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Thank you for praying and supporting us and our ministry.

In the midst of the lengthy pandemic, I find myself rereading Philipians and listening again on my audio Bible as I wake up in the morning and while going to bed at night. Divine words of comfort bring healing to the heart and soul. Philipians is my default Scripture reading when my heart is heavy laden and seeks comfort. I often listen to Colossians, as my audio Bible continues automatically into the next book. We stand on solid ground. Christ's supremacy supersedes and exceeds all, in all things. He is what holds everything together and brings it into reconciliation unto Himself. God's fullness dwells in Him. Considering all the strife going on in US elections and now in Brazil elections for mayor and councilmembers, it can be very distracting from life's main purpose - Jesus. I am reassured to know that in Christ's new earth we will no longer have to deal with sin, pandemics, imperfect systems, and crazy elections. What Scripture brings you



Jud & Raquel with friends

comfort and joy during trying times? The ministry is moving forward with good progress. We've assisted many families over the course of the pandemic. Some of our gatherings are already back, but still several people choose to stay home. So, we try to minister to people individually as best as we can. We do a lot of meal care packages for our high risk sequestered families.

Our kids are coming along well in school. We are so blessed to have a school that was able to make online

distance learning a reality back in March and continues to excel in these challenging times. The lockdown is still very present here in São Paulo as the second wave comes through. Public parks reopened 3 weeks ago, but with several restrictions. The economy suffers, but people suffer most.

My mother arrived today in São Paulo and will remain with us for 6 days. Our kids are elated that she was able to visit and invest time with our

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*- Judson Hatcher -*



family.

If you'd like to say hello, send me an email at judsonhatcher@gmail.com or shoot me a message on FB Messenger. Would love to chat with you.

Grateful always,  
Judson and Raquel



*"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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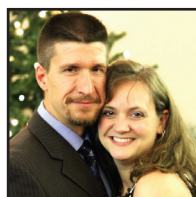

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*May God give them wisdom and discernment  
as they prayerfully make decisions.*

## MIRED IN TRADITIONS

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

As I write this a traditional circumcision ceremony is progressing just outside my fence. The boy who is to be circumcised (usually between about 10-15 years old) strips himself pretty much naked, paints himself all over with a grayish-white body paint and collects a number of his close friends and older "brothers". They collect a drum and then start proceeding through the streets beating the drum, dancing, and chanting. If you try and stop them (which I wouldn't dare) they will "throw insults at you" as my friend would say (and probably rocks and sticks as well). You just have to wait until they go away. Then the boy/young man is circumcised in a more private (but not completely private) ceremony and a circumcision party will be held for him. He has to face the final event as a man, with courage and with no crying or showing any pain. It becomes

his rite of passage into manhood. This circumcision is most likely just a traditional ceremony with not a lot of other implications in the boy/young man's life. However, a lot of Kenyan people are still mired in traditional religion, traditional practices, and traditional superstitions. This includes such things as witch doctors, curses, spells, and magic. If you want to curse someone, make them sick, make their business or their marriage fail, or even kill them you can go to a witch doctor and get this done for a small fee. And, yes, many people here really believe this. If a series of bad things happens to them, they will seek to find who has cast a spell on them and then seek to get themselves out from under its curse. This seems hard to believe in our day and age, especially since Kenya is not an uncivilized nation and most of its people are literate and educated. What is even more devastating is that these beliefs and attitudes permeate the churches and Christian community as well. There is much superstition and traditional mentality in our churches here in Kitale. Many Christians still live in fear of curses and witch doctors, attributing sickness and

suffering to it - and many of their pastors encourage this mentality.

All of this is a contributing factor to my having started the Upper Room Baptist Chapel. Here in Kitale we need more Biblical teaching and training in the gospel and in following and loving Jesus as the Son of God and King of the earth. I fear too many Christians here are Christians simply as an alternative to traditional superstition, following Jesus for the power over the spirits that he can provide for them.

At Upper Room Baptist Chapel I am still trying to teach and preach Biblical messages that will help those who will come to know the Bible, know Jesus and how to follow Him, and know God in a real way. I only wish that more people (even my own Chapel people) would come to learn about Jesus with me. Our numbers are still few and I am not able to compel any others to come. We have had a couple of new visitors over the last month, though, so that is good. But even when times are tough, we can still sing and praise God and trust Him with our ministries, our families and our lives.

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

## IN ISOLATION WITH COVID

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Good afternoon,

Time for me to report to you on some new health issues. 11 days ago I fell ill and had to stop all my work. The suspicion was Covid-19. Here in this part of the world they will not even test until you have 8 days of symptoms. For that reason, I have held off on what was happening. My doctor and a lab technician started caring for me until time for the test. The doctor got me on medication. On Tuesday she had me go to the

hospital to run several tests. She kept me for 2 days. The state built a brand new wing on our hospital for Covid patients and treatment. After a cat scan, blood work and the swab test, they discovered that I do have Covid-19, plus dengue fever and an enlarged aorta. Bev was also tested and they discovered that she is positive and has antibodies.

A full week before I got sick Bev had just one symptom that did not trigger any suspicion. At the same time my grandson Caleb had all the tell-tale symptoms including loss of smell and taste. Then my daughter Crissy and her husband Dauro also got it. So, we don't know who got it first or where it came from. Anyway, I am home now. My treatment for

the 2 diseases continues. It is challenging. For now, I seem to be recovering. Of course, the rumor mill is cranking out fake news. Bev just got a call from a friend in another city in Brazil who had heard that I am on my last leg in the ICU!

Bev and I are now in total isolation for the next 14 days. We are not allowed out and nobody is allowed in here. We would like for you to pray for our family. I felt like I needed to let you know about all of this. Sorry I had to wait this long, but now you know. Thanks to all of you.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow

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## TRANSFORMING THE OUTREACH STRATEGY



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Dear Friends,

We are finishing up a great month of ministries! Our in-person attendance at our worship services has reached 95% pre-COVID numbers and our youth ministry is actually larger than it was before.

As I mentioned in my last report, our traveling evangelistic team has had to completely transform its strategy of outreach. Our public schools continue to remain closed to in-person classes, which was/is our principal venue for taking the gospel to the unreached. Brazil's school year begins in February and ends in December, so most likely, there will be no return to classes until next year. We did discover

other means and locations to minister, though.

This month we worked in partnership with a ministry that feeds the homeless. Because of the virus quarantine, many people lost their jobs. Some of those were people who were already struggling to make ends meet and, especially, to pay their rent. Many of those were forced to move out of their homes and ended up on the streets or under bypasses. Through the homeless population grapevine, these folks hear of where they can get a hot meal and some shoes, clothing and blankets. We have been going out regularly to some strategic points to meet, speak with and help as many of these people as we can. In every situation, our teams seek to share the love of Christ and the message of the gospel. The Lord has blessed by bringing many to Christ as Lord and Savior. Also, those members of our teams who minister the word are greatly blessed to

see God use them and they come away even more grateful for the blessings that the Lord has poured out on them.

For many years we have had teams come from churches in the USA to partner with us in evangelism. In all of these opportunities I have sought to locate local English speakers to assist in translating for these non-Portuguese speaking volunteers. Two former volunteers had moved to the state of São Paulo, about a 6 hours' drive from our city. They had asked their pastor if he would allow them to begin a worship service in English at their church following their regular Portuguese speaking service. He agreed and they began right around the beginning of the COVID outbreak. They continued the services, but were required to do everything through a live-feed video and not with a congregation present. The two volunteers who had met with and worked with me a few years

back contacted me to invite me to go to their town and preach in English for one of their live broadcasts. It has been quite some time since I last preached in English, but I am always open to the opportunity to preach God's word, whatever the occasion. Charlene and I drove there on a Saturday, spent the night, I preached on Sunday around noon and we immediately returned to our own church in time for the evening service. It was a neat adventure and we heard that that broadcast service reaches an audience of over 1000 people in several different countries. We are thankful to the Lord for this privilege to preach His word and share His love.

We pray that He'll continue to use us for His glory and to give us wisdom and insight on ways to be faithful despite the strange times we are living in. We thank you for your faithful prayers and support for us.

In Christ's love,

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FURLOUGH



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Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone and we are now nearly at the end of 2020. Where has the year gone? As I look back, it seems to have flown by. 2020 was such a stressful and challenging year, with the coronavirus. I am sure it was for many of you all in the States as well. God was so faithful, and kept us safe and healthy. This update will share current updates as well as give our plans for our time of furlough.

We praise the Lord that we are all safe and sound on American soil at this time. We are looking forward to our time of furlough and seeing many of you all. This time of coronavirus was challenging to say the least. It seemed the cases were always a concern, and which parts of Kenya there were impacting.

The cases were climbing as the

year went on, even in Kitale. We were very vigilant and did our

best to take all the safety precautions, such as staying out of town as much as possible, avoiding large crowds, wearing face masks in public, sanitizing whenever in town, etc. We praise the Lord that none in our family contracted the virus and we are praying for those still in Kitale, as well as around the world, for their safety and health.

Please continue to pray for Kenya and the spread of the virus. The government has extended the curfew hours until January, as well as closing all big political gatherings, in an effort to stop the

spread of the virus. Also, there are issues with children being in school,

and an effort to help in that situation. Our prayer is that a vaccine will be developed soon and the fear of the virus would be reduced, as a treatment becomes available.

Please pray for me as I (Nathan) have much to do in the days ahead. I need to work on our family prayer card, getting our mission dvd done, and trying to secure housing in WV. At this time we don't have housing in

WV, so would you please pray with us that God would provide it soon, at a reasonable price? Furlough is always expensive and our prayer is that God would

provide good housing for us in WV at an affordable price.

Please pray for my wife Carrie as she continues to homeschool our daughters. My wife loves homeschooling and does a great job at it. Her education is in teaching, so this is exactly what she is trained for. God has blessed me so much having her with me all these years on the mission field.

In regards to the uncertainty in the days ahead with the virus, I am reminded of a famous quote "I don't know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future." Amen. Also, a few verses to encourage us: Psalm 112:7 "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord." Finally, Psalm 62:7 "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God." May we trust Him in these uncertain days, knowing He will be with us, and faithful each step of the way.

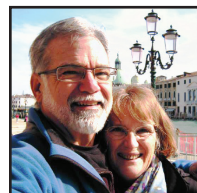
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**"He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."**

**- Psalm 112:7 -**



## GOD AT WORK IN THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Two days after I wrote the last newsletter our lives met a steep curve in the road. The day before Judy and I planned on going to Florida to care for Dad while my brother Paul had surgery we received news that Dad had been taken by ambulance to the hospital. Within a couple of hours we were on the road south. Several other pieces of bad news pierced the next few days. But, God is in control.

Many of you are also faced with difficulties, often unexpected. But, as the eighth chapter of Romans assures us we will be delivered and in that hope we continue the race set before us. Dad is now in a Rehab facility. Paul, who is recovering well from surgery, is hoping Dad can return to his and Wanda's home in a couple of weeks. Judy and I returned early to Evansville to care for Peggy. We are so grateful for the care given by Marilyn, Janet and Lisa during the days we were gone. The sisters in the Lord manifest God's grace abundantly.

Meanwhile, France is back under heavy restrictions and our church can no longer have in person meetings. This morning our members met electronically from 9 different locations. Our text this morning was Romans 8:18-27. You might find encouragement in this passage! We are very

encouraged by the fellowship with our French brothers and sisters and the work of God in their lives.

Four years ago, Jan, a lady with whom Peggy was having weekly Bible studies trusted Christ. We, along with Peggy, continue to meet for Bible studies with Jan and her husband. We are now doing this via Zoom. Two days ago, Tony professed faith in Christ and is to be baptized this coming Sunday.

Douceline, in whose home in Mazere we held Bible studies for many years, has Bible studies regular with a lady whose husband has vocally professed his atheism for years. This past week she very encouraged because she was able to witness to him and he was receptive. She also had some great opportunities to communicate the gospel at work.

Nathalie, our second granddaughter and member of the Tournefeuille Church, had extended her time of ministry in Austria. The mission project to refugees with which she has been serving has asked her to stay on until just a few days before Christmas. She is planning on doing so. She may also return to work there in the Spring.

So, along with the unwanted surprises we have many wonderful surprises. We are able to give thanks in all circumstances. Where sin abounds, God's grace overabounds.

Gratefully God's children with you,  
John and Judy

**Humbly He lay,  
Creator come as creature,  
Born on the floor of a hay-  
scattered stall.**

**True Son of God,  
yet bearing human feature,  
He entered earth to reverse  
Adam's fall.**

**In towering grace,  
He laid aside His glory,  
And in our place,  
was sacrificed for sin.**

**Fall on your knees!  
O hear the gospel story!  
O night divine,  
O night  
when Christ was born!**

*- Kevin Hartnett -*



# WELL IN UBIM ALMOST FINISHED



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November 14, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We praise God for His care for us and each one of you that He has placed in our life and ministry. We pray that He will continue to give each of us the strength we need to carry on His work.

Things here are still about the same. We have had several people in our church that have had the Covid virus. Thank God they are all doing well!

The special project at Pedras Vivas church is doing well. Part of the project is music classes for those who want to learn to play an instrument or sing. That is something that is much needed in this area since it's far from town, and most people can't afford paying for lessons plus the transportation. Also, we have started the children's Sunday School back. The kids are really enjoying the classes.

The well that we are doing in the village of Ubim is on the finishing touches. This will be a great blessing to use in keeping the church clean and also a way to help the community. We are going to put some faucets where they can get water for them.

There is another community close to the city of Iranduba



*Men from the village in Ubim help move the well-drilling equipment*



*The well in progress*

that Pastor Amauri and his wife Miriam are working that is very needy. We will be helping them with putting up a covered area for services and also drilling a well. That will be of great help for the community.

We have several couples from the church that were already together and had families but not legally married. So, we are working with them on getting the marriage license. Here, it takes a month or more to get the license. Thank God things are coming along. And with the virus, many places were not doing much or slower than usual.

Thanks for your prayers and your faithful support. May God bless each of you!

Please continue to pray for us for protection and for wisdom

in doing the ministry God has given us to do—that we can reach out more and more to those who are lost!

Love in our Savior,  
Odali and Kathy Barros

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*Kids in Ubim doing crafts*



*Children in the vicinity of Iranduba*

**“The Son of God became a man  
to enable men to become sons of God.”**

**- C.S. Lewis -**



*It's not too late to give your personal offering toward the 2020 THANKSGIVING OFFERING.*

## WE NEED TO REACH FOR OUR \$50,000.00 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL!

There is just no way that we can exaggerate or over-state the importance of our Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering is indispensable if we are to maintain providing our missionaries with the levels of service and benefits we are giving them now – and we certainly can't increase the benefits we give them without a very generous Thanksgiving Offering.

All the offerings given to the Thanksgiving Offering go directly toward the support of our missionaries by funding the commitments, benefits, and services we give them over the course of the next year.

Consider these truths:

✿ All the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries are funded through offerings and contributions given to the Missionary Support Fund

✿ The only contribution streams that supply the Missionary Support Fund are the monthly offerings given to the Missionary Support Fund and the THANKSGIVING OFFERING

✿ The monthly Missionary Support Fund contributions do not sustain all the accrued annual disbursements for the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries. Therefore, we need and depend upon the THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS to make up for the monthly deficits we will incur in providing the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries over the upcoming year

✿ This year's THANKSGIVING OFFERING will make up for next year's monthly deficits in Missionary Support Fund contributions and disbursements

✿ IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FUNDS NOW IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S DISBURSEMENTS, THEN WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REDUCE THE COMMITMENTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES WE GIVE TO OUR MISSIONARIES

- we have no other reserves, subsidies, or endowments to draw from or fall back on

- we cannot borrow money to operate

✿ So, it is essential that we all give as generously as possible so our missionaries' needs will be supplied

✿ Will you give a generous personal THANKSGIVING OFFERING right now?

- and, at the same time, may we encourage you to commit to making monthly offerings to the Missionary Support Fund!

✿ Your missionaries' needs will be met – and thanksgivings to God will abound and increase and continue!



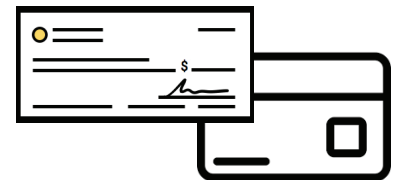
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The greatest need each month is for the Missionary Support Fund.



**GIVE NOW!**

*"...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]*

## "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING SO IMPORTANT?"

The Thanksgiving Offering is ESSENTIAL because it is the only source of funds for supplying many of our missionaries' needs during the coming year. Those services and benefits NOT sufficiently funded by monthly offerings to the Missionary Support Fund are supplied by contributions received in the Thanksgiving Offering.

## "WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS DOES THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING HELP PROVIDE?"

The Thanksgiving Offering enables us to provide the services and benefits we have committed to our missionaries "as the Lord provides" – *in addition to monthly salary, housing and ministry allowances, and hospitalization.* These benefits include:

- reimbursements for missionaries' Furlough (Home Assignment) airfare/ transportation expenses to and from the field
- reimbursements for their hospitalization personal deductibles for the year (their personal deductible is \$1000 and we reimburse them \$600 of that amount)
- children's school/education expenses (if funds are available)
- expenses for mailing *BFM News & Reports* (missionaries' monthly letters, reports, updates -- and a brief summary report of all offerings given through BFM that month)
- expenses for maintaining Stateside office for communication and daily services – there are a lot of activities that go on Stateside to keep our missionaries functioning on their fields of service



## "HOW ELSE IS THE MISSIONARY SUPPORT FUND SUPPLIED?"

The primary supply for the Missionary Support Fund is from monthly offerings that are given to the Missionary Support Fund. These monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings are used to supply the "Essential Missionary Support" [EMS] that we have committed to the missionaries for their standard essential monthly expenses. These include:

- their monthly salary
- their monthly standard housing allowance
- their monthly standard ministry allowance
- their monthly hospitalization premium
- expenses for printing *BFM News & Reports* – their monthly newsletters, reports, and updates

*We just wish to reiterate – and we cannot over-emphasize – that we have no sources of funding for these committed benefits other than the monthly Missionary Support Fund and the Thanksgiving Offering. If we do not receive the necessary funding through these two contribution streams, we cannot disburse the benefits.*

## OUR 2020-21 THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL IS \$50,000.00

Would you please pray and ask the Lord of the Harvest what he would have you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering? And then ask Him also to supply you with that gift from his inexhaustible resources of Grace?

**Thank You, GIVING FRIENDS!**



**"No more let sins  
and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make  
His blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found."**



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Dear friends and family,

It is totally amazing how fast time is passing. It seems only yesterday I weighed 187 pounds and here three months later, I am 204. I don't understand what has happened. Well, I guess it is Barb's AWESOME cooking and my immobility with the broken ankle. However, things are starting to heal. I am out of the boot that I had to wear for six weeks and off the knee buggy and am able to walk with a cane with a wrap on the ankle. I am ready for the healing to be completed and COVID to be over. But through it all God is AWESOME.

Sometimes we get impatient when our missions, our dreams, our visions get put on hold or what we think is a delay (oh me of little faith). Then I think of the Bible heroes and how some of them never got to realize their dreams and I remember what faith really is: Trusting in God even when we don't see an answer or do not get the answer that we want when we want it. Just hold on, God

is not finished yet and yes, through it all, God is AWESOME.

We are continuing with our plans although it seems to change almost weekly. Today it looks like we will have four virtual classes in November and early December. Our students are chomping at the bits to get back to classes even if it has to be virtual. The students really want their classes to be face-to-face; however, we all understand our present situation with the restraints of travel with COVID.

Barb and I have been hoping to travel in late December 'til mid-January to be with family and get some things settled for the Seminary. Our hope is to know by the first of December if this will be possible. So we're praying for wisdom and discernment as we learn to trust Him more and walk by faith. Pray with us as we are very anxious to be about the Lord's work that we are called to do. So, continue to pray for Bluegrass Baptist Seminary and Baptist Faith Missions and we will continue to pray for all of you who make this possible by your generosity and faithfulness.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara

# We GO... because HE CAME. Merry Christmas to you & yours!

*"Christmas means that, through the grace of God and the incarnation, peace with God is available; and if you make peace with God, then you can go out and make peace with everybody else. And the more people who embrace the gospel and do that, the better off the world is. Christmas, therefore, means the increase of peace—both with God and between people—across the face of the world."*  
{Keller}

