

## THE NEXT GENERATION

God is using the next generation!  
How are you investing in them?

➔ page 4

## STARTING TO REOPEN

Churches in Peru and southern Brazil are starting to reopen.

➔ page 8

## DIGGING A WELL

As things are getting back to normal in northern Brazil, a well is being dug in the village of Ubim.

➔ page 5

## UPDATE ON THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

Find out the plans for the 66th Thanksgiving Conference...

➔ page 6

VOL. 80 | NO. 9

SEPTEMBER 2020

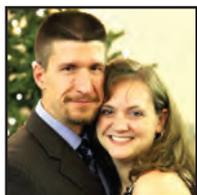
BFMNOW.ORG

# BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

## bfm NEWS & REPORTS

Assisting Baptist churches to send God-called missionaries to fulfill church-planting missions in the nations of the world

## NEW VENUE FOR THE CHAPEL TO GATHER TO WORSHIP



Roger & Julie Tate

rojuta@gmail.com  
P.O. Box 96  
Kitale, Kenya  
East Africa, 30200

August 19, 2020

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Fortunately, not every newsletter that I write is filled with gloom and woe. Fortunately, again, this one (unlike the last one) will not be filled with gloom and woe.

So I think in the place I left off last month in this story of church building missionary work in Kitale, I was relating to you that we had lost our place of worship again and I was looking for a new location. No place seemed perfect and each place had its pros and cons. But one place, in particular, seemed to offer the best possibilities and potential, albeit with the higher price. Thus, I snatched it up and signed a two-year lease on the accommodations. In the new venue the Chapel will have its own house with a larger living room in which we will worship and preach the Word of God. The house also has other rooms where Sunday School or children's church can also be conducted. It will be refreshing having the building completely to ourselves so that we can use it however we wish. I got the place all set up and announced

we would be worshipping together again on August 16, 2020 (the year of total unpredictability and chaos).

August 16th rolled around and, indeed, we held our worship service.

Only four other people showed up. This is uncharacteristically low attendance for the Chapel. In fact, it is the lowest attendance in the history of the Chapel, since I started it in October 2018. I was anticipating a low attendance but not quite this low. But I did expect this. I knew that a family had moved out of town and that the government is still not allowing children under the age of 13 to attend (which includes most of the families attending the Chapel). So, I am not discouraged, yet. The four who returned were all very excited about returning and starting things back up. Since we were so few, I asked them if we should just spend some time praying together and reading a portion of Scripture and discussing it. They said, "No",



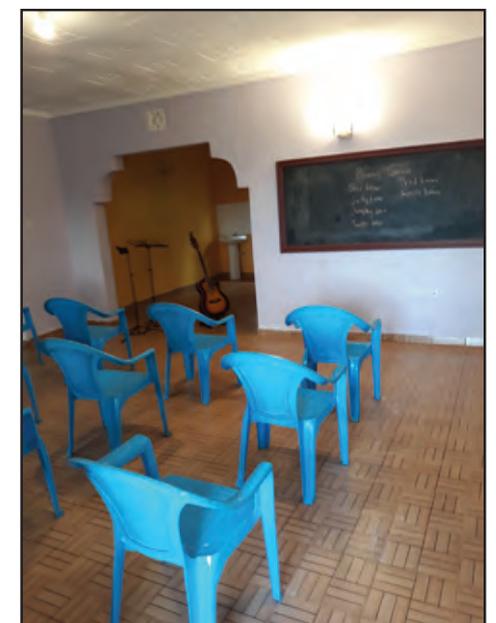
The new building leased by Upper Room Baptist Chapel

they wanted a normal time of singing and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Elphas said, "There are lots and lots of churches in Kitale but none of them actually teaches the Word of God". While this is not exactly accurate it does show you the importance of the Chapel and the reason we exist in this place—Teach the Word of God, make disciples, start churches, spread the Kingdom, show and share the love of Jesus. So, we did that. We sang. We prayed. I taught about Jesus being the "God you can see and touch". We discussed the Word of God together. Now we pray that more of our Chapel friends will make it back over the next couple of weeks.

In personal news, Julie will be visiting the States for a month, leaving

only a few days after the writing of this report. We have not had an official furlough since 2013 because we are not able to leave the country with Chloe and Julie very much needs a short break from Kenya. So, she will be spending the month of September hopefully resting and visiting our stateside children and parents in Michigan. Chloe and I will remain in Kenya. Please pray for a safe and beneficial journey for Julie.

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



Inside the new building



"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

www.bfmnow.org

**BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS  
NEWS & REPORTS**

(USPS 353-140)

is published monthly by Baptist Faith Missions  
3985 Boston Rd, Lexington KY 40514Periodicals Postage Paid at Lexington KY  
and at additional mailing offices**POSTMASTER:**Send address changes to  
Baptist Faith Missions News & Reports  
736 Berry Lane  
Lexington KY 40502To receive this newsletter free of charge,  
please send your name and mailing address to:  
wainright50@gmail.com

Dave Parks, Editor | daveparks@twc.com

 All correspondence concerning BFM or any of the missionaries, or requests for BFM brochures for distribution should be addressed to:

**Dave Parks, Executive Secretary**  
3985 Boston Road  
Lexington, KY 40514-1507  
(859) 223-8374 | daveparks@twc.com

 All offerings should be addressed to:  
BFM, c/o George Sledd  
P.O. Box 471280  
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280  
(407) 417-0204 | grsledd@hotmail.com  
*You can also contribute online at www.bfmnow.org 'Donate/Support' tab. If it is for a specific missionary or project, it should be so designated. The greatest need each month is for the Missionary Support Fund.*
 All correspondence concerning address changes, address additions, questions, and other information about mailing should be addressed to:

**Steve Wainright**  
736 Berry Lane  
Lexington, KY 40502  
wainright50@gmail.com  
*If making a change of address, please include the old address along with the new address.*


Follow us on social media @BFMNOW

## PRAY FOR OUR COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

Terry Adkins • Doug Armstrong  
Harold Draper • Benton Glover  
Dan Hillard • Kenny Hurst  
Randy Jones • Darrell Messer  
David Mitchell • Dave Parks • Mark Pyles  
David Pitman • George Sledd  
Sheridan Stanton • Steve Wainright

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

# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM KENYA


**Nathan &  
Carrie Radford**
*naterad@yahoo.com*  
P.O. Box 4150  
Kitale, Kenya  
East Africa, 30200

August 5, 2020

Dear praying friends,

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of August for 2020. Where has the time gone? Normally there would be so many summer activities, yet with coronavirus, so many things have been postponed or cancelled completely. I don't think any of us have seen such an unstable time in years, if even in our lifetimes. God has been faithful through all the challenges and changes. This update will share current prayer requests as well as an update on the coronavirus in Kenya.

I (Nathan) need to give a little background on the decisions made on the coronavirus in the past few weeks. Last month, after a lockdown period of three months, the President of Kenya made the decision to reopen the country for a three week period, with the idea of assessment at the end of July to see what needed to be done, if anything. This was a welcome change, as we have been on lockdown since the month of March. So many things were different, with everyone wearing masks in town, having to sanitize all the time, getting your temperature taken, having limitations of passengers while traveling,

etc. Nairobi, the capital city, was also on lockdown, and flights, both domestic and international, were cancelled. It was quite a challenging time, to say the least.

After the government decided to reopen the country, with fewer restrictions, the cases have increased dramatically. Some days there are nearly 700 cases just in a single day, and the total tally of cases as of the date of this letter is over 23,000 countrywide. Most of the cases are in Nairobi, as there are slum areas where people live so close together and it is difficult to social distance. Kitale has been spared the brunt of the cases, with just a few reported. We are so thankful for this, but we take nothing for granted, and are taking all necessary precautions, with keeping the family out of town as much as possible and away from crowded areas. We know you all are taking the same precautions in America.

The concern is that the cases will overwhelm the healthcare system and there will not be enough beds in the hospital wards to take care of the sick. This is a valid concern, especially in a third-world country with lower healthcare options in the best of times. Please pray for the doctors and the nurses as they are dealing with this new virus, and for the sick that need medical care.

Given all the current circum-

stances with the virus, we feel led to begin closing down for this term and begin planning for our upcoming furlough. We will have been here three years next month, so we feel our time has come. Please pray for us as we are in the process of closing down, as there is so much to do. Any missionary who is closing down for a term understands how overwhelming it can be and the need to make a large "to do" list to check things off. We are trusting God to keep us safe and in His care as we are in the process of closing down.

I will share more next month about some of the things the Lord taught us this term, and for the ministry progress that was made. I have been pleased and feel God has definitely led us this past three years. In regards to the global pandemic, may we take comfort in some verses from the Scriptures. I think of Psalm 57:1b, which says "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in Thee: yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." Also Psalm 119:114, which says "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in Thy word." May we trust God always, not just in times of a global pandemic. We will find that He is faithful each step of the way.

We appreciate each of you so much and will keep you updated.

Blessings,

Nathan and Carrie Radford

**HENSLEY**  
continued from page 3 

### 10. BBS-110 Survey of Church History

This course provides a general overview of the history of the church. The course covers the major events and philosophies of the church from 6 BCE to the end of the 20th century. It focuses on the historical setting and explanation of Christian ideas and institutions. The purpose of this course is to provide students with an annotated timeline of the church's develop from the 1st century through the 20th century.

### 11. BBS-111 Introduction to Christian Apologetics

This course studies Christian apologetics and its implications for

and application to evangelism. It provides students with an explanation of key components within Christian apologetics. Points of tension between and within various apologetic methods are explored in the course as well. The purpose of this course is to aid students in the development of effective apologetic approaches for evangelizing people in the contemporary culture.

### 12. BBS-112 Thesis Paper Writing

This course serves as an information class for writing a thesis paper. The student will learn techniques and styles for researching and writing a thesis paper. The course includes one week of in-class instruction and 4 months of research and writing. Upon com-

pletion of the thesis paper the student will defend their work to a seminary thesis committee. Upon successful defense (defined as receiving a passing grade), the course is complete.

These are the classes we are scheduling for 2021. Please pray for the courses and the professors and the Pastors planning to attend the classes. We serve an AWESOME God and we know that He is in control of everything that is happening. So, we are trusting that He will make everything right and in His timing.

In His service,

AJ and Barb

**Pray for the courses,  
professors, and Pastors  
planning to attend.**

## GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN AN UNEXPECTED DELAY



Bobby & Charlene Wacaser

bobbymichael\_1@hotmail.com  
Rua Laudelino Ferreira Lopes, 279  
Sobrado 1, Novo Mundo  
81050-310 Curitiba, PR, Brasil

August 3, 2020

Dear Friends,

Charlene and I got to experience a strange, but not-too-bad situation last month. We traveled to Florida to visit with our children and grandson for an eight-day stay. Well, that was the plan anyway.

The COVID-19 surge caused our return flight to be delayed by over three weeks! We didn't receive any messages from the airline about the cancelled flight, either, until we drove four hours to the departure gate at the airport. We had to return

to our son's house and wait the next 23 days with his family until an airline provided another flight. At first, we were concerned that we would cause ministry problems back in Brazil by our unexpected extended absence, but the Lord knew about this in advance, of course. It so happened that the city's mayor decreed that churches couldn't hold in-person services for several weeks and I was able to preach to my church via live Facebook programming.

We have returned to our work and we are thankful to the Lord that we have also been able to return to in-person services. Our members are thrilled to be back together again for fellowship and worship of the Lord as an assembled body of believers.

There was also a surge in COVID cases in our city here in Brazil when we got back. In fact, we still have about 10 people who are sick with the virus. Most of those are from our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida. A couple of them had to go to the ICU at the local hospital, but are showing signs of recuperation. We are extremely thankful to God for this.

We aren't sure how much longer the public schools will be suspended, so we can't plan to use that venue for our outreach, but we have been able to minister to some families in need who have suffered financial setbacks due to losing their jobs from the shutdown. We will continue to use the social media outlets that are available to us

also, and we see a constant increase in our viewership.

Charlene and I have both been well physically. The Lord is gracious and kind and has blessed us with protection. We hope we don't contract the virus at all, of course, but we also know that God is greater than any sickness and is able to heal us even if we were to get it.

We are so grateful to you who pray for us and make the sacrifice to contribute toward our ministries. We ask that the Lord would also bless you for your faithfulness and generosity.

In Christ's love,  
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

[www.bfmnow.org](http://www.bfmnow.org)

## STUDIES BEING TAUGHT IN BLUEGRASS BAPTIST SEMINARY



Aj & Barbara Hensley

ajcaragua@gmail.com  
Caixa Postal 1511  
11672-300 Caraguatatuba,  
São Paulo, Brasil

August 19, 2020

Dear friends and family,

This month has flown by with little change so we thought we would show you the studies that are being taught in Bluegrass Baptist Seminary. These are the classes with a description of them.

### Bluegrass Baptist Seminary Course Listing/ Descriptions

#### 1. BBS:101 Systematic Theology

The Christian church has a long tradition of systematic theology, that is, studying theology and doctrine organized around fairly standard categories. This course presents material in each of these categories for the purpose of preparing students for ministry within the local church. The categories are examined in depth with an in-depth focus of contemporary application for today's church.

#### 2. BBS-102 Old Testament Survey

This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to each book

of the Old Testament. While traditional topics such as authorship, date, and historical context will be covered, there will be special focus on the revelation of Jesus Christ in each book. There also is a focus on providing keys to understanding each book in the context of the entirety of the Scriptures.

#### 3. BBS-103 New Testament Survey

This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to each book of the New Testament. While traditional topics such as authorship, date, and historical context will be covered, there will be special focus on the revelation of Jesus Christ in each book. There also is a focus on providing keys to understanding each book in the context of the entirety of the Scriptures

#### 4. BBS-104 Pastoral Ministries

This course is designed to equip students for pastoral ministry by examining the various aspects of ministry required of pastors serving in local congregations. Also, it includes identifying the biblical absolutes, priorities, and qualifications needed for effective pastoral ministry within the local church.

#### 5. BBS-105 Theology of Evangelism

This course provides a general

introduction to the theology of evangelism. The course is divided into three major units: (1) Foundational Tenets of Evangelism; (2) Preaching Components of Evangelism; and (3) Practical Aspects of Evangelism. The purpose of this course is to provide the local pastor with basic theological understanding and tools for implementing a biblical plan of evangelism in the local church.

#### 6. BBS-106 Theology of Discipleship

This course provides a general introduction to the theology of discipleship. The course is divided into three major units: (1) Evaluation of Today's Discipleship in the Local Church; (2) Biblical Foundations for Discipleship; and (3) Church-Based Discipleship. The purpose of this course is to provide the local pastor with basic theological understanding and tools for implementing a biblical plan of discipleship in the local church.

#### 7. BBS-107 Lexical Hebrew

This course provides the student with the basics for working in the Hebrew biblical language. It includes a basic presentation of Hebrew grammar, such as recognizing vowel markings and sentence structure. This is not a lan-

guage course, per se, but provides tools for use such as lexicons, dictionaries, and grammars, to assist the student in gaining a better understanding of a biblical text.

#### 8. BBS-108 Lexical Greek

This course provides the student with the basics for working in the Greek biblical language. It includes a basic presentation of Greek grammar, such as recognizing verb endings and sentence structure. This is not a language course, per se, but provides tools for use such as lexicons, dictionaries, and grammars, to assist the student in gaining a better understanding of a biblical text.

#### 9. BBS-109 Biblical Proclamation

This course provides a general introduction for developing an expository sermon. The course is divided into four major units: (1) The Need for Expository Preaching; (2) Expository Sermon Preparation; and (3) Expository Preaching Hermeneutics, and (4) Delivering an Expository Sermon. The purpose of this course is to provide the local pastor with basic theological understanding and tools for preparing and delivering expository sermons.

## GRACE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION



John Mark & Judy Hatcher

JMHatcher@aol.com  
4, rue d'Aspin  
31170 Tournefeuille,  
France

August 7, 2020

Dear Fellow Disciples of Jesus,

Let me share a piece of correspondence Judy and I received.

Welcome to my first newsletter!

Thank you again for your commitment to pray for me during my preparation time as well as during the 3 months I will be spending in Austria. The dates are set, I'm leaving in 2 weeks (!), from Wednesday August 5th to Friday November 6th.

The Austrian borders are currently open to France, and I should be able to enter without problem. The organization where I will be volunteering is called the "Oasis". It is affiliated with "One Collective", an international Christian ministry. The Oasis is located in Traiskirchen, Austria, the town with the largest asylum seekers center in the country. These refugees, of which over 90% come from an Islamic background, are welcomed by the center, which aims to "reflect the heart of God to refugees and offer them the hope, life and refuge that can be found only in Jesus".

As a part of the team, I will mainly be working with women and children to build relationships, help provide for their needs, accompany them in their adjustment to life in Europe and share the Gospel. This letter was intended to provide some background information; hopefully the next one will be a little less short and a little more interesting :)

Hope you have a nice day,

Nathalie Hatcher

Nathalie's letter to her prayer partners explains itself. She is our second oldest granddaughter. Amanda, Philip and their family have been serving with us since 2001. This is a picture of

Philip and their daughters, taken by Amanda. Nathalie is in the center. She is not exactly sure which direction God wants her to go in her next step of training and decided to take a year before college to serve and visit her worldwide family. She began serving in this refugee camp this week.

**"The greatest investment we make in this life is in the lives of our children and grandchildren (natural or adopted as the Apostle Paul's 'son' Timothy.)"**

**- John M. Hatcher -**



Philip Hatcher & daughters (Nathalie, center)

seeking God's will for his life. The greatest investment we make in this life is in the lives of our children and grandchildren (natural or adopted as the Apostle Paul's "son" Timothy.) This investment is in teaching, example, attitude, prayer, sustenance ...

We continue to worship with our church family in France via Skype. They are now able to meet as a group, but those who are on vacation also join us. We receive encouraging news from other disciples outside the Toulouse region that we have served during the years of ministry in France.

So, may all of us keep on investing in the natural and spiritual offspring God has placed in our lives. To Him be the glory for the grace He allows us to pass on to them!

Your brother and sister in Christ,  
John and Judy

## JESUS IS THE ONLY HOPE!



Judson & Raquel Hatcher

judsonhatcher@gmail.com  
(859) 317-1192  
São Paulo, Brasil

August 24, 2020

Dear friends,

From one of our latest visits on the street:

On one of the coldest mornings of the year (39o F—it is Winter in the Southern Hemisphere), under a drizzle characteristic of São Paulo City, I woke up early to meet downtown with a team. I was received at a friend's home with a warm smile. I feel right at home; we started talking while he finished preparing the hot chocolate to take, along with cake, sandwiches, juice, and water. After a few minutes, other volunteers from the team arrive, making the environment even more cozy. After taking the donations (large bags containing handmade wool caps, clothes, shoes, warm clothes, socks, and blankets), we went out towards the viaduct bridge where young people and children stay. We parked the cars, shared the bags and sacks among the team, and walked to the location. Once there, we were received with joy and plenty of hugs amid loving greetings. It's strange, but I feel very comfortable there, as if it's not my first time. People come out of their tents, get up from their mattresses or sleeping bags, others get closer, and in a few minutes, everyone is enjoying a delicious breakfast. I hear many "thank you", and I look at the faces, as if saying: "What would become of us without you?". Finishing the coffee, in other words, the hot chocolate, we started to distribute the blankets, warm clothes, wool caps, socks, and kits. The place is again full of gratitude and satisfaction. Joy is evident in the faces of everyone there. Two young men then address us and say that they would like to leave the streets and go to a shelter. One of them says he really wants to go to a place where there is a church so that he can get close to God and leave that life. In the next few minutes, an attempt is made to find a place to welcome these two young people, many calls are made, messages are sent, and contacts are made. To our delight, both were received in a shelter. Meanwhile, the team members talked to each of them, listening to their stories, their complaints, offering understanding, empathy, care, and hope. One of the stories I heard was of a young man telling about his adventures and travels.

He talked about when he took a ride on the freight trains, and so he got to know various tourist spots and how he had fun in those days. But he also told about sad moments, like when a friend jumped off the train, but when he fell, he left his leg on the track, which resulted in a leg amputation. Others talked about books they had read, about places they had been, others laughed and messed up with friends who tried to put on the mask they had just received, others asked for something to take to a friend in the other tent, in short, there was a mood cheerful, as if for a few hours, they forgot their sad reality.

In one of the tents there was a girl with a cough and fever. She didn't go out, she stayed inside all the time. She was being taken care of by her boyfriend who took to her everything we gave. Another girl was doing the same thing with her pregnant friend, who also did not leave her tent, which was further away. Despite the friendly climate, I couldn't help but notice the precariousness of the place. Garbage everywhere, a strong odor, pigeons feeding on the remains, rats passing by, in short, a human being should never be in a place like that. I wondered how much they had suffered within their families that would lead them there, living in those inhuman conditions. Talking to one of the guys, I asked if he had a family. He said he did, and that his family lived in Guarulhos. So, I asked if he wanted to go home. He replied that if he returned, he would kill his stepfather. So, I thought, how much pain, how much trauma, how much suffering this young man has already experienced to have so much hatred within himself. In the end, it was time to say goodbye. We shared Jesus, prayed with them, blessed them as best we could. As I walked back to the car, my heart was filled with mixed emotions. I was happy to have experienced that moment, but at the same time it was unsettling to know that I would be going home, with my family, with a warm meal waiting for me, but they would not. That evening, a cold night would fall upon them. Next morn, sunrise. It would be dusk, dark dusk, dawn, and they would be there. I arrived home, and as I had imagined, a table set, a hot soup prepared on the stove, spouse and happy children talking, happy to see me back.

Jesus is the only hope!

Grateful always,

Judson & Raquel Hatcher

[www.bfmnow.org](http://www.bfmnow.org)

## GETTING BACK TO NORMAL; DRILLING A WELL IN UBIM



Odali & Kathy Barros  
odali\_kathy@hotmail.com  
Iranduba, Amazonas  
Brasil, S.A.

August 19, 2020

Greetings from the jungle! We are all doing well and hope all our friends and supporters are doing well also! We thank God for each of you! Your prayers and support are important to us and our ministry.

Things here in the different churches are gradually getting back to normal. The virus in our area seems to be under control! But we are still taking the precautions necessary.

Since things have gotten better, we are working on things that we had planned but could not do. One of these things is drilling a well in the village of Ubim. There is no running water in this village. So, a well to use at the church is needed and we also plan on helping with water for the villagers. Having a well helps with several diseases especially malária. A young man who learned and lived at the Alpha and Omega Home since he was little is going to be drilling the well. He is married and lives in a village close

to us. He and two other brothers stayed at the A&O Home for many years. I asked him if he would like to help me with the well and he said, "Sure." The Lord willing, we should start this coming Thursday. When you read this letter, the Lord willing, the well should be done. The final cost, pump and all, is \$2000. Thanks to donations made, we are able to have the well.

The work in the village of Mutirão is doing great. Their services are back and they are also being very careful.

Pray for the work at the village of Cacau. It is growing and we need to make a decision to sell the old building or remodel. The main problem is that when the water comes up in high season it gets into the church. We want to make the right decision.

Things are a little different for me now because Kathy went to the US to help Paul and Wanda with Bro. John. Paul hurt his arm pushing his dad in a wheelchair on a rainy day. So, Kathy is there to help, and we hope Paul gets to feeling better.

Thanks so much for you love, prayers and support. God bless you!

Odali and Kathy

[View more pictures at blog.bfmnow.org!](http://blog.bfmnow.org/)



Getting ready to drill the well



Gathered in Caucau

## TOUCHED THROUGH THE LEAST OF THESE



John Mark & Judy Hatcher  
JMHatcher@aol.com  
4, rue d'Aspin  
31170 Tournefeuille,  
France

August 14, 2020

Dear Friend,

This is a second letter in just a few days. My cup is overflowing...like a geyser!

Today was a bit unusual. Judy and I went trekking much later than usual. Due to the heat we have been getting out earlier. Just a few minutes into our walk God touched us by "one of the least" of His. We had just done a loop through the shady end of a school parking lot we cross nearly every time we trek. I heard a loud voice at a distance and assumed that it was a student somewhere in the vicinity.

Then Judy twisted around trying to determine the source of the voice. Just as we got back on pace a loud voice called our names. We turned around and saw Susie. We walked back to her and noticed on approaching her that she was nearly breathless and quite excited. This special lady about our age



Susie with the signs she made

says, "You have to come back this way. There is something you got to see." I don't know what Judy was thinking, but I was trying to figure out what kind of disaster needed our attention. As we

approached the rear of the yard where she lives with family, Susie apologized for not knowing our last name. Now I was totally confused!

"Where have you been?" Susie asked. We explained that we had been getting out earlier. Just then we arrived at what she wanted us to see. Here, you can see it for yourself:

She said, "I made the first-time sign weeks ago and then I didn't see you anymore. I took it in when it rained and at night so it wouldn't get wet. It got to looking bad so I made another one." I had been talking to God this morning, but I declare, my Heavenly Father was now talking to me through the "least" of His. Judy and I were in a glorious daze. You know the passage, "If you do it to the least of these ... you do it to me." But, Eternal God, Almighty, my Heavenly Father was speaking to me through "the least of these".

I first met Susie nearly three and a half years ago when here caring for Judy (remember...broken kneecap)

and her sister, Peggy. Sometimes this unknown lady would be mowing the large yard behind the home where she lives when I was out trekking. The first time we spoke she was confused about what was happening behind her house. I explained to her about the church and school parking lot being expanded and assured her all was well.

A few months ago, she came running out as Judy and I trekked under the trees behind the backyard she often mowed. She pointed out that she always loved seeing us and therefore had trimmed (extensively) the tree branches that would be in our way. We were touched and thanked her. When we passed and she was out Susie always greeted us exuberantly. And, this morning God spoke through this little one. I will remember His voice eternally!

So, maybe you are upset. Maybe, you are in a quandary about the future or the value of your life or actions. "I don't know about the future, but I know Who holds the future..." and He often speaks through the little ones on our pathway!

Hearing the Father's Love through the little ones,

John and Judy Hatcher

# THE 2020 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN **POSTPONED...**

The New Hope Baptist Church in Dearborn Heights MI has arrived at the painful conclusion that they need to postpone the 66th Annual BFM Thanksgiving Conference until November 2021.

This decision has come after weeks of much constant prayer, agonizing uncertainty, constantly changing health conditions and concerns, state and community guidelines, and all the other considerations that all of us are dealing with on a daily basis.

They have held out hope up until this late date that there may still be the possibility that they could host it at the usual date. But, as we all understand, there is simply no way to make plans for a few weeks

from now with the ever-changing conditions. And, they have no way of knowing what the restrictions will be during the scheduled week for in-person gatherings, serving open meals, obtaining hotel accommodations, travelling to get there, health concerns and comfort levels of those hosting and those attending – we all get it. All of us are dealing with all these questions and more in our own contexts.

So, with much regret – they are announcing that they are postponing the 66th Annual Thanksgiving Conference until November 2021. And, you are invited and encouraged to attend then!



## BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS 2020 THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Yes, we know that there is a pandemic on-going – but your missionaries are still faithfully serving in their respective ministries – adapting, improvising, implementing new ways to continue preaching, evangelizing, and strengthening the churches!

Please plan and prepare to give as generous Thanksgiving Offering as the Lord provides for you so we can continue supplying your missionaries with their needed support!

*"...that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality..."*  
[2 Corinthians 8:2]

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

“86% of Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists do not know a Christian. Make a friend. Re-order your church budget. Send. Go. Pray.”

*-K. DeYoung*

### Follow BFM on Social Media



[www.facebook.com/BFMnow](http://www.facebook.com/BFMnow)



[www.twitter.com/BFMnow](http://www.twitter.com/BFMnow)



[www.instagram.com/BFMnow](http://www.instagram.com/BFMnow)

We encourage you to like, share, and retweet our posts!

Also visit us at  
[www.bfmnow.org](http://www.bfmnow.org)

## Your July 2020 OFFERINGS

[Transacted in August]



However, only \$23,722.29 of this total amount was given for the **Missionary Support Fund**. The remaining \$23,682.50 of the total amount contributed was designated for various other funds [\$2,997] or to the missionaries by name [\$20,685.50] for various specified designations.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT? It is so critically important because the way Baptist Faith Missions functions is that: when we assume full-time support for a missionary, that missionary's monthly support commitments are supplied from the **Missionary Support Fund**. In other words, the missionary does not 'raise' his own essential support funds. BFM commits to disburse these essential maintenance services "as the Lord provides." Then, we pray fervently to God, appeal to you, and trust the Lord to work in your hearts to help us provide these commitments to your missionaries by contributing to the **Missionary Support Fund**.

Therefore, contributions that are given to the missionary by name for specific work projects, the generic "as needed," or for "personal" use are NOT allocated toward providing for that missionary's essential, base support disbursements.

The accrued total that we have disbursed this month [August] just for the missionaries' essential maintenance services is \$33,761.36. This is supplied from the **Missionary Support Fund**.

For example, we have eight [8] current full-time missionary families. Each of those missionaries receives a base essential support disbursement of \$4,150.00 per month.

Here's how that breaks down:

- \$ 1900.00 = base support
- \$ 750.00 = housing/ministry expenses allowance
- \$ 1500.00 = paid medical insurance

**Grand Total**  
.....\$47,404.79

Plus, there are other necessary expenditures that are essential to implementing the logistics and administration of their support services.

**All this to take you back to the top and note again that \$23,722.29 was given this month to the Missionary Support Fund.**

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 to be made to the Missionary Support Fund.**

So, PLEASE! May we appeal to you to make a commitment to help provide for your missionaries' on-going support by giving generously and faithfully to the **Missionary Support Fund**! Is your missionaries' ministries important enough to you to give, say, \$1 a day, or \$30 per month to the Missionary Support Fund?

**And, we express our heartfelt gratitude to all our faithful friends who do give sacrificially and consistently to the 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 -*

## WAYS TO GIVE



### Give Online

You can make a secure donation online with a check or credit card.

Just click the **Give** button on our homepage at [www.bfmnow.org](http://www.bfmnow.org)



### Mail a Check



All offerings should be addressed to:

**BFM, c/o George Sledd  
P.O. Box 471280  
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280**

If your offering is for a specific missionary or project, it should be so designated.

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



# BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS

## NEWS & REPORTS

Assisting Baptist churches to send God-called missionaries to fulfill church-planting missions in the nations of the world

www.bfmnow.org



September 2020 Issue

# ONLINE EDITION

## PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD the virus in their area seems to be under control and the churches are gradually getting back to normal! PRAY for the growing work in Cacau and the building decisions that need to be made. [PAGE 5]

► **MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW:** PRAISE GOD they are starting to reopen! PRAY God would stay the virus and give them wisdom as they begin phased reopening. [PAGE 8]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for His grace and the next generation! PRAY for Nathalie as she ministers in Austria. [PAGE 4 + BONUS LETTER ON PAGE 5!]

► **JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for the love on display during their latest visit on the street! PRAY for those in São Paulo City, especially during their winter season. [PAGE 4]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for the seminary classes that are being planned for 2021! PRAY as they prepare and for the professors and the pastors planning to attend the classes. [PAGE 3]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for Kitale being spared the brunt of the cases in Kenya! PRAY as they prepare for furlough. [PAGE 2]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for the new venue He has provided! PRAY more people would be able to come back to worship services. PRAY for Julie as she travels. [PAGE 1]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for His providence in an unexpected delay! PRAY for those who are sick with the virus. PRAISE GOD they are still able to minister to those in need and have been blessed with good health! [PAGE 3]



## RESUMING MEETING TOGETHER



Mike & Beverly Creiglow

mdcreig@hotmail.com  
Caixa Postal 24  
Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre,  
Brazil 69980

Cruzeiro do Sul. All of Brazil is hot and dry. We haven't had any rain this month. The river is as low as it can be. Not much has changed here over the past few weeks.

A lady from our church is head of the health department and for the past 23 days she has been giving me daily reports about the evolution of the virus here in town. She gives me new cases, hospitalizations, discharged, cured, deaths and a few other categories. I now have a spreadsheet to be able to help evaluate the situation. Mostly though, I just spend lots of time in prayer in the wee hours, asking God to show me the way forward. Although the state and city have given permission for churches to meet, the restrictions are so severe that we have not returned.

We have given our congregations at Foz do Breu and the one in Peru, permission to meet. Last week we gave all of our interior works permission to hold public services. Also, this month we authorized our small groups to resume meeting. Today we will be giving our chapels here in town permission to resume regular services. So, little by little, we are coming back. I meet weekly with my staff to discuss and pray about each new step. We meet again this afternoon and I am going to recommend we have a morning service on August 30. This will be live streamed. We will add services incrementally from there. I have been informed that the city only has 4 "spies" on payroll and these refuse to work on Sundays, so that is good news. Pray for us. It has now been 5 full months

August 19, 2020  
Dear Brethren,  
Greetings from hot and sunny

since our last service at First Baptist Church.

We have been getting news from several of our mission works and missionaries. José Costa (border village) reports good attendance and at least one saved. José Maia (Tipisca, Peru) has been having limited crowds. He stays very busy though in the community. He even managed to find a plow to pull behind his ATV and has upped his gardening game! His son, who is our missionary

at Santa Rosa do Purús, is now working part time in a cabinet shop and has started a small Bible study class. I just bought him a motor, so that when things get back to normal, he will be able to start mission work on the Purús River.

I have continued to work on construction jobs nonstop and pretty long hours. Don't watch the news. Work keeps me content. Still hoping that things will get back to some kind of normal pretty soon.

Bev and I are doing well. The whole family is doing great. We have been meeting every Saturday night for our family time. Every Sunday afternoon we play a few innings of whiffle ball. Even the little squirts play. I

even play! Only Grandma Bev sits on the sideline and watches to make sure nobody cheats. Bev had not been out for over 3 months. Last week she finally started to get out occasionally. She actually went to a supermarket for the first time in 5 months. On her last time out, she saw a guy from down south with a truck selling strawberries. She bought enough for the 3 families. She made me some shortcake and whipped cream. She really does love me after all!

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

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow



Missionary José Maia (Tipisca, Peru) has been having limited crowds at church. He stays very busy though in the community. He even managed to find a plow to pull behind his ATV and has upped his gardening game!