoured to see us on the way

from Florida to attend the Spring Missionary Conference at Thompson Rd. Baptist Church in Lexington, KY. We had a very enjoyable visit. My brother David should be arriving this afternoon to visit for a couple of days. He added

us to a whirlwind trip from Manaus, Brazil to celebrate dad's 92nd birthday. It is great to have family who love us and go out of their way for us. That is another blessing for which so many of us can be grateful.

News about activities in France is good. Sometimes our absence is good as it stirs some who are reticent to step up to the plate. We miss the interaction with folks who need Christ in France but there are opportunities for displaying the light of Christ wherever He places us. We have had doors of opportunity opened to touch lives here in Evansville. You can ask our Heavenly Father to enable us to see what He wants us to be doing here in the present.

Thanks for your prayers and faithful support.

Serving with you,
John and Judy



Trying Month with Bus Problems; Encouraged with Seminary



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Friends and family,

This month has been one that has been somewhat trying. Our church bus has had a minor problem with the air brakes. Well, we were told that all we had to do was take off the part and replace it with a new one. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Well, we were told by the mechanic what part to purchase, so we call the parts store in the next city and ordered the part. We go get the part on Tuesday and bring it to the mechanic (good—this is one day before we will need the bus for Wednesday night). But they call us on Wednesday to say that the part is the wrong one. So, Thursday we make the trip up to the other city to get the new part—which they don't have—so we order the new part. So, this is the first week that we will not have the bus to pick up the children on Sunday. When we ordered the part on Friday, we were told that there would be a delay in the order because this is a holiday and there would be no mail to get the piece to the parts store. So, we would have to wait 5 days for the part to get to the store. This takes us past Wednesday again. When it arrived and we went to get it, it was for the wrong side. So, they ordered it again.

By this time, I have to go up north for the seminary in Orlandia and the

part has not come yet. I was there for a week and upon my arrival, the part had not come yet. Now we are in the third week without a bus for the kids. We were called and told that the new part was at the parts place so Barbara and Edson make a trip up the hill to get it, hoping that this Sunday we will have a bus for the kids. Guess what—this piece did not fit either. Now we discover that someone has worked on the brakes sometime in the past and none of the pieces would have fit so we tell the mechanic to cut the new piece and make it fit the bus.

The blessing in this story is that the bus company that we use when we have big groups has generously loaned us one of their buses on Sunday morning to pick up the kids, but not for the people on Sunday night nor on Wednesday night. But on the last Sunday they could not loan a bus, so we made trips with 2 cars to pick up the kids. We have around 80 to 100 kids that attend Sunday School every week--so you can imagine the amount of kids we had in each car. We were so busy getting the kids to church that no one got pictures.

The bus was functioning on Wednesday night and we are looking forward

to a full house on Sunday!!! Sometimes things so simple can become so complicated. Oh well, we are still so blessed that it is unreal. And even in all this mess we have had numerous visitors in the church each week.

Now on to more blessings. At this session of the seminary we had a group of students, 26 in number, 18 of which were pastors and 8 church workers. The classes were taught by Dr. D. Colman from Gardenside Baptist Church in Lex-



Seminary Students

ington, Kentucky, and Dr. R. Edge from First Baptist Church in Bastrop, Texas. What a blessing these two men are to the seminary. The seminary now has accreditation given by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and this has helped us to gain more students. These students are now asking if we can add a Master's Program to our original classes. You know that with God all things are possible! We are working on this as you read this letter and by God's grace we will have the Master's Program included

for the classes that start in 2018. How AWESOME is the God we serve.

Pray for our Seminary: Caragua Baptist Seminary as we continue to train Pastors—specifically for us to be able to reach more Pastors to train them to take to gospel to Brasil. In 2018 we will be offering the classes in São Paulo City, Orlandia, São Paulo, probably in Manaus, Amazonas, and maybe in one other location. We are taking these classes to different regions to make them more available to the areas where the pastors reside. That way more pastors can attend and then take the teaching to their areas. This will be an AWESOME blessing to them and their churches.

We always ask for prayer for the Seminary everywhere we go so we now have 70-100 pastors praying for Caragua Baptist Seminary. Won't you join with them in praying for the seminary also? For the pastors and the workers that participate in the Seminary, for the teachers and for the translators, and the churches that these Pastors return to after they finish the classes. Please include in your prayers Barb and I, our church here in Caraguatatuba, Pastor Walmir and all the works here in Brasil.

To end the letter on a note of a blessing, this month we have had one more soul added to God's kingdom. Praise His Name.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara

Discussing Ministry Plans for Church Planting



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Dear praying friends,

We are now near halfway through 2017 and time is passing so quickly. Thanks so much to each one who prays for us, writes or sacrificially gives to the Lord and His work. You are each such a blessing and we thank God for you.

Our daughters are near the end of the school year at Calvary Baptist Academy in Hurricane, WV. They have a month

left of school. This has been such a good year for them and they have gotten the much-needed socialization that they have lacked on the mission field. They also have learned time management skills, responsibility, studying for tests, etc. This has all been very good for them and we are so thankful for this experience they have had. Please pray for them as they finish up this month, that they would finish well and strong in their studies.

Last week we were able to go to the BFM missions conference in Lexington, KY. It was good to hear solid messages from the Word of God, discuss with others the challenges we face on the field and get advisement from our mission

board. It was good to see each one who attended and to fellowship with them. Thank the Lord for Godly men and advisement that we receive from them.

I (Nathan) am in the process of discussing ministry plans on church planting with an experienced missionary who has done church planting for several years in Kenya. I am very open and receptive to advisement from Godly men who have faithfully planted churches, whether in the US or abroad. Proverbs 11:14 says "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." May we seek wisdom from above, trusting Him to lead and guide each step of the way. God bless you all.

Nathan and Carrie Radford

Founder's Day Offering

Give a special offering designated to BFM in honor of our founders.

Read more on page 4!

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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 oppor-

tunity 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 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.

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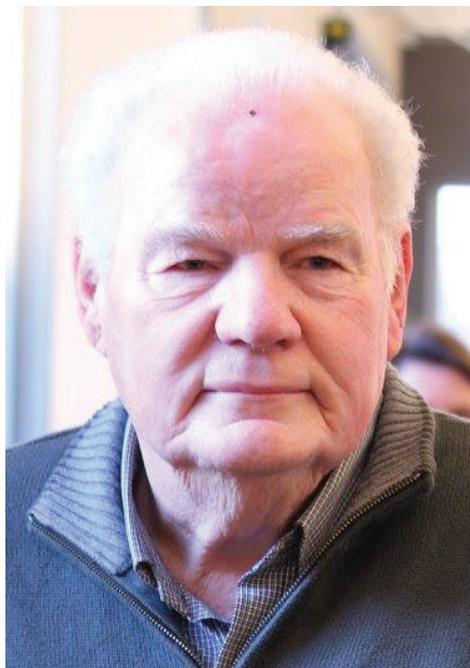




A Tribute to Bro. Jim Orrick

1935 - 2017

[by Kenny Hurst, Pastor, Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church and Director, BFM]



Creek, which is not a large congregation, to give fifty percent of their tithes and offerings to missions, the majority being designated to BFM. In doing this, he was sometimes taking money from himself and his family, but he was willing to make that sacrifice for the good of BFM. Every year he encouraged Storms Creek to give a special Thanksgiving and Founder's Day offering, a tradition we continue to this day. My love for missions and Storms Creek's love for missions was fueled by the example of Brother Orrick. He faithfully served as a director and executive secretary for years, in addition to being responsible for addressing the mission sheets each month. BFM has never had a greater friend or supporter than Jim Orrick.

To say that Jim Orrick loved Baptist Faith Missions goes without saying. It is like saying the people of Kentucky love basketball: their actions speak for themselves. Brother Orrick, by his actions, demonstrated his love for missions every day of his life.

I became a member of Storms Creek in October 1980. Brother Orrick had already been pastor of this historic church for seventeen years, having been called as pastor in October 1963. What impressed me most about him was his love for the Lord, the Word, and missions. He loved missions, especially BFM, and those who faithfully served as missionaries. Brother Orrick always had the missionaries come to Storms Creek when on furlough. He treated them like royalty, for that is how he viewed them. Many people may not know that Brother Orrick led Storms

say in sixty; he was not a long-winded preacher, but he was sound in what he preached. He had a tremendous influence on me, especially in the way he handled funeral services. I learned from him that funerals were the best opportunity to preach the Gospel. Those who knew Brother Orrick know how much he liked to laugh; he had a great sense of humor and loved to show it. He stood up for what he believed in, especially when it came to God's Word and its importance in a believer's life.

When Brother Orrick retired, he and Irene stayed at Storms Creek and turned the leadership of the church over to me. He was never critical and never offered any advice unless it was asked for, but supported and

encouraged me in every way. For that, I will be forever grateful. He was my mentor and friend; I dearly loved him. I was so sad to hear of his passing. I am going to miss talking to him on the phone and hearing him preach at our Homecoming service each year. I take comfort in the fact that I know he is with his blessed Lord. There is only one Jim Orrick, and I had the privilege of working with him. May God bless all of those whom Brother Orrick touched during his ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Kenny Hurst

"Well done, good and faithful servant..."

-Matthew 25:23

In 2000, the Lord called me to preach, and in 2001, I was called to serve as co-pastor with Brother Orrick. Everyone knew, though, that he was really the pastor, and I was just assisting him. But he was insistent I be called co-pastor. His purpose for this was his upcoming retirement, and he was preparing me to take over the church full-time. Also, Brother Jim wanted to make sure the church continued its support of BFM. He did not want another pastor coming in and changing the way the church supported missions. In March 2005, he retired after forty-one years of faithful service to the church. As a pastor, what I remember most about him was his ability to say in thirty minutes what it took other men to



Bro. Jim Orrick with his wife Irene

Jim B. Orrick 1935-2017

Jim B. Orrick of Pewee Valley, KY died May 6, 2017 after a brief illness. He was 82. He was a faithful man of God who preached the gospel of Jesus Christ for over 60 years. He lived by the truth he preached. He pastored the Newby Baptist Church near Richmond, KY for seven years. He then pastored the Storms Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Ironton, Ohio for over 41 years. Since his retire-

ment from full-time ministry in 2005, he has continued to bless many congregations with his preaching. He was an ardent promoter of foreign missions and served for many years as president of Baptist Faith Missions.

A native of Mt. Vernon, IL, Jim was twice inducted into the Mt. Vernon High School Athletic Hall of Fame: once for basketball and once for football. After graduating high school, he graduated from Lexington Baptist College.

Jim was the son of the late Ada and

J.A. Orrick. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Irene. He is survived by two brothers: John R. Orrick of High Ridge, MO, and Paul A. Orrick of Oakland, IL; three children: Cindy Orrick of West Point, MS, Jim Scott Orrick of LaGrange, KY, and Ann Orrick Wohlforth of Williamsburg, KY. He was the much-loved "Baboo" to 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He died at home, surrounded by his children and grandchildren. He died like a son of God, full of faith and hope. He

fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 11:00am at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Morehead, Kentucky.

*Obituary courtesy of Newcomer Funeral Homes,
<http://www.newcomerkentuckiana.com/Obituary/138865/Jim-Orrick/Louisville-Kentucky>*

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Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	200.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	1,993.02
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Conner, Samuel & Martha, Cannelton, IN (Giving Friends)	30.00
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Dobbins, Wesley & Janis, Gassaway, WV (Giving Friends)	40.00
East Keys BC, Springfield, IL	650.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	600.00
Emmanuel BC, Irvine, KY	200.00
Fairview Missionary BC, Willow Wood, OH	1,500.00
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Grace BC, Beattyville, KY	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH	125.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	200.00
Hardman Fork BC, Normantown, WV	1,000.00
Hatcher, John & Alta, Clermont, FL (Giving Friends)	2,200.00
Hatcher, Philip, Newburgh, IN (Giving Friend)	300.00
Hensley, A.J. & Barbara, Caraguatubá, Brasil (Giving Friends)	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	1,203.00
Isbell Chapel BC, Tuscumbia, AL	80.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL	60.00
Kahut, Donald, Xenia, OH (Giving Friend)	100.00
Keen, Victor & Leamore, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends)	250.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Giving Friends)	180.00
Lake Road BC, Clio, MI	441.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV	135.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV	135.00
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
New Hope BC, Dearborn Heights, MI	415.00
New Life BC, Lexington, KY	575.00
Oak Grove BC, Normantown, WV	200.00
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL	200.00
Park Ridge BC, Gotha, FL	209.00
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA (Giving Friends)	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary BC, Piney Flats, TN	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	2,000.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN	120.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	3,016.25

General Fund (cont.)

Thompson Road BC, Lexington, KY	280.00
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
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend)	200.00
Zimmerman, Donald & Carolyn, Lexington, KY (Giving Friends)	50.00

TOTAL: \$ 27,725.71

In Memorium

	IN MEMORY OF:	
Felan, Paul & Joanna, Livonia, MI	Ed Overbey	50.00
Hargis, Donald & Martha, Lexington, KY	Rosemary Waller	50.00
Hille, Myrna, Livonia, MI	Ed Overbey	50.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	Irene Orrick	50.00
Overbey, Mary Dix, Lexington, KY	Ed Overbey	25.00

TOTAL: \$ 225.00

Founders Day Offering

Anonymous	175.00
Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY	10.00
Cash Contributions From Spring Conference	835.00
Clark, Billy & Fawn, Winter Garden, FL	20.00
Vaughan, Ethan, Richmond, KY	57.00
Wainright, Steve & Lydia, Lexington, KY	50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,147.00

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)

Bialy, Gregory & Elaine, Harrison, TN	10.00
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	10.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	55.00
Kinnett, Doris, West Harrison, IN	100.00
Ojibwe BC, Rosebush, MI	123.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mount Vernon, KY	45.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY	50.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	30.00

TOTAL: \$ 423.00

Odali Barros

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY	As Needed	50.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous	As Needed	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	200.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	A&O	15.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY		25.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV	A&O	50.00
McKinley, Carl & Julia, Cecilia, KY		20.00
Trumbo, Floyd & Flora, Upton, KY	General Needs	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 840.00

Mike Creiglow

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH	New Work	200.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH	As Needed	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	200.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Andrew Creiglow	200.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	Andrew Creiglow	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	Food Pantry	190.65
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL		200.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00

Mike Creiglow (cont.)

Simpson, Dianna, Crab Orchard, KY	Satellite Phone	100.00
Simpson, Dianna, Crab Orchard, KY	Andrew Creiglow	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,920.65

Judson Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		140.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
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: \$ 1,820.00

John Mark Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous	As Needed	50.00
Anonymous Giving Friend	Personal	50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN	Personal	600.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Gerig, Galen & Tamara, Columbus, OH		100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	As Needed	20.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	Personal	180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN	Personal	100.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN		50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,680.00

A.J. Hensley

Anonymous	As Needed	50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	50.00
Calvary BC, Shreveport, LA		100.00
Chesapeake Tree Service, Inc, Chesapeake, VA	Edsons Education	1,000.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Durbin Memorial BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	500.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS		190.65
Faith BC, Kirksville, MO	As Needed	1,000.00
Faith BC, Kirksville, MO	Pastor's Conference	1,000.00
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Brazil/Spain	Personal	1,623.00
Gerth, Arthur & Brenda, Versailles, KY	As Needed	30.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY		215.00
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		300.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY	New Work	50.00
Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	Personal	750.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA		200.00
Steadman, Lonnie & Barbara, Chesapeake, VA	Edsons Education	100.00
Steadman, Larry & Lillian, Currituck, NC	Edsons Education	50.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Special Projects	500.00
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Brandenburg, KY	Feed The Kids	100.00
Union BC, Cynthiana, KY	Personal	300.00

TOTAL: \$ 8,663.65

Nathan Radford

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous		300.00
Anonymous		400.00
Anonymous	As Needed	50.00
Bakker, Jason, Chambersburg, PA		50.00
Battlecreek Independent BC, S. Pittsburg, TN		50.00
Bible BC, Belva, WV		100.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	50.00
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY	As Needed	100.00



Nathan Radford (cont.)

Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	Special Offering	200.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV		50.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA		40.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV		200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	As Needed	100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV		100.00
Faith BC, Wilmington, OH		133.34
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Gaal, Stephen & Martha, Hurricane, WV		75.00
Gerst, Kenneth & Carol, Wapello, IA		600.00
Grimes, Mevlin, Milton, WV		50.00
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV		100.00
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		200.00
Huguenin, Ben, Mt. Airy, MD		40.00
James Meron Wade Rev 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		100.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY		25.00
Lewis, Lowell & Sue, Milton, WV		25.00
Lloyd, J.T. & Heather, New Haven, WV		235.00
Loosenort, Kurt & Virginia, Grand Rapids, MI		100.00
Messing, Jacqueline, Grand Rapids, MI		50.00
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN		150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI		35.00
Oakville Community Bible Church, Wapello, IA		300.00
Otterbein United Methodist Church, Pittsfield, PA		6,660.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA		10.00
Phalen, Larry & Naomi, Concord, NC		50.00
Ranson, Joseph & Vinila, Culloden, WV	As Needed	80.00
Ripley Tabernacle BC, Ripley, WV		100.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV		50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI	Gift	75.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA		200.00
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV		30.00
South Irvine BC, Irvine, KY		150.00
Teays Valley BC, Hurricane, WV		100.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV	Personal	20.00
Wilmington BC, Wilmington, OH		50.00
Witherow, Shannon, Graham, NC		50.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV		150.00
TOTAL: \$ 13,023.34		

Roger Tate

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous		400.00
Anonymous	Personal	200.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		50.00
Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	100.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	Special Offering	200.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH		25.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Cornerstone BC, Cincinnati, OH		100.00
Covenant BC, Dayton, OH		400.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	As Needed	490.00
Emmanuel Missionary BC, Oldtown, KY	Personal	100.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00

Roger Tate (cont.)

Geister, Robert & Marian, Alger, MI	Personal	25.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		275.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Spencer, WV		50.00
Messer, Jason, Dayton, OH	Personal	50.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	As Needed	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	As Needed	400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		150.00
Skidway Lake BC, Prescott, MI		50.00
Techmire, Whit		25.00
Union BC, Englewood, OH		100.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,380.00

Designated for Missionaries-Emeritus

John A. Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus

Bible BC, Harrisburg, IL	Personal	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Fujikawa, Ricardo, Brazil/Spain	Retirement Love Offering	1,000.00
Storms Creek Missionary BC, Ironton, OH	Maria	150.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,330.00

Paul Hatcher - Missionary-Emeritus

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	Seminary-Manaus	80.00
Guthrie, Larry, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	100.00
Life Church Of Athens, Athens, GA	Michael Samples	250.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	Mission Team	100.00
Spicer, Keith & Dee, Matthews, NC	Where Needed	500.00

Trinity-Northbrook BC, Cincinnati, OH	Seminary-Manaus	40.00
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TOTAL: \$ 1,070.00

Bobby Wacaser - Missionary-Emeritus

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

TOTAL: \$ 1,793.33

TOTAL OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES-EMERITUS: \$4,193.33

GrandTotal.....\$66,141.68

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



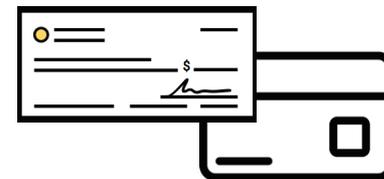
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PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for the thriving work in Jordão! PRAY for the missionary and funds needed to start a work in Santa Rosa do Purús. [PAGE 1]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD that believers in France are stepping up to the plate in John & Judy's absence! PRAY for Peggy, Judy, and John during this time. PRAY that God would help them see what He wants them to be doing in the present. [PAGE 2]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for helping them get the brakes fixed on the bus! PRAY for the seminary—for the pastors and workers who participate, the teachers and translators, and their churches. PRAY for Barb & AJ, their church, and Pastor Walmir. [PAGE 3]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD that the Radfords were able to attend the Spring Missions Conference! PRAY as Nathan discusses ministry plans for church planting with an experienced missionary. [PAGE 3]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for His patience with us! PRAY for Roger as he strives to be more like Jesus and love the Kenyan people well. [PAGE 8]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for the youth who are taking "Go Terms" and for those who have been impacted by their experience with Projeto Vida to serve abroad. PRAY as Projeto Vida teams prepare to share the Gospel in different states and assist church-planting missionaries. PRAY for Zoe. [PAGE 2]

PRAY

also for our other
faithful missionary families!

Odali & Kathy Barros

Jud & Raquel Hatcher



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Why Can't I Be More Like Jesus?



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April 26, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I've been practicing for a long time now. So, why can't I be more like Jesus?

I was standing in line waiting to go through the metal detector and into the supermarket. The line is long and moving slowly. A man walks up beside me and then deliberately steps right in front of me in the queue ("line", for you Americans). I am infuriated and say some snide comment to him about his rude and inconsiderate behavior. What is he thinking? How could he be so rude? A better question is why did I get so mad so quickly? I've been practicing for so long now. So, why can't I be more like Jesus?

It's been a long day. Julie and I decide to order chicken and chips ("fries", for you Americans) from the only place in Kitale that claims they can deliver. We've done this before and thus we don't expect any difficulty. An hour and a half later there is still no food. I call the delivery guy and ask him, Where are you? He tells me. He's about a mile from my house. How long have you been there? About an hour. What?!? Does that mean my food is cold? Yes. Why didn't you call me? He has no credit on his phone. Were you ever going to call me? How could he, as he has no credit on his phone. Why didn't you bring the food to my house? He doesn't know the way. I'm telling you now how to get here. He doesn't seem to understand. I'm telling you now how to get here in Swahili. He doesn't seem to understand. Stay where you are and I'll come to you to get the food. He grunts something unintelligible. I go to where he says he is. He isn't there. I drive around the neighborhood looking for him. I finally find him. Why didn't you stay where you were? He says he was looking for my house. I try and pay him and take the food. He has no change and I

am not at my house so I can't go in and get change either. I refuse to pay for the food because of his incompetence. I am angry and tell him to take the phone back to his manager so I can complain to her about him. How can he be so incompetent? A better question is why can't I be more like Jesus? I've been practicing at it for a long time now.

I'm at a little roadside restaurant drinking a cup of coffee and doing some work on my laptop. The man standing before me is the seventh person in the last half an hour that has stopped to talk to me. Like all the others before him he is begging for money. Like all the others before him he starts by being kind. Who am I? What am I doing here? How long have I been here? Where am I from? What is America like? Can I give him some money? I'm looking at him. He's not poor or destitute. He's not starving or sick. He's not naked and

"I've been practicing for a long time now. So, why can't I be more like Jesus?"

cold. He was just passing by and saw an expat ("foreigner", for you Americans) and saw his opportunity to possibly get a free handout. I sigh and groan. Should I go into the "dependency spiel" I went into with the 6 previous guys. No, I'm out of patience. I tell him to "get lost". How can he be so shameless, so audacious, so brazen, so insolent, so impatient? A better question is why can't I be more like Jesus? I've been practicing at it for a long time now.

Yes, all of these things happened in just the last week alone. Yet, all of these people are the people I am trying to reach here with the love of Jesus. How am I supposed to reach them with the gospel if I'm not loving them like Jesus? How can I start a church and be their pastor (hopefully more on that next month) if I can't be more like Jesus? Lord, help me to be more like Jesus so I can love your people in Kenya more. Help me be more like Jesus so the gospel here in Kitale can be more effective in people's lives. Help me be more like Jesus so that I can start a church that shines like a beacon in a dark world. Help me be more like Jesus for your glory in Kenya.

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)