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Josiah Tate is our latest recipient of the *H. H. Overbey Scholarship* for the upcoming 2020-21 academic year. Josiah is the son of our missionaries, Roger and Julie Tate. He has served with his family in Kenya since his childhood and will be entering Cedarville University in August ... as God makes the way for him to travel from there to here.

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We encourage you to pray for Josiah and also for his parents and family as they are separated from one another.

And, if you wish to contribute to the *H. H. Overbey Scholarship Fund* to assist Josiah and others of our missionaries' children in future academic years, designate your contributions for "H. H. Overbey Scholarship Fund." These funds are supplied

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You may read Josiah's personal salvation and service testimony here:

Career Goals and Professional Aspirations

My name is Josiah Tate, and I'm not quite sure exactly what career I want to go into. I've always had carpentry, civil engineering, and youth ministry on the list of ideas. Career choosing has never been set in stone for me, and I've never really felt like God has revealed that to me yet. What I do know is that no matter what career I find myself in 10 years from now I have only one main goal: to praise God through it all. No matter what we choose to go into in this life, everything should point to God and His love for us. I don't just want to be able to succeed in whatever career I end up choosing, but I also want to do it whole heartily. God tells us that whatever we do, we need to do with our whole hearts and with all our effort. It's not just about excelling at what you do that counts, but about working hard and giving God the glory that really matters. I want to make sure that I am worshiping God through my career, showing His

Also, we have granted Amy Tate another \$1000 toward her upcoming 2020-21 academic year. We are so proud of and thankful for them both - and we urge you to pray for them both and consider contributing to the *H. H. Overbey Scholarship Fund*.

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love, grace, and mercy in all that I do. Spreading his good news to workers and others around me should be my main priority, for that is the main goal.

Many feel that the only way to worship God in their jobs is to become a missionary or a pastor, or something to do with the church in some sort of fashion, but that is not what I have found. If I do choose to go into carpentry for example, I could create things that have biblical messages in them; things that tell a story, that can lift others up. I can worship God in engineering as well; it could be as simple as talking to workers around you about your faith and your story. That can have the same effect as being a missionary somewhere far away in a remote place. No matter where I go or what I do, there will always be people around me to talk to and get to know. Many will not be Christian, and that is the perfect opportunity to spread the love of Christ to those around me. Being a Christian leader doesn't always mean that you are in a leadership position. You can be a good Christian leader by leading by example: living your life in a way that is pleasing to God. If you do this, it cannot go unnoticed. People will start to get curious and ask questions providing the perfect

opportunity to share your faith with non-believers around you. You can also help lift up other believers as well. You can become friends with those who are struggling with their faith and together become stronger and closer to God through all the hardships this world likes to throw at us. So, no matter what career you choose to go into, you can find people to share God's love with, and that is what I want to be known for.

Most people do want to get wealthy through their job/career. I am no different, though my desire of what to do with that money may differ from some. I do know that all the wealth I attain in my lifetime is not mine but God's who has given it to me to use in His name, and I should treat it as such. I want all that I make to be used for God's glory either funding hospitals, children homes, or supporting missionaries. Money and wealth is not to be worshiped, it is just a thing that we use to measure power, and I know that it can be used for bad, but it can also be used for good. God could even call me to sell everything and become a missionary myself; but, whatever money I obtain, I want it to be used in a way that is worthy of God's love and approval.



"And...they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." -Acts 14:27

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as they prayerfully make decisions.*

CHALLENGING TIMES IN KITALE


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June 5, 2020

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and we are nearly halfway into 2020. Hard to believe.

What a year this has been, especially with the coronavirus. It has been challenging here the past few weeks, which I will explain shortly. May God bless each of you for your prayers, sacrificial giving, and interest in work here. We know it is truly sacrificially giving at this time and we appreciate it so much.

To say that things have been abnormal the last few weeks would be an understatement.

There are many police at the entrance to town, and there is a 7 pm curfew. Also, Nairobi, the capital city, is locked down and has been for the past several weeks. It is difficult to get entry, and from my understanding, you have to have special permission. International flights have also

been restricted and are much more expensive to purchase than previously.

Schools, churches, and other public gatherings have also been locked down the past few weeks.

From what we hear on the news, the virus is spreading rapidly in the slum areas, mainly Kibera in Nairobi. Of course, this makes sense as the people there live so closely together, making it difficult to restrict the spread of the virus there. Kibera is one of the largest slums in Africa and has had many visitors over the years. I (Nathan) visited it years ago and found it really interesting to see the culture and lifestyle there. Kawangware is another big slum area in Nairobi. As I said, the numbers of those infected with the virus are rising rapidly. The President will be making an announcement in the next few days about whether things may begin to reopen or not. Please be praying for us and all the other missionaries here at this time, as it stretching our faith, teaching us patience, and relying upon God. Nahum 1:7 says "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble;

and He knoweth them that trust in him." Also, Psalm 27:1, which says "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" These are comforting verses at this challenging time.

I (Nathan) have tried evangelize and pass out Swahili tracts as I go out, and spread the Gospel message. Most normalcy is gone at the moment but that does not mean the Gospel cannot still go forth. Praise the Lord for the opportunities He gives us to serve.

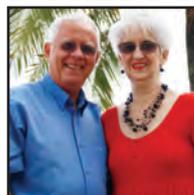
My wife continues to homeschool our daughters. She is enjoying it and the girls are doing well in their studies. This has been a challenging and anxious time for them, as we simply don't have the answers at present and have to trust the Lord.

We are thinking of and praying for you all in America as well at this challenging time.

May we trust God each step of the way, as He is in control. We will keep you updated and appreciate each of you so much.

In Kenya,
Nathan and Carrie Radford

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Friends and family,

Serving as a missionary has been and is one of the most AWESOME things of my life. Though there have been some bumps on the road, the love of this calling is still AWESOME. These last three years have been filled with more bumps than the others. First there was the discovery of cancer, the operation of the cancer (they did not get all the cancer with this surgery), then after the waiting time for the surgery to heal, I had 38 radiation treatments—and to further assure that the cancer was gone, they started injections in the stomach of hormones for a year (this was more painful than any of the other treatments).

We do not always know what God

has in store for our lives, but we know that He is in control. After all this I was sure that God was not finished with me yet. So instead of planting churches, my focus has moved to equipping the pastors and church workers with a seminary to train them in the Word. So, the way of doing God's work has changed, not our focus.

As we enter into the second year of the seminary there is another bump in our road. The COVID-19 virus. As you know, this has changed all our lives and our way of life. So, we have had to cancel all the classes for 2020. Not only has COVID-19 changed our lives, but also the lives of the Brazilians. So, now we can no longer go to Brazil, and when the virus reaches Brazil, they are like Americans, they are quarantined and without work. This all means that we cannot go to Brazil, but even if we could, the pastors will not have any money to pay for their courses. Now we are using this time to plan

for next year. And boy, what a year it will be. So that we can make up the year we are losing this year, we are looking at having 20 classes in 2021. This means that we have to schedule the classes back-to-back so that I will be able to accompany each of the American professors.

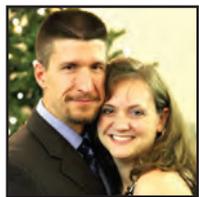
We will be allowed to conduct 7 of the classes in the virtual format. This is something that we have been working on since the virus. The rest of the classes will be held in seven different locations. These will be with the professors, the translators, and me.

Well, I have seemed to ramble, but all to show that even though we have been in quarantine, we have continued to work.

We need much prayer for these plans to go forward smoothly. So please get on your knees and lift us up to the Lord because we know the AWESOME God that is in charge, and He knows the plans He has for our lives.

In His service,
Aj and Barb

WITH BAD NEWS ALL AROUND, THE GOOD NEWS STILL STANDS



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Unfortunately, this month's newsletter is mostly just bad news. I wish I could say otherwise but the truth is the truth - Corona is wreaking havoc on our ministries here. Churches, schools and government offices are all closed so you can imagine what effects that is having on us.

Bad news #1: Government offices still closed. My work permit officially expired back in March. I had already filed to renew it and it was "accepted". However, the offices closed before I could receive my paperwork. Where is my paperwork now? I don't know. What does that mean for my status as a resident in Kenya? I don't know

that either.

Bad news #2: Schools are still closed. If you've been following our newsletters on a monthly basis you know that for the last two years Julie has been working diligently and feverishly as the Head Teacher of the newly started Milimani Christian Homeschooling Community (MCHC), a project started by some of our dear Kenyan friends here in Kitale. We didn't start this school, nor does it belong to us, but Julie especially has been very instrumental in getting it off the ground and keeping it running. It obviously means a great deal to us. When Corona hit Kenya, this school was also shut down. The implications of this are grave. With no school fees coming in the teachers cannot be paid and the rent for the property has not been paid for months. While the directors of the school are trying to get extensions for the lease, the landlady has not been compliant and is demanding all back payments as well. I do not see how the school as a

business survives this Corona Virus. There is simply no cash flow and the property almost certainly will be lost unless something miraculous happens. The imminent demise of the school is a source of much pain for Julie especially.

Bad news #3: Upper Room Baptist Chapel will lose its meeting place. Yes, you may have guessed it - URBC rents the facilities from MCHC and holds its weekly worship services there on that property. When and if MCHC loses its property then URBC loses its venue for worship and ministry. URBC cannot officially meet right now either (although I am in the process of getting special permission to do so) but when our services do start back up it looks like we will have to also start looking for a new location in which to meet. This is very depressing to me, as you might be able to imagine. I liked our current location very much as it was very conducive to the way we wanted the Chapel to run and operate. Now it

looks as if we almost certainly will lose this venue as well.

Bad news #4: It just seems like Satan is against us at every turn. Our ministries are in disarray; Our main grocery store in town closed down; Our landlord will not allow any of our friends to come onto our compound; Josiah cannot get out of the country to get back to the U.S. and start college; I keep getting arrested by corrupt police officers who are not arresting me over legalities or infractions but simply to extort bribes from me because I have a target on my back. Ever feel like nothing is going right?

Good news: God is still on the throne; God is still in control; God still loves us; Jesus is still King; Jesus' work on the cross still stands; Our salvation is sure; Jesus will come back and will triumph; God's work will progress. In this we stand. In this we trust. In this we move forward.

Blessings to you all,
Roger, Julie, Amy, Josiah & Chloe

OBSTACLES TURNED TO ADVANTAGES



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June 6, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are so happy to report that we aren't just "hanging in there" or "staying safe". The Lord has blessed through and in spite of this COVID-19 pandemic. Many of you have heard news reports on the severity of the virus here in Brazil, but I can declare joyfully that God is greater!

At the outset of this chaotic event I only expected that we would have a few weeks of disrupted ministries. Here we are nearly three months out and literally every aspect of our lives and ministries have been altered. The wonderful news is that God has turned what looked like obstacles into advantages to the way we were doing things. Pre-COVID, we were growing and reaching out, but because of the need do our worship services through live broadcasts, we now are reaching 300 % more people with the gospel

weekly. Another benefit is that, pre-COVID, I was very uncomfortable speaking into a camera without a live audience present. Now, due to the providence of God, I have been able to develop an awareness of the invisible audience that is watching virtually. We have been granted legal permission to return to physical presence worship services, but we will continue to do live broadcasts of our services to a greater audience than we had before. God is amazing in how He sovereignly uses what appears to be negative circumstances in our lives to our good and His glory.

A very few times in my life I needed to illustrate an idea or scene but I couldn't find or couldn't afford existing artwork that fulfilled my purpose, so I did some simple sketches or drawings. I remembered that I enjoyed doing that, but I never took it beyond those simple attempts. Because of the lockdown of COVID, I found some extra time available to research how to improve and use the art of sketching with pencils. I discovered that I absolutely love doing it and I believe the Lord wants me to use it more fully for kingdom pur-

poses. This may only be a temporary window that has opened or it may be the beginning of a brand-new way to glorify Him. Whichever, I will seek His leadership in how I can best serve Him with the gift that He has revealed to me. If you would, pray for God to guide me in how to use these drawings.

Our Projeto Vida travel team has had to put a hold on their schedule for the time being. Our main venue for going out to interior towns is to minister in the public schools, but with the pandemic, the government has halted all virtual attendance at the schools. Even assemblies in parks and squares have been prohibited, so we are having to focus on ministering to individual families in

our local area. We are still seeing God use our volunteers in various ways, but we just aren't able to reach as many as we do when we work in schools. God knows, so we'll trust His timing and providential opening of doors.

We are extremely grateful for your prayers and support as we seek to honor the Lord with the opportunities He provides us here in southern Brazil.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!



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June 20, 2020

Dear Brethren,

Well now we are 3 months without services in our building. I had to have all of our congregations, mission points and chapels suspend public meetings. This includes our works in the far-flung towns and villages where we have missionaries in their fields. The home church has continued to do well financially so far, and we are able to continue to support all of our missionaries with their full salaries. Last week I did authorize our congregation at Foz do Breu (on the border with Peru) to resume services. They are still not authorized to conduct their regular river trips to the various mission points that they cover. I gave this order even though the state has not given permission for any churches to hold public meetings. The town there still has not had any cases of the virus, so I went ahead and gave them the go ahead with regular services.

Bev and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We were married on Friday, June 12, 1970. We had planned to celebrate this date by going to the States for a few weeks. We had even bought tickets, hotel reservations etc. The church here bought our tickets for the international flight. All those plans imploded. We are still just as happy as always though. A lady from church

came out and took some pictures for us. That evening Andrew's family and Crissy's family were with us for a meal. God has blessed us with a very full and fulfilling life. We have 4 beautiful children who honor God with their lives. We have a bunch of beautiful, talented grands who are also His. We have our adopted kids, too. We have many children in the faith, as well. We are part of an incredible church and mission work. Our love grows steadily. It is just hard to understand how 2 people, so different, could be so right. We have spent almost all of these 50 years in a very isolated place, under mostly harsh circumstances, depending on one another and our Lord. Bev and I have been a "unit", a "capsule" from the time we met. Many have wondered why we are so insular. We confess: we really aren't very "social". This is the way it had to be to do the job He separated us for. Only He could do such a miracle.

Bev has not been out for the last 2 months. I do our shopping once every 15 days. Every item is sanitized, one by one. The past few weeks I have been working at camp doing some good ole hard labor and getting home late every night. Three days a week I record lessons and messages for our YouTube channel, Facebook and radio programs, too. Although the governor will probably open stores, restaurants and churches this week, we won't be back to regular meetings any time soon. Cruzeiro do Sul is 2 months behind the rest of the country. All of Brazil is in a mess. We are the worst



The Creiglows celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12, 2020!

in the world right now in numbers of confirmed new daily cases. Politically we are in deeps trouble, too. The president is on the right track, but has no backing in either the senate or the congress. To top it off the 11 justices on the supreme court are all either communist or leftist appointed by socialist over the past 30 years. Not

one conservative to be found. The supreme court over the past few weeks has decided to take over the country. It is a disaster. Pray for us.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



Mike & Bev with Andrew & Crissy's Families

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"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."

-Habakkuk 2:14

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL



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June 22, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope that all is well with each one of you dear friends and supporters. Praise God we are all well here. Things have been so different with what you can do and what you can't do. But slowly, things are going back to normal. Almost all the services are back to normal. This week, two of the missions will start back. While we could not have services, we maintained contact with as many as we could through internet, and for those who don't have internet, we made quick visits. We tried to help as many as we could by giving food and taking fish to various families. Also, some food was donated by a family in the church to help other families in need. We are doing some remodeling at the church at Iranduba to solve some problems. There is a big problem with water there, so we need to build a tank to reserve water. The water only comes once a day and is very weak. At the church at the community of Cacau, we are still working fixing the church building. It was in poor condition when we took over the church.

Kathy went to Ubim today and washed the church building and cut the grass. Everything is ready for next week. Kathy visited around the community and talked to the people from the Indian tribe. She loved seeing all of them and they had fun seeing Kathy. Kathy talked to the leaders there and everything is ok to start next Monday.

For us that have so much freedom, it was kind of hard not to go to church and other places. Hopefully through this we can remember those in others places of the world that can't do what they want when they want to—especially when it comes to the gospel. Our prayer is that all of us come out of this situation stronger in the Lord!

Since there was not much we could do outside our home, we took advantage and are working on our house doing some remodeling. Things are looking good!

We thank you for your prayers and your support. May God richly bless each one of you. Pray that as the ministries get back into the swing that we can reach more people and that they

may see their need for the Lord in their lives.

In Christ,
 Odali & Kathy



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TESTING & TRUSTING



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June 27, 2020

Dear friends,

This season of COVID-19 pandemic has proven to be a trying period. São Paulo City is a Coronavirus hotspot in Brazil. We went into an intense quarantine lockdown. Thankfully, we have a loving Father who cares for us and we can trust in His providence and sovereignty during uncertain times.

Our four kids began home online distance learning in mid-March. We only have two old computers, so we borrowed an additional two from friends. The first two weeks without all the necessary equipment was tough. In addition, the learning curve on how to use the educational platforms the school selected was rough, especially since the teachers were also learning how to use them and our internet speed did not cooperate. Thankfully, a technician eventually came to exchange the defective internet modem, the borrowed computers arrived, and teachers and parents learned the systems. Completing daily schoolwork assignments often took our kids 12 hours in a day. While this kept them (and us) "busy", it was also concerning that it was so demanding on our time. Closing out the school year at home tripled our daily workload. As we reflect on all this, we are grateful for growing closer together as a family.

A couple months ago, Raquel suspected she had the coronavirus. She called the hospital to inquire if she had enough symptoms to go for a consultation and testing, or if she should remain in home observation. When she mentioned the hard time breathing the nurse said, "you need to come in immediately for testing." The nurse went on to explain that difficulty in breathing was the requirement for going to the Emergency Room during the lockdown.

After arriving, completing the initial tests and waiting a couple of hours... test results returned positive... Raquel tested positive with a little baby. What? She didn't have COVID-19, she was 4 weeks pregnant. Amid mixed emotions, we were overcome with joy and felt blessed with the gift of new life. We took a family portrait

and celebrated the new family member with our children. Our four kids were elated with the news of a new sibling and family planning began for this next phase in our life.

At eight weeks of pregnancy, Raquel began to bleed... She went to the ER... The ultrasound detected no heartbeat. She had suffered a miscarriage. We were collectively heartbroken...

Every life is precious and celebrated. We know we will see this unborn child when in glory. In the meantime, we rest assured knowing the Lord is faithful and true. We trust in Him.

Ministry wise, we continue to meet with our people in quarantine through video-conferencing apps, social media alternatives, delivering ready-to-eat meals, assisting people with physical and spiritual needs. Hygiene kits and groceries have been delivered to elderly and people in need, as financial means are possible to do so.

Trusting in the Lord is our strong fortress as we live through a pandemic here in Brazil. We are grateful to you for your prayers and support.

Grateful always,
 The Hatchers



A VERY GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT TO BFM

Brother Jerry Burkette was a long-time faithful and generous supporter of Baptist Faith Missions during his lifetime. Then, when he was called Home to Heaven, he bequeathed a generous portion of his estate to be given to Baptist Faith Missions. So, in response to his request, BFM has received the most generous legacy gift of \$98,387.18. We are thanking God for this gift and we bless Brother Burkette's response to the grace of God given to him.

Since Brother Burkette has long loved and supported the missionaries who have served in partnership with BFM, we have allocated this gift to be deposited in and added to the investment account that supplies the service pensions for our retired veteran missionaries.

So, we want Brother Burkette's family to know that through his giving this gift to the **Veteran Missionaries Pension Fund of BFM**, his generosity will continue to give for years to come. It will not be itself spent down immediately, but rather it will continue to grow, multiply, and increase on itself so that many of the Lord's faithful servants will be sustained and provided for in the years to come through his gift. His gift will continue to give and give for a long time to come.

2 Corinthians 9.10-15 - ¹⁰ Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, ¹¹ while you are enriched in everything for all

liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. ¹² For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, ¹³ while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men, ¹⁴ and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

May we encourage you to consider including BFM in your will or trust – or some other form of legacy gift? This kind of giving will ensure that your gift continues to give for the future time to come.



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OUR VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING

Although June is the month when we highlight our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners and publish our major appeals for contributions to help us support them, we do want to emphasize that our need for your help in this ministry is on-going. The appeal is on-going because their need is ongoing – month after month for the rest of their lives here.

As one of our current pensioners publicly commented last month on one of our social media platforms, "...And thank you now for supporting B.F.M. and our Veteran Missionaries. I couldn't pay my bills if it weren't for this help! Thank God!"

So, please, may we ask you to keep them constantly in your minds, in your prayers to God, and in your contributions.

To help us provide for their service pensions in their senior years, please designate your contributions to "Veteran Missionaries Pensioners" or simply "VMP."

Baptist Faith Missions Veteran Missionaries Receiving Pensions

Missionaries	Where they served	Where are they now?
Bobby & Betty Creiglow	Brazil	Betty is in Heaven. Bobby lives in Lexington, KY
Louie & Mary Carver	Korea & Philippines	Mary is in Heaven Louie lives in Simpsonville, SC
Harold & Ursula Draper	Brazil	They live in Bardwell, KY
John & Alta Hatcher	Brazil	Alta is in Heaven. John lives in Clermont, FL
Paul & Wanda Hatcher	Brazil	They live in Clermont, FL
Sheridan & Anita Stanton	Peru	They live in Hiddenite, NC
Richard & Wanda Turner	Brazil	Richard is in Heaven. Wanda lives in Lynchburg, VA



**Our
VMPs!**



May 2020 OFFERINGS



[Transacted in June]

Grand Total.....\$44,883.17

However, only \$21,486.96 of this total amount was given for the **Missionary Support Fund**.

The remaining \$23,396.21 was designated for various other funds or to the missionaries by name:

- \$3260.88 = for specific work projects
- \$3250.00 = for generic "As Needed" use
- \$9575.00 = or for personal use

We don't use any of these designated funds for anything other than what they are designated for.

While we recognize and acknowledge that our missionaries need and can use ALL contributions given to them for whatever purpose, we still want to emphasize that the only way we can fulfill the essential, bottom-line commitments we have made to them is for sufficient contributions be made to the **Missionary Support Fund**.

The **Missionary Support Fund** is the fund that supplies ALL the commitments and services we disburse to your missionaries. We can't over-emphasize how essential it is that we maintain a solvent and viable **Missionary Support Fund** to provide for our missionaries' essential ministry and living needs, as well as continue to provide for the logistical services that are necessary to administer their support funds.

For example: here in the month of June, we have disbursed \$35,847.96 for all missionary support purposes:

- + \$15,200 for their salaries

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- + \$6,250 for their housing/ministry expense allowances
- + \$12,070 for their hospitalization premiums
- + the remaining \$1856.60 has gone toward providing for and administering all the ways we serve them!

Keep in mind ... going back to the top, we did all this with your \$21,486.96 contributions to our **Missionary Support Fund**.

If you would like to know more about how Baptist Faith Missions administers your missionary support contributions, you can read about it on our website: < <https://www.bfmnow.org/missionary-support-partnership/> > and especially read the **Missionary Support Fund** article in footnote 2.

And, as always, thank you for your partnership in giving to the Lord!

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

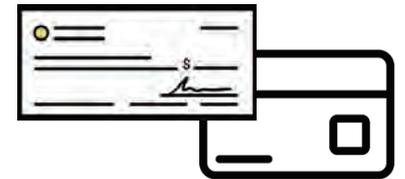
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The greatest need each month is for the **Missionary Support Fund**.



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PRAY & PRAISE

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WONDERFUL DIVINE INTERACTIONS



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Dear Fellow Disciples of Jesus,

Walking with Jesus is fruitful, instructive and corrective. It is also delightful. This is God's will. He wants us to rejoice in Him. Your present circumstances are probably quite different from what you would have imagined a year ago, but the illnesses, crises and wrongs of the world in which we live to not limit our Heavenly Father one iota. Furthermore, He has made you and me "the light of the world." What a privilege!

As you read about some of the wonderful divine interactions in our lives this month, think about God's interventions in your life and let us give thanks together. Feel free to send us an email telling us about the delightful moments God has given you.

A couple of weeks ago, Judy and I were trekking along the walk in front of the local grade school. The lower corner of the Stars and Stripes were caught on the top of the flag pole and the flag was in danger of ripping. My fix-it personality drove me to attempt a salvage procedure. As I was working at it, a teen aged young man rode up on his bike and asked if he could help. I readily accepted the offer. We were determined, but our efforts were unsuccessful. As we were parting I introduced Judy and myself and he informed me that his name was Adam.

"In Hebrew that means Man." I volunteered. "You're the man!" "He was the first man." Adam answered. "Very good, do you know the name of Adam's wife?" "Eve." By now a conversation was taking place with this slim young man that we had seen from time to time on his bike as we trekked. "Adam, you seem to know a lot about the Bible." Adam, with great passion and enthusiasm, then launched in to his story. This young man of 15, who I had initially guessed to be about 13 told about being born in Beijing where he lived at the age of 8 or 9 in an orphanage. He got to go to some activities

carried out by volunteers of an NGO. "You know, you are not allowed to talk about God in China. They told about Creation and Noah. When it was time to eat, they said, 'now we are going to thank God for our food'. That's crazy, I said to myself. But, that night when I got back to the orphanage, I got down beside my bed and prayed – God, if you exist, I want to be adopted. The next morning, my nanny came to me and said, 'you are going to be adopted.' They adopted my brother and sister too. The next months were really hard because the other guys beat up on me."

By this time Judy and I were weeping (as I am now) as Adam passionately told about how the Heavenly Father gave him a home with other sib-

lings along with his two biological siblings. And, he continued, "I need to tell everyone about Jesus because Jesus is coming back." Awed in the presence of God, I asked Adam where he went to Church. "Faithway Baptist Church where the the pastor is Pastor Russ." Wow, Pastor Russ was a student of mine several decades ago. Once, when we crossed paths (just before we went to France, I think) Eddie Russ told me that I was one of

the most influential people in his life. I hope that was for good. It was just a reminder that the God who is at work in you is at work everywhere! You never know how the lines will cross in this beautiful picture God is drawing.

Well, I would like to tell you about time spent with Nancy and Jason, from a disastrous, lamentable background, who believe that God brought us into their lives, exchanges with Michael, who wants someone to just help him know how to walk with Jesus daily, our conversations with Russ, the self-confessed, "Deist", the hours of conversation with the fellow in France who wants to learn English who is very open to the gospel ... and ... But, its time to sign off for this month.

Thank you so much for your prayers and help. Please, keep on praying because without Him "we can do nothing."

May God's delights fill your heart today!
Your fellow trekkers for Jesus,
John and Judy

**"The God who
is at work in
you is at work
everywhere!"**

John M. Hatcher