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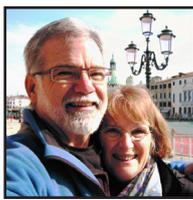
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Baptism: Unbelieving Families Hear the Gospel



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have wept a lot in the last couple of weeks. No, I am not sad, I am rejoicing. Rarely do I cry when I am sad, but when I am overwhelmed with joy the tears flow. Sunday we had a baptismal service and four young ladies were baptized. Two of these are our youngest grandchildren who live here in France. Camille is 12 years old and Emily is 10 years old. They had both trusted Christ some time ago. One of the others baptized is a college student who has come to church meetings with her family for several years as well as youth meetings. She now is a regular participant in Bible studies that Amanda has with college girls. I will tell you a bit more about the other girl.

Seven years ago I was praying for opportunities to become acquainted with people in our community in order to share the gospel with them. Judy noticed in the local paper that a choir was being formed. I inquired and decided that it would be a venue for meeting and witnessing to people. The only people that I recognized out of the 70 or so at the first practice was a couple that arrived shortly after me. They had just moved into a house about 100 feet from ours. We started going to practice together and I soon found out that he was reared in an atheist family and



she had received catholic baptism as a child. They had a boy and girl about the age of our older grandchildren here.

We invited the children to come to the next Vacation Bible School we held. They had other plans for that week but the mother asked about the Sunday classes for children. Her daughter was interested in coming. The rest of the family has never come once on Sundays but the daughter has come regularly for about 6 years. Last year her mother told me that when her daughter first started coming she was afraid of dying but that this was no longer the case.

Two weeks ago, the mother and daughter stopped by because the daughter wanted to follow the Lord in baptism and the mother said that they would like for us to use their house for the service and baptize in their pool. There were over 50 people at the service last Sunday. The son of the hosting couple

beamed the whole service and baptism live using "Skype" to both sets of grandparents. The paternal grandparents are both atheists. The message given by Philip was a clear presentation of Salvation by grace from Ephesians chapter 2. The parents were both greatly moved by the service and baptisms. Pray with us for the salvation of this entire family.

I am including pictures taken by a young married man who has been coming for about five years. He was orphaned early in life. I think he was 11 when his mother died and

13 when his father died. They both professed to be atheists. He is the husband of one of our members and hardly ever misses on Sundays or the monthly men's prayer breakfast. He has confidence that God opens doors that are good for them. Please pray for his salvation.

I am filled with joy as I see God at work in believers and touching the hearts of those who have not yet believed. Rejoicing in Southern France,
John and Judy

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was identifying the servants of the Lord (Acts 2:7,14,18). His presence and power were manifest in the apostles' wisdom and courage, as (Acts 4: 13-16) well as in their works. The Holy Spirit directed the choice (Acts 6:4-8) of the first deacons. The Holy Spirit blessed the ministry of Philip, both in public preaching and in personal (Acts 8: 5-8,26-39) evangelism. The leadership in the churches was directed by the Holy Spirit: Peter was sent to the Gentiles to the house of Cornelius (Acts 10). Barnabas was sent to Antioch (Acts 11:22-24). Paul and Barnabas were sent from the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-3). The book of Acts is the witness of the Holy Spirit as to whom God had called and set apart. The ministry of Peter is foremost

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Reaching the World's Newest Country

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May 30, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Well, out of the last 18 days I have been sick for 13 of them. First I had malaria, then a few days respite, and now for the last few days I have been supposedly battling a bad case of food poisoning (at least that's what the clinical officer surmised after she ruled out all of the other big hitters like malaria, typhoid and amoebas). I even went to bed at 8:30pm last night. 8:30pm! Well, the power had been out all day and I felt terrible, so, why not? Even as I sit and write this my stomach is rolling and rumbling.

But this update is not all about sick stomachs. No, I'd like to also tell you about one of my hermeneutics students. I have the privilege of teaching some up and coming pastors and church leaders hermeneutics (the principles of properly interpreting the Bible). I do consider this a great privilege and an extremely important task because most Kenyan pastors I know do not know how to properly interpret the Bible. They take passages wildly out of context, allegorize passages to the extreme, and twist the meanings of other passages way out of proportion. In short, the majority of Kenyan pastors completely destroy the original meaning of texts. Not all, mind you, but most (Yes, American pastors do it too!). So, what could be more important than teaching pastors how to properly interpret the Bible for

their congregations? Well, one of my students this month wasn't from Kenya. He is South Sudanese. His name is Samuel Majok and he is from the newest country on earth. Not that the South Sudanese haven't been there for centuries but just a few years ago they gained their independence from the Muslim run country of Sudan. Since then they have been plagued with civil war as warring tribes strive to gain control of the country. As a result, Samuel and his family have been

"Now I can return to my village on the Nile and properly teach my people the words of the Bible and how to properly follow Jesus." Samuel, a Hermeneutics student of Roger Tate

refugees living in a refugee camp in the desert of northern Kenya for the last five years. He is from the Dinka tribe of South Sudan and speaks the Dinka language. He is from a small fishing village on the banks of the Nile and comes from the Gam (Faith) Yornom (Baptist) Panabuna (Church) in that village. Samuel is a big man with a warm and generous smile. His English isn't great but he uses it to speak intelligently about his home country and culture. I will never forget the day Samuel approached me after class one day with

that generous smile of his. He shook my hand and looked me in the eye and said: "Thank you, Mwalimu (teacher). Now I know how I have been teaching the Bible wrong. Now I know how to interpret the Bible properly. Now I can return to my village on the Nile and properly teach my people the words of the Bible and how to properly follow Jesus. Now they will be able to properly pass these truths on to the next generation of Dinkas and the next generation of Dinkas will also be able to follow Jesus". How this thrilled my soul. To know that not only can I make an impact on the Kingdom of God in Kenya but now also what I do here can also impact the Kingdom of God and the next generation of Dinkas in South Sudan. You never know, beloved, how and where your ministry and the work you do will impact the Kingdom. Paul said to Timothy, *"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also"* (2 Timothy 2:1-2). And in this way the gospel and Kingdom of Christ spreads throughout the whole world. By the way, I've also been invited to come and teach in a Baptist church in a small fishing village on the Nile in South Sudan. I would love to go and if the Lord permits, I will. What an adventure for the Kingdom that would be!

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 Emily, Amy,
Josiah & Chloe)

in the first part of the book and the ministry of Paul is in the spotlight in the last half of the book. (Cf. Galatians 2:8) The Holy Spirit continues to call and prepare men for the ministry.

In addition to the choice and accreditation of God's servants, the Holy Spirit instructed them WHAT to do. First, they were to preach the message of Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection. They did so continually. The twelve preached on the day of Pentecost, they preached in the Temple, they preached publicly, they preached from house to house, they preached to the Samaritans, and they preached to the Gentiles. They heralded the message of Jesus Christ to the multitudes, they conversed the message of Jesus Christ privately, they told the message as they fled, as they hid, when they were free,

when they were in prison, when in court, and when shipwrecked. Secondly, they baptized the ones who believed. Churches were established and confirmed in the faith. They did not go about selling sacraments nor did they carry a pocket full (Chaucer) of pardons "hot from Rome." Their ministry was of the Word of God. No sacramental plan of salvation is led by the Holy Spirit whether it be from the church of Rome or the churches of the Reformation. Preach the Word! because "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" is the Spirit's instruction.

Not the least among the works of the Holy Spirit was His guidance concerning where and to whom to preach. He instructed the apostles to preach to Jew and Gentile. The twelve were reluctant to preach to the Gentiles—Peter being the most reluctant. But it

was to Peter the keys of the Kingdom were given and he must be the one to use them. He and John (Acts 8:14-15) went to Samaria to verify the salvation of the Samaritans. It was righteous Peter who was sent first to the Gentiles—to the (Acts 10) house of Cornelius. After the vision in Joppa, Peter was sent to Caesarea with a zeal and enthusiasm equaled only by the prophet Jonas on his way to preach at Nineveh. But, the Holy Spirit taught him well and Peter learned the truth—Jesus died for Gentiles, also. Peter's witness concerning the Gentiles was vital (Acts 11 & 15). The Holy Spirit led and directed the work of Paul. He did not permit the apostle (Acts 16:7) to go into Asia. He led him into Macedonia through a vision (Acts 16:9). The leadership of the Holy Spirit is just as vital to God's messengers today.



Unrest in Kitale; Returning to the States Early



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Dear praying friends,

We hope this update finds each of you doing well. Thanks again so much to each one who prays for us, gives sacrificially, or writes a note of encouragement. You are each such a blessing to us.

We've needed to make the sudden decision to return to the States early for our furlough. For the past many weeks there have been incidents of robberies/thefts, etc. in the Kitale area. This is not unusual for this time of year as food from the previous harvest becomes lacking and people lack income. Unfortunately, this causes many people to turn to stealing and other forms of crime. This usually lasts for a very short period of time and then things return to normal. However, this year has been different. The thieves are now scheming and planning. For instance, they are stealing fuses out of electricity boxes so that people will be without power in the evenings so that they can break into homes and steal. Also, we have been told that some are posing as employees of the power company to gain access to people's homes. So, as I said, this year is different and heightened than in previous years.

My wife and I knew this stuff was going on, but until recently it hadn't really affected us. As I reported in a previous letter, a group of guys came in the morning a few weeks ago, armed with machete type weapons, threatened our day guard, and shook the gate so hard it nearly came off the hinges. This was obviously concerning, not the least of which was the fact that it occurred during the morning, which is extremely unusual. The thugs mentioned the name of a tenant who lived in our house about 8 years ago. The thugs said they were coming to collect their things from him. We contacted the previous tenant and he said

he has no idea what these thugs were talking about as he had never worked with them before.

Now rumors are circulating that this tenant buried money on our compound and the thugs are trying to get it. Since the first attack on our compound, there have been multiple other attempts, such as breaking through the wood fence and hedges that surround our compound, using floodlights to shine light into our compound to see where things are located and what the security is, meeting in groups outside our gate and taking the fuse from our transformer multiple times so that our power would be out. We have 2 excellent guard dogs and we have obviously taken extra security measures so I feel we have done all we can to protect ourselves. We have been targeted over the past few weeks and we are struggling with the reason why. We have lived in our house for 3 years without any problems so we don't understand what has happened recently to trigger all this unrest.

When we contacted our mission in America, we all agreed that my family is not safe at this time and that we need to begin closing down and come home earlier than planned for furlough. As such, my family has already left. I am now staying in a different, secure location for a few weeks to shut

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Nathan Radford, Kenya

down. Closing down for furlough is a very big job and there is much to do. Please pray for me, that I would be able to close down quickly and rejoin my family. My wife and I believe this is very unusual for Kitale and that things will settle. Kitale is generally very quiet and peaceful. There are security companies in town that are very aware of the situation and police are patrolling in the night. I am sure the thugs' luck will run out and they will be caught. There is a proverb in Swahili, "Siku za mwizi ni arobaini." "The days of a thief are forty." Meaning, their time will end and they will be caught.

We know the Lord has called us to Kenya, and we desire to serve Him faithfully in Kitale. Please pray that

these thieves will be caught soon and things will go back to normal. I have every expectation that this will be so. I have a good Kenyan friend who also believes this will calm and things will go back to normal. I plan to return to the States later in June, Lord willing. Our current needs would be for housing in West Virginia. Anything in the Charleston/Saint Albans/Teays Valley area would be very helpful. We would need the housing starting from early September. Also, if anyone has a minivan they are interested in selling, or knows of one for sale, we would appreciate any leads. We truly need a minivan, considering our family and all that is needed to transport. These are all our needs that we are trusting God with at this time. He is so faithful and we know He will provide. Please email me if you are able to assist with any of these current needs we have.

Please pray for the country of Kenya, and also for Kitale, that things will settle soon. We trust God with all these things and by faith, we believe He will work out all things for His good and glory. Our God is sovereign, reigns above all, and nothing takes Him by surprise. Nothing is too hard for Him. We trust Him completely, and we know that He is working even in the situations that are going on now all around us. Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for Me?"

Serving in Kenya,
Nathan & Carrie Radford

"If we love God's fame and are committed to magnifying His Name above all things,

we cannot be indifferent to world missions."

-John Piper



Full Missions Conference; Other Twin Saved; Rare Family Time



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Dear Brethren,

We moved up our annual missions conference this year to coincide with the church's birthday. The church was founded by Joseph Brandon on May 12, 1929 with 13 members. We are now 87, still young and growing. We started the activities off with a banquet for all of our missionaries, chapel pastors, pastors and the wives. Then we had four days of classes and services. The first night was about the church, her history and where we are planning to go. We closed out with a special night dedicated to our missionaries and their service. The building was full every night, but on Sunday night many people were turned away as there just wasn't any way to get even up to the doors. The church had the children take up a special offering for our missionaries. They carried several fish nets around as the members used "fish" envelopes to put in their gifts. We were able to give each of our 10 missionaries a couple hundred dollars extra before they returned to their fields. This was pretty good, given the economic downturn (huge understatement) that we are in right now. On the final night we had one of our men surrender as a missionary. Now we have three to send, but are short of funding, so please pray that things will turn around soon.

A couple of months ago I told you about the twins from the Kaxinauá tribe. Damiana was saved and I baptized her. Her sister Cosma was



A group of children singing a song about missions at First Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul

reading her Bible day and night. Well I just got word that she has been saved! In fact, there is another little side story to go along with this good news. A few weeks ago I was in a little hardware store downtown. It is a long narrow thing, old style where the owner sits at his desk near the door. There is a narrow passage between his desk and a jumble of motors, pumps and chainsaws. There was a family of Indians standing right there talking. I was on the inside waiting to get out. There was what appeared to be mom, dad and kids of different ages jabbering away in their native language. I just stood

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there smiling and waiting for an opening. The store owner's wife informed me that they were planning on buying a motor. Then one of the children looked at me, grinned real big and said to mom and dad, "Pastor Miguel". I shook everybody's hands, but still didn't know whom I was talking to. Then dad said in Portuguese, with a very heavy accent, "We are Cosma and Damiana's family. You baptized our daughter. She is very happy." We then proceeded to get caught up on all the news from their tribe way up river in Peru. It was a really fun experience to finally meet the rest of the girl's family. Pray that the rest of them will be saved.

Our daughter Monica and her daughter Isabella came down to visit us. Monica had not been here since 2008 and Isabella, who is just 5, came for her first visit. We had 9 of our 11 grands together for a short 6 days. Talk about a party! All of us had a good time, playing ball, boating,

swimming and camping. Melany (one of Andrew's girls) and Adriel (one of Crissy's boys) got really attached to Isabella and she to them. When it was time to say goodbye, things got really tense and sad. We miss them a bunch and will have to wait no telling how many years to get together again. Many times folks talk about the sacrifices that missionaries make to be on the field for life. Most of the time people are thinking about material comforts that must be given up. We never give that a second thought. The distance between family members though, is hard to cope with.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

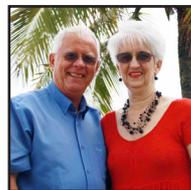
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Darrell Messer • Jim Orrick • Dave Parks • David Pitman • George Sledd • Sheridan Stanton • Steve Wainright

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



Blessed with 50 Years of Marriage



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June 9, 2016

A month that is moving quickly!!!

Friends and family,

Well, for it not to be a busy month we have not had time to breathe. First we have poured cement for the pulpit area. We formed it up and had lots of help mixing the cement by hand. With over 12 men working we made fast work of it. It only took 6 hours or a little more. God is AWESOME!!!!!! This area along with the floor of the sanctuary is now ready for the tile workers that will come in July. We want to say a special THANKS to those of you who helped with the cost of the stuccoing of the walls. They are now done and sealed and painted. The man who painted for us is a recent convert. You see, we had a vision campaign and Jerry came to have his eyes checked and got more than he came for. Pastor Walmir talked with him while he was waiting for his eye exam and he came to church the next week. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and is now being

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disciplined by Pastor Walmir. Along with a new heart, he got new glasses to help his vision. He, along with 3 others, will be baptized in July. How AWESOME is the God we serve!

We were needing some upgrades on our sound system, so this past week we purchased a snake and outlet box with 20 outlets. We were able to use it this week. It will need lots of refining and we need lots of prayers. We have had lots of help getting this system together and especially lots of help in the purchasing part. God is good.

Our Sunday School areas upstairs are being readied for painting and we are completing two bathrooms also. We are at a standstill waiting for the money for the fixtures for the bathrooms. Just another month here on the mission field. You have to decide which of your projects are the most pressing and wait to see which one God provides the money for. Speaking of money: our church sits on the very edge of the road and when we open the overhead doors we get lots of road noise. This creates the need for glass doors to cut some of this noise so we can have a service with less distractions. We have priced these types of doors and the cost will be



A surprise presentation for AJ & Barb's 50th wedding anniversary at Igreja Batista Caraguá

\$1,500.00. Pray with us for this need and if God leads you to help with this need we want to thank you in advance.

Well, for Barb and I, the 4th of June was a milestone—an AWESOME milestone. We celebrated our 50th wedding Anniversary!!! We are totally blessed. The Lord has blessed us tremendously: raising a family, working, retiring, serving the Lord as missionaries here in Brasil after retirement. God is totally AWESOME!!!!!! For those of you who are nearing retirement, or are retired, talk to me about how you can be a bigger part of God's work on the mission field. It could be full-time or part-time. God can always use you in

His work.

I think I am recovering well from my surgery and I think that I will be ready for the radiation treatments in August. Continue to pray for this to be the case. We are trying to get tickets for the last of July or the first of August.

Vacation time has gotten here and if you don't have plans for yours, we are always looking for some idle hands to put to work. The bed is turned down and I will turn the light on on the front porch. Come on down.

In His service,
Aj and Barb



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John Mark Hatcher, France



View more pictures from our missionaries' letters on our Faith Works Blog!

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May 2016 Offerings



General Fund

Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH	400.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Auditorium Class)	97.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH (Berean Class)	56.00
Ahava BC, Plant City, FL	100.00
Alexander, Denzel, Melbourne, FL (Giving Friend)	50.00
Antioch BC, Ona, WV	200.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY (Giving Friends)	150.00
Beech Grove BC, Crab Orchard, KY	180.00
Beech Grove BC, Frametown, WV	100.00
Berea BC, Hiddenite, NC	675.00
Berry BC, Berry, KY	400.00
Beverly, June, S. Charleston, WV (Giving Friend)	200.00
Bible BC, Clarksville, TN	325.00
Bible BC, Portage, IN	200.00
Bohon Road BC, Harrodsburg, KY	400.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	380.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	2,193.65
Carver, Louie & Mary, Simpsonville, SC (Giving Friends)	50.00
Casada, Mark & Sheryl, Manhattan, KS (Giving Friends)	100.00
Cedar Creek BC, Cedarville, WV	100.00
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
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	290.00
Emmanuel BC, Irvine, KY	200.00
Fairview Missionary BC, Willow Wood, OH	400.00
Faith BC, Kirksville, MO	209.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL	400.00
First BC, Science Hill, KY	225.00
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV	100.00
Foster, Peggy, Evansville, IN (Giving Friend)	50.00
Friend In Virginia	610.00
Giving Friend	220.00
Goldfloss BC, Winston Salem, NC	25.00
Goodsprings BC, Rogersville, AL	642.61
Grace BC, Beattyville, KY	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH	125.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	300.00
Hardman Fork BC, Normantown, WV	1,800.00
Hatcher, Philip, Newburgh, IN (Giving Friend)	300.00
Hensley, A.J. & Barbara, Caraguatubata, Brasil (Giving Friends)	60.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	1,307.01
Isbell Chapel BC, Tuscumbia, AL	70.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL	60.00
Kahut, Donald, Xenia, OH (Giving Friend)	100.00
Keen, Victor & Leanore, Chester, NJ (Giving Friends)	300.00
Kentucky Giving Friends	500.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL (Giving Friends)	180.00
Lake Road BC, Clio, MI	270.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Mt. Zion, WV	130.00
Mansfield Baptist Temple, Mansfield, OH	50.00
Matthews Memorial Church, Stevenson, AL	50.00
McCall, Charles & Violet, Maysville, KY (Giving Friends)	150.00
Morris, Byron & Alma, Wichita, KS (Giving Friends)	100.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV	700.00
Mt. Pisgah Bapt. Association, Normantown, WV (Dawson BC)	250.00
Mt. Pisgah Missionary BC, Grafton, OH	200.00
New Hope BC, Dearborn Heights, MI	60.00
New Life BC, Lexington, KY	490.00
Oak Grove BC, Normantown, WV	100.00
Old Mount Zion Church, Wayne City, IL	200.00
Redding, Warren & Barbara, Cumming, GA (Giving Friends)	200.00
Rocky Springs Missionary BC, Gray, TN	100.00
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	2,000.00

Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	2,000.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN	120.00
Sims, James, Rock Hill, SC (Giving Friend)	1,000.00
Trumbo, Floyd & Flora, Upton, KY (Giving Friends)	100.00
Union BC, Russell Springs, KY	50.00
Valley View BC, Richmond, KY	10.00
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
Zimmerman, Donald & Carolyn, Lexington, KY (Giving Friends)	50.00
York, Doris, Princeton, KY (Giving Friend)	200.00

TOTAL: \$ 24,125.27

In Memorium

IN MEMORY OF:

Anonymous	John VanMeter	500.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	Irene Orrick	50.00
Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	Georgia Bailey	50.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	Z.E. Clark	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 700.00

Spring Conference Offerings

Designated for Missionaries' Conference Travel Expenses

Cash Gifts	1,060.00
Miller, Jim, Gray, TN	1,000.00
North Carolina Giving Friends	200.00
Wainright, Steve & Lydia, Lexington, KY	75.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,335.00

Thanksgiving Offering

Anonymous	50.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	100.00
Branson, Daniel & Patricia, Allen, KY	10.00

TOTAL: \$ 160.00

Founder's Day Offering

Patrick, Marianne Walker, Madison, FL	41.00
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TOTAL: \$ 41.00

Bibles for India (Louis Maple Memorial Fund)

Anonymous	100.00
Blake, Stephen & Eva, Lexington, KY	10.00
Crank, Harold & Georgia, Crab Orchard, KY	300.00
Eaton, Caleb, Mt. Vernon, KY	35.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI	30.00
Keith, Shirley, Lexington, KY	20.00
Kinnett, Doris, West Harrison, IN	100.00
Ojibwe BC of Rosebush, Rosebush, MI	45.00
Reese, Patty Lou, Mount Vernon, KY	80.00
River City BC, Louisville, KY	50.00
Todd, Reda V, Chattanooga, TN	15.00
Turk, Susan Rosalie, Wichita Falls, TX	50.00
Weitz, Michael & Linda, Cincinnati, OH	30.00
Wings Bearing Precious Seed, Mt. Vernon, KY	2,500.00

TOTAL: \$ 3,365.00

Odali Barros

Adams, William & Arbia, Lexington, KY	As Needed	100.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	As Needed	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Harmony BC, Frankfort, KY		100.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY	A&O	15.00
Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Mt. Zion, WV	A&O	25.00
McKinley, Carl & Julia, Cecilia, KY		10.00

TOTAL: \$ 680.00

Michael Creiglow

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH	New Work	200.00
Calvary BC, Richmond, KY	Andrew Creiglow	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS	Food Pantry	174.91
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Faith Missionary BC, Leighton, AL		300.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		75.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Proctor, Evelyn, Clermont, FL		50.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,379.91

John A. Hatcher

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
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TOTAL: \$ 80.00

Paul Hatcher

Concord BC, Leesville, SC	Seminary-Manaus	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
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

TOTAL: \$ 580.00

Judson Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		140.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		100.00

TOTAL: \$ 370.00

John Mark Hatcher

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous Giving Friend	Personal	50.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Emmanuel BC, Evansville, IN	Personal	600.00
Evans, James & Carolyn, Evansville, IN	Personal	100.00
Grace BC, Fairborn, OH		75.00
King, Doug & Ramona, Arcadia, FL	As Needed	20.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Nussmeier, Brian & Sheryl, Evansville, IN		25.00
Shofner, Frank & Sylvia, Evansville, IN	Personal	180.00
Trabant, Michelle, Chandler, IN	Personal	130.00
Warren, John & Vickie, Evansville, IN		50.00

TOTAL: \$ 1,610.00

A.J. Hensley

Baker, Karl & Rebecca, Georgetown, KY	As Needed	50.00
Calvary BC, Shreveport, LA		200.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	As Needed	80.00
Elliott BC, Grenada, MS		174.91
Flug, Jerry & Billie, Chesapeake, VA	Special Project	50.00
Gerth, Arthur & Brenda, Versailles, KY	As Needed	30.00
Heritage BC, Lexington, KY		15.00
Immanuel BC, Monticello, KY	School	75.00
Joiner, Charles & Kandace, Centerville, GA	Vocational School	50.00

Kentucky Giving Friends	Church Wall	1,000.00
Lear, Margaret, Lexington, KY	Personal	25.00
Mt. Eden BC, Hawesville, KY		150.00
Pleasant Ridge BC, Lexington, KY	Personal	300.00
Poe, Dane & Connie, Lexington, KY	New Work	50.00

Rightway Drywall Inc, Macon, GA	Personal	1,550.00
Second BC, Warner Robins, GA		200.00
Sewell, Jennifer, Monroe, MI	For Mary & Walmir	60.00
Suburban Christian Church, Virginia Beach, VA	Special Project	458.50
Thompson, Paul & Virginia, Winchester, KY	Feed The Kids	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,618.41



Nathan Radford

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Addyston BC, Addyston, OH	<i>Carrie Radford</i>	50.00
Allbritton, Tommy & Barbara, Scott Depot, WV		60.00
Anonymous		300.00
Anonymous		300.00
Bush, Dale & Pamela, Richmond, KY	<i>Where Needed</i>	50.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	<i>Special Offering</i>	380.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Cullen, Tom & Laura, Letart, WV		50.00
Danielson, Betty, Titusville, PA		20.00
Elizabeth BC, Bancroft, WV		200.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	<i>As Needed</i>	100.00
Fairview Bible Church, Letart, WV		100.00
Faith BC, Wilmington, OH		133.33
First BC Of Buffalo, Buffalo, WV		60.00
Furnas, Grant & Linda, Crestwood, KY		40.00
God's Lighthouse Church, Cross Lanes, WV		100.00
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
Huguenin, Ben & Lisa, Mt. Airy, MD		40.00
Johnson, Danny & Catherine, Deland, FL	<i>Children's Ministry</i>	20.00
Jordan BC, Sanford, FL		200.00
Kibbey, Bart & Frances, Pittsfield, PA		150.00
Kincaid, John & Jane, Scott Depot, WV		50.00
Lemkuhl, Louise, Scott Depot, WV		10.00
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		205.00
Mitchell, Matthew & Holly, Ossian, IN		150.00
Nizio, James & Victoria, Dearborn, MI		35.00
Otterbein United Methodist Church, Pittsfield, PA		464.00
Parker, Steven, Burlington, IA		10.00
Rawley, Philip & Sarah, Rockwall, TX		400.00
Ripley Tabernacle BC, Ripley, WV		50.00
Rollins, David & Patricia, Hurricane, WV		50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI	<i>Gift</i>	50.00
Sahlberg, William & Janet, Coopersville, MI		25.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		50.00
Sheriff, Richard & Laurie, Clarendon, PA		400.00
Smith, Doug & Anna, Hurricane, WV		60.00
Victory BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Wade, James, Abingdon, VA		50.00
Wells, James & Jill, Nitro, WV	<i>Personal</i>	40.00
Wright, Randy & Teresa, Hurricane, WV		138.00
TOTAL: \$ 6,145.33		

Roger Tate

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		200.00
Anonymous	<i>Personal</i>	200.00
Anonymous		300.00
Bethany Regular BC, McDermott, OH		50.00
Calvary BC, Hurricane, WV	<i>Special Offering</i>	380.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH		50.00
Calvary BC, West Branch, MI		375.00
Calvary BC, West Branch, MI	<i>Personal Gift</i>	1,000.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Cornerstone BC, Cincinnati, OH		100.00
Covenant BC, Dayton, OH		400.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		500.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH	<i>As Needed</i>	260.00
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		75.00
Grace Missionary BC, Wyandotte, MI		175.00

Hillcrest BC, Winston-Salem, NC		50.00
Liberty Missionary BC, Mt. Zion, WV		25.00
Messer, Kevin, Dayton, OH	<i>Personal</i>	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
Rosedale BC, Rosedale, WV	<i>As Needed</i>	400.00
Seventh Street BC, Cannelton, IN		150.00
Skidway Lake BC, Prescott, MI		50.00
TOTAL: \$ 5,655.00		

Bobby Wacaser

Addyston BC, Addyston, OH		100.00
Bell Shoals BC, Brandon, FL	<i>New Work</i>	500.00
Bolan, Paul, Clearwater, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	30.00
Calvary BC, Piqua, OH		50.00
Christmas, Bruce, Lithia, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	100.00
Concord BC, Leesville, SC	<i>As Needed</i>	80.00
Denney, Garron, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	100.00
Emmanuel BC, Bellbrook, OH		50.00
Fellowship BC, Brinson, GA		83.33
Flores, Esther, Valrico, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	50.00
Friendship BC, Bristol, VA		50.00
Lazzara, Richard, Valrico, FL		100.00
Mount Calvary BC, Charleston, WV		100.00
Perkins, Thomas & Janelle, Valrico, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	25.00
Renckens, Kevin, Brandon, FL	<i>Projeto Vida</i>	200.00
Richland BC, Livermore, KY	<i>As Needed</i>	150.00
TOTAL: \$ 1,768.33		

Grand Total.....\$ 53,613.25

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



CORRECTION:

The designations for the "In Memorium" contributions were omitted in the June 2016 issue.

They have been re-printed below in their entirety.

In Memorium

IN MEMORY OF:

Orrick, Jim, Pewee Valley, KY	<i>Irene Orrick</i>	50.00
Overbey, Dale & Doris, Valparaiso, IN	<i>Del Mayfield</i>	100.00

TOTAL: \$ 150.00

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The greatest need each month is for the General Fund.





PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD for a full missions conference. PRAY for those who are waiting to be sent to the field. PRAISE GOD for saving Cosma! PRAY for all our missionaries as they are apart from their families. [PAGE 4]

► **JOHN & ALTA HATCHER:** Read about how missions is God's work. PRAISE GOD for the wisdom God has given them that they gladly share with us! [PAGE 8]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for the baptisms of the four young ladies! PRAY their families would trust in Christ. PRAY also for the salvation of the young married man. [PAGE 1]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for the man who was saved at their eye clinic! PRAY as they learn how to use the new sound system. PRAY God will provide the funds for the doors they need. PRAISE GOD for 50 years of marriage! [PAGE 5]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for His sovereignty! PRAY that Nathan would be able to wrap things up quickly in Kenya to join his family for furlough. PRAY that things in Kenya will settle. [PAGE 3]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for the opportunity to teach pastors and church leaders hermeneutics! PRAY specifically that the Lord would use the truths Samuel has learned to reach South Sudan for His glory. [PAGE 2]

PRAY also for our other faithful missionary families!

- Odali & Kathy Barros
- Jud & Raquel Hatcher
- Paul & Wanda Hatcher



Missions is About God's Work

The Challenge of Missions — Part 6



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Although men are indispensable to the work of missions, it is no human project. Love drew Salvation's plan—eternal Love—long before man was brought on the scene. It is His plan for men to be shareholders in all that He is and has. "Let us make man in our own image," said the Tri-personal God. "One that is like us who will be able to participate in and enjoy all that is ours." Man would be able to be in God's presence and enjoy communion with Him. Man was made to be free, but, his allegiance had to be voluntary. This makes the testing of man's will not only a possibility; but a necessity. For this reason the arch enemy was allowed to enter man's domain. Man's will was on trial.

Man failed to make the right choice and forfeited his dominion to the ruler of darkness. Why was man created so he could sin? Here enters the debates about free will. C. S. Lewis wrote, "When we have understood about free will, we shall see how silly it is to ask, as someone asked me: Why did God make man of such rotten stuff that it went wrong? The better stuff a creature is made of—the cleverer and stronger it is—and the better it will be if it goes right, but, also, the worse it will be if it goes wrong. A cow cannot be very good or very bad; a dog can be both better or worse; a child better or worse still; an ordinary man, still more so; a man of genius, still more so; a superhuman spirit—best or worse—of all." Satan went bad and man went bad because he chose to follow him. Due to man's choice, eternal punishment, determined for Satan and his angels, became the lot of sinful man. Justice so demanded.

However, God is, more than Justice. He is Love and Mercy. He had another plan built upon the person of the Son. That project included grace and mercy for those under eternal judgment. There would be redemption for the cursed. —"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." 1 John 3:1 To justify sinners and be perfectly just, God gave His own Son to redeem men from the curse of sin. Romans 5:26

The Damascus Road experience of Saul of Tarsus shows that missions is God's project. The glory of the risen Lord cast a blinded Saul to the ground. "And a voice said to him, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutes thou me?' and he said 'Who art thou Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecute.' Saul had

persecuted the servants of Christ—the church—but in reality he was warring against Jesus, for He indwells His servants and His churches. Missionaries, get this into your minds and hearts. Missions is God's work and when people despise you, they are despising the Lord. When God's people and churches neglect this work they are neglecting the work of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit made this clear as he led Luke to write the book of Acts. It is the evidence that Missions is God's work, and is under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught this to the apostles before returning to Heaven. "And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that he might abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth; who the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but ye know him for he dwells with you and shall be in you. (John 14:16-17) Jesus said the world would not receive (be able to take) the Holy Spirit. Then Judas, not Iscariot, asked how the Comforter could come and be known to them and not to the world. To this question Jesus replied, "If any man love me he will keep my words and my Father will love him, and we will come and make our abode with him...These things I have spoken unto you, being present with you. But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, which I have said unto you." (John 14:23-26) In Chapters Fifteen and Sixteen of the book of John, Jesus continues His teaching about the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit. In His last conversation with the apostles Jesus made it clear there would be a change of Leadership from the Son to the Holy Spirit. "And being assembled together with them, commanded that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which ye have heard from me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence...but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. "(Acts 1:4,5,8)

The Holy Spirit came as promised. His coming was evidenced by miraculous gifts given to the apostles. They spoke in tongues without having studied them. They received the power to heal, to prophecy, to discern spirits, as well as other gifts. The Holy Spirit

directed the apostles and the churches in the apostolic period concerning the work of God.

First, the Holy Spirit identified and accredited those chosen as apostles, His church, who were to do His work. Peter stood with the eleven and declared that the Holy Spirit

**Preach the Word!
because "faith
comes by hearing
and hearing by the
Word of God" is the
Spirit's instruction.**

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Founder's Day Offering *June 2016*

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

For many years, we have remembered and honored our principal founders, Hafford Overbey and Z. E. Clark, by giving special offerings for the missionaries during the month of June. We call it our FOUNDER'S DAY OFFERING. But, the Founder's Day Offering not only memorializes our original founders in 1942 – we are also honoring our ten faithful missionary families who are currently serving the Lord in Brazil, France, and Kenya – and who have also established on-going indigenous church-planting churches in Peru, Honduras, South Korea, and the Philippines. We use the Founder's Day Offering to help supply our missionaries' monthly essential living and ministry support. And, these offerings will also help prevent our having to reduce the monthly commitments we have made to them due to a lack of General Fund supplies.

Here's what each of us can do:

PASTORS – we encourage you to observe a special Missions or Great Commission Emphasis Sunday and give your church the opportunity to give to the BFM General Fund. Emphasize Jesus' command to preach His Gospel to all nations. That is what our missionaries are doing. That is the original burden and vision that inspired the founding of BFM. We are continuing to perpetuate that vision and burden. That is what we are supporting when we give to BFM's General Fund. We will use these offerings to continue to supply our missionaries' on-going needs.

GIVING FRIENDS – if your church is not participating in our Founder's Day Offering, we encourage you to support your missionaries by giving a personal offering. You can visit our Donate/Support page to easily contribute through the options we have made available to you.

Of course, you can give as the Lord enables you to give, and no offering of any amount is insignificant. But what if every one of our missionaries' Giving Friends gave at least a \$70 offering in honor of the 70+ years our missionaries have been faithfully preaching the Gospel? But – please do give as the Lord impresses and enables you.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto

Jesus, the Author & Finisher of our faith.

{ Hebrews 12:1-2 }

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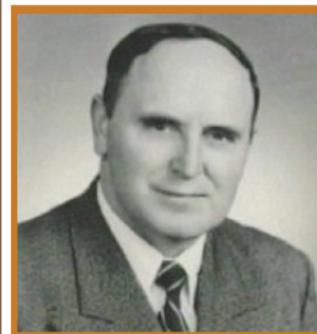
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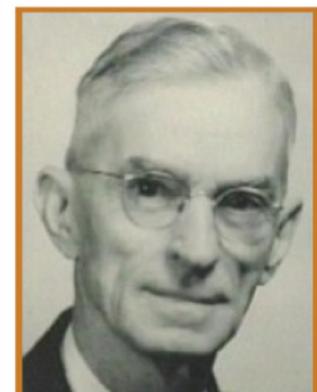
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