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FELLOWSHIP WITH FAMILY, PREPARING RETURN TO FRANCE



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February 10, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You are a source of encouragement and joy and to Judy and me. We are presently in the home of Paul and Wanda enjoying fellowship with them and Dad. David, our brother from Manaus, surprised us by arriving just a few hours after us earlier this week. The time together, so rare, is a blessing.

These have been trying times. A number of people we know in Manaus have died from Covid-19. The church that David pastors has been losing about 2 people each day as they pass from this world into the presence of the Lord. The church has been active in acquiring and distributing oxygen to the sick and supplying needs for the ill and families that are left with no living wage earner.

Judy and I have been working hard to wrap up things in the Evansville concerning Peggy's estate so that we can return to France. There have been many complications, but God supplies abundantly and has displayed His love and grace in marvelous ways. Our spiritual and physical families have helped enormously in this process. All of our children have



The Hatcher Men

Sons: David, John Mark, Paul (Left to Right)
Father: John A. Hatcher (Front)

"There have been many complications, but God supplies abundantly and has displayed His love and grace in marvelous ways."

- John Mark Hatcher -

come to help for several days and we have enjoyed fellowship with them in the midst of intense activity.

We met twice physically with Resurgence church in January. It is very encouraging to witness the desires of this relatively young Baptist church. They want to reach the lost and help the saints. As with all of you, the meeting numbers are limited and many participate by means of the internet. It is a great blessing to have this medium available which also enables us to participate actively with our assembly in France.

Though there are many restrictions in France due the effort to minimize the spread of the Corona Virus, it appears that we can meet the requirements to return in the near future. Thank you for your prayers and support in every way. May God bless each of you as you seek His will in serving Him during these difficult times.

Your fellow servants,
John and Judy



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

REFINING MISSIONS PRESENTATION ON FURLOUGH



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February 4, 2021

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and we are now several weeks into 2021. This past month has been a busy one, and I (Nathan) will provide a current update. Thanks so much to each one who prays for, sacrificially gives to, or comes to personally visit the ministries in Kitale, Kenya. Each of you are such a blessing to us.

This past month, I (Nathan) have been very busy in production of the ministry DVD. I do a new ministry DVD each furlough, and I am very thankful for the helpful Charistian man that has been assisting me this time. We are now in the final stages of the DVD, and I appreciate all his hard work.

What does a ministry DVD entail? A lot of work and preparation. It may not seem like it, but there is much “behind the scenes” work of preparation. Sorting the ministry pictures, putting them in separate folders, going through various videos and sorting those, deciding on background special effects, etc. There are so many different things. I tried to do much of the sorting photos work towards the end of our past term, and that definitely helped expedite the process. I am pleased with the result of the video and look forward to sharing it soon, Lord willing.

Please pray for our daughters and my wife as they continue to homeschool. My wife has many challenges with homeschooling, but this method has many benefits for our daughters. My wife is able to plan and schedule the curriculum, and outline the school year. Both of our daughters are enjoying it and seem to be gleaned much from their studies.

Please be in prayer for all of them as they continue along this school year.

I will soon be scheduling churches to come and share the work of the Lord in Kenya, so please pray with me about this as well. I am also working on refining my missions presentation, so that is work as well.

Please keep Kenya in your prayers with coronavirus. We understand that the cases have gone up since we have left, and many of the medical facilities are overwhelmed. God is in control and we trust Him to work all of these challenges out for His glory.

We will be sure to keep you updated. May we trust the Lord each day, trusting in His guidance, direction and provision. Psalm 31:14 says “But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God.” Also, Psalm 18:3 “I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.” Our God is faithful, each step of the way.

Until next month,
Nathan and Carrie Radford

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

The mission of Baptist Faith Missions is to assist the Lord's churches to fulfill the Great Commission given to them: that is, to make disciples of all the nations.

Matthew 28:18-20 New King James Version (NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION

Baptist Faith Missions assists Baptist churches to send God-called missionaries to fulfill “essential Great Commission disciple-making, church-planting missions” in the nations of the world.

• We believe that “essential Great Commission missions” is to preach the Gospel, evangelize, baptize disciples, establish Baptist churches, and train the disciples to obey everything that our

Lord Jesus Christ has commanded... and that this Commission was given by our Lord Jesus Christ to His churches to fulfill in every successive generation.

• While we believe that all other outreach ministries and services may accomplish good works and meet worthwhile social and spiritual needs, we believe that our purpose, scope, and focus should concentrate on “essential Great Commission Gospel missions” as fulfilled from, through, and by local churches.

We structure our purpose, policies, and procedures to be compatible with what we call

“The Acts 13 Model”

Acts 13.1-4 ~ Now *in the church* that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As *they* ministered to the Lord and fasted, *the Holy Spirit said*, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and *laid hands on them, they sent them away*. [Emphases added]

This means:

- BFM does not ordain missionaries – their local sending churches do
- BFM does not ‘send’ missionaries – their local sending churches do
- BFM does not assign fields of service to missionaries – their local sending churches do under the direction of the Holy Spirit
- BFM does not ‘lord over’/exercise authority over the missionaries – their local sending churches do

BFM DOES assist their sending churches to coordinate, facilitate, and administer support funds from other partnering churches to help them fulfill the ministry the Holy Spirit has called them to – consistent with our mutually-agreed-upon Statement of Faith and Policies & Procedure [Missionary Support Partnership].

To fulfill this mission world-wide, each one of us is serving Christ in our present places of service and in our respective churches. We are also seeking every means available to us to partner and labor together with other sending churches and their missionaries to increase our outreach, carry Christ's Gospel, and proclaim Christ's salvation to our world.

BENEFITS OF READING GOD'S WORD



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Dear Friends,

There is one good habit that I stumbled upon shortly after my surrender to Christ 43 years ago and that was to read the Bible through from cover to cover. I don't remember that I set out to read it through even the first time back then, but a thirst to know more about the God who loved me enough to give His Son to save me motivated me to read on. After that first time, I felt that I knew Him better and that led me to establish the goal of reading it through yearly. There have been a few years that I fell short of that, but nonetheless, I learned more about my God and Savior and I find more to praise and worship Him for each time.

One of the greatest benefits to me of reading the Bible through often is that the reader (in this case, I) discovers just how much God is in control of everything that is going on in the affairs of this world. This is true even when the events and circumstances for believers are drastic and horrible. I share this to say that I am greatly encouraged and excited about what is going on all around us, though a casual observer who doesn't read God's word, and isn't aware of His sovereign power, might tend to despair and lose hope.

Certainly not all the events and circumstances are pleasant, in and of themselves. We have lost some wonderful people to COVID-19. My wife and I both suffered the discomfort of it ourselves. The political and spiritual climate of both Brazil and the United States is appalling. The apparent lack of justice and goodness in the highest places and the increase of violence and hatred on the streets of our

cities pain me. But, because I have seen in God's word how He governs all the affairs of mankind, using even evil to accomplish His good purposes, I rejoice in the midst of it all, because I am loved and cared for by Him. His word also gives me the message of hope and salvation to take to those people that He has put in the scope of my influence. I, and those I train, can offer true peace to them when all around they see despair. I thank God for the Bible, which is His means of communicating what He's up to, both now and in, what seems to be, the daunting future. I am excited about what's coming next because "I know Who holds the future, and I know He holds my hand."

A young couple just recently joined our outreach traveling team, Projeto Vida. Vitor just finished law school and his friends expected him to go into practice

and make a bundle of money, but the Lord put it in his heart to go into fulltime evangelism. His wife, Loren, is nearly finished with college, but she is equally convicted that the Lord wants them to serve Him in this ministry. This weekend will be their first trip to minister with our team. They come to us from one of our sister churches where they served for several years in evangelism as parttime volunteers. We are so thrilled that they love and trust the Lord so much that they would walk away from a possibly lucrative profession to make God's love known to many who have never heard. Please pray for them as we seek to support and encourage them in this vocation.

I hope that you are finding God's word to be your delight and source of encouragement in this new year. It certainly is to us.

Yours in Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

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- Bobby Wacaser -

What a Gospel!

The Son of God suffered the wrath of God to turn enemies of God into children of God for the glory of God.

What a Gospel!

- Linne -

DEPENDING ON THE LORD IN TRYING TIMES



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February 16, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope all are doing well. We are doing well and being cared for by our Lord and Savior. So many times God protects us without us realizing how much. Our son Jonas and his wife were sick with some symptoms of Covid. So we decided to have them tested and we also decided to be tested to see if we had had it. Well, to our surprise, our son and his wife tested negative, and me and Kathy tested that we had been infected and were in the 2nd stage. We had felt no symptoms at all in the last 5 weeks. We praise God for His care and protection.

We had been without services since the last week of December. There had been lots of problems in the community around the church. We started back this last Sunday. We told the members that those who felt comfortable in coming to come. We had about 20-25 to come. Things in Manaus are really bad and many people are dying. Several people that we know have died. God, help us to be wise in doing our part and helping others. The real truth is that we depend on the Lord.

Kathy has not been going to the community of Ubim. Since she



Kids in Christ King Community

works with the children, she decided to wait until the situation in the village gets better. The virus had increased there and some people died. The Lord willing, she will start back next week. Kathy had planned on starting a project with the mothers of the kids that come to the kids' ministry. That's when the Covid virus broke out there. Pray that things will get better so that they can start this program with the mothers.

One of our new projects that we are doing with a pastor friend is drilling wells in communities where the people have no water. Where we live, there are many communities with that problem. The first one we did was at the church in Ubim. Now we are

starting one in a village called Christ King. There are 40 families that live in this village. A pastor friend has a work there and his wife has a kids program she does there also.

We want to thank you so much for your prayers. Please continue to pray for God's protection and for Him to give us the wisdom we need to do the ministry in midst of all these difficult times. Thanks for your support. Things would be difficult if we didn't have your help. We are helping a Venezuelan family that has 5 kids and 2 of them

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much."**

- Odali Barros -

have physical problems.

Thank God for each of you!
Love in our Lord and Savior,
Odali and Kathy Barros



Church Building in Christ King Community



Drill for the Well

OUR NEW FIELD REPRESENTATIVE: PASTOR DAVID PITMAN

William Carey preached his famous sermon from Isaiah 54:2,3, and summed up its teaching in these two important statements: (1) "Expect great things from God," and (2) "Attempt great things for God." Carey appealed for a mission to India but also proved his sincerity by volunteering to be a missionary to India. Andrew Fuller, likening the souls of sinners to hidden treasure, had said, "There is a gold mine in India; but it seems as deep as the centre of the earth; who will venture to explore it?" "I will go down," responded William Carey, in words never to be forgotten, "but remember that you must hold the rope."

My ministry, deeply embedded in pastoral and educational work nearly 50 years, has always moved me to be a "rope-holder" for missionaries. And now at my request, the Directors of Baptist Faith Mission have asked me to serve as our Field Representative. It is a voluntary, unpaid position; but a vital one -strengthening the hold on that rope in every pastor's hand who sends and in every missionary's hand who goes.

The field representative serves as an ambassador for all our missionaries. He promotes through church, conference, and media services, the resources for the missionaries and the reports from the missionaries. What his ministry actually looks like will depend on your requests and your encouragement.



Pastor David Pitman



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Will you help us "hold the ropes?"

"I will go down, but remember that you must hold the rope." -William Carey

Will you help us hold the ropes?



Pastor David Pitman with his wife Kym



David Pitman and George Sledd recently introduced BFM to more than 1,400 registrants at the 2021 National Founders Conference in Fort Myers, Florida.

Pray that like-minded churches and believers will come alongside and help us.

ENCOURAGING OPPORTUNITIES AS ADDICTIVE ACTIVITIES ARE ON THE RISE IN KENYA



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

I get to report some small encouragements from the last month.

First, we have had a couple of new visitors to the Chapel this past month. It has been a while

since I could say that. One of the new visitors is a lady that lives in the area and was invited to come from one of my "regular" attendees (the "regular" here is in quotes because she does come regularly - misses three weeks - attends - misses three weeks - attends - misses three weeks - attends). I don't know a lot about this new visitor, but she seemed to enjoy our worship service and I hope she continues to attend so that we can get to know her better. The other new visitor is a young man that I have known for quite some time. I didn't expect him to visit the Chapel and, in fact, didn't think he would come to our services. I had started to counsel him on a weekly basis because of some major issues in his life. One of the issues that has been causing him problems recently is gambling. Oh, folks, this problem is growing in Kenya and I grieve over this for Kenyans, especially younger Kenyans. With the increase of technology, specifically smart phones, comes a wave of addictive activities, especially pornography and gambling. Everyone in Kenya has a smart phone now and with these devices always in their pock-

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- Roger Tate -

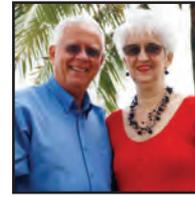
ets or their hands these mentioned vices are also readily available, with little cultural safeguards against them. More and more people are into gambling, convinced they will win. And I am convinced the gambling organizations do let them win at first, knowing they will eventually get all the gambler's money. With a few clicks on my phone screen I can load my entire paycheck onto it electronically. Then, with a few more easy clicks, I can quickly and easily load a gambling app, pick my sports team that I'm sure will win, and

away we go. And from what I've heard, most people win pretty big at first, convincing them that winning is easy and consistent, and also tempting them into betting bigger and more. However, the winning doesn't last while the addiction does. Then they got you. And this is what happened to my young friend. His gambling then led to lying, stealing, and manipulating. So, we are meeting to try and help him with his unwise decisions and to deal with his heart. And when I invited him to our services at the Chapel I didn't think he would come. But he HAS been coming, every week for the past month. I pray he continues to come, that his heart and life may be transformed, and that his heart's desire is to glorify Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Second, I am encouraged that we finally have power and water restored to the Chapel. We had been without power for about three months and without water for about two. Now we have both again. I don't know how long these blessings will last but we will be thankful for them while we have them.

Did you know that there are

PLANS: SUBJECT TO CHRIST'S WILL



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Dear friends and family,

Our hope and prayer for all of you is that you are healthy and doing AWESOME at home, in school, at work, and in Church and ministry. While we had to cancel our courses for 2020, we are carefully pushing ahead and prayerfully limiting our schedule for 2021. We have had to cancel our plans for Amazonas for the 2021 classes there. However, after contacting our pastors and helpers in the region, we are prayerfully confident that we will be able to start our courses for the Seminary in Manaus and Rondonia and 2022.

In the meantime we have scheduled or should I say rescheduled our classes for 2021 in São Paulo for April and June. These classes will complete their studies and we can begin the planning for our first graduation. We serve a gratuitous and AWESOME God.

Our plans are to have four more courses in another town, Ribeiro

Preto, this year. These classes are tentatively scheduled for July and September.

All our plans are totally subjected to the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We covet your prayers for these plans and for Barb and I as we have again purchased our tickets for April. We will get our second vaccine for COVID 19 next Tuesday so we will be ready for the trip.

Please continue your prayers for the Pastors and the people of Brasil (especially Walmire and Mary, Chelsea and Ashley, our immediate family) as Brasil has been very hard hit with this pandemic.

Your prayers and financial support has been AWESOME in these very trying times and we continue to request your prayers as we endeavor to do His will.

We also want to say how much we appreciate and love the supporters of Baptist Faith Missions. Without you and your prayers and financial help we would not be able to continue seeking to do God's will in Brasil. As you pray for us, we pray for you and God's protection from whatever the devil throws at you.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara

things I never really thought about before I left the United States? Well, obviously there are. But one of those things hit me earlier this month. Did you know there are not a lot of non-white pictures of Jesus out there? That's right, they are hard to find. You and I both know that Jesus came from an ancient Jewish heritage making him, I'm sure, darker skinned than me. This past month I wanted to hang some prints at the Chapel with some Bible verses on them. My Kenyan printer did a really good job designing some prints with some of Jesus' "I am" sayings with pictures in the background. Some of his designs had pictures of Jesus on them - Jesus as a shep-

herd with a flock of sheep, Jesus praying, etc. I don't really have a big problem with pictures of Jesus but I noticed all the pictures on the prints had a white Jesus on them. I already have a big enough problem being a white, westerner trying to minister in an African nation. I don't want anybody here thinking I'm pushing a white, western Jesus on them. I DO want them to know the real, Biblical Jesus - Our Savior, Redeemer, Messiah and King of Jewish descent. I had to tell my printer to redesign the prints without any pictures of Jesus. Funny the things you get to think about when you minister in a different culture.

Blessings to you all,
Roger, Julie & Chloe

Your January 2021



OFFERINGS

[Transacted in February 2021]

Grand Total: \$62,133.62

Your total offerings you contributed in January 2021 was \$62,133.62.

\$30,692.56

Missionary Support Fund

We are thankful to God and to you to report that \$30,392.56 was given this month to our **Missionary Support Fund** [formerly called General Fund]. We now call it our **Missionary Support Fund** because that is what we do with it: we use it to supply ALL the standing commitments we provide for your missionaries during each month and throughout the year. It is essential and critical that we emphasize and highlight our giving to this **Missionary Support Fund!**

Realizing the Lord is in all things, from a human perspective, here are the services and benefits BFM commits to provide for your missionaries "as the Lord provides" through your faithful, committed, and generous giving:

- Base salary
- Housing expense account
- Mission field ministry expense account
- Health insurance premiums
- Furlough transportation expenses
- Outreach and promotional activities on their behalf
- Retirement contributions expenses
- Stateside administrative and legal reporting services
- Accounting, financial, and tax

reporting services

ALL of these base commitments and services that we provide for your missionaries from the **Missionary Support Fund** are 'big-ticket' services and activities, but they are essential because these provisions are what supplies their daily, on-going needs to keep them on their fields of service.

So, PLEASE! may we appeal to you to prioritize helping us to continue providing these essential assistive services to relieve our missionaries from assuming the burden of providing them for themselves! In this way, they can devote the full measure of their time, attention, and energies to the ministries they are on their respective fields to fulfill.

We are blessing and thanking God for His grace bestowed on you all – and for your generous sharing with your missionaries!

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

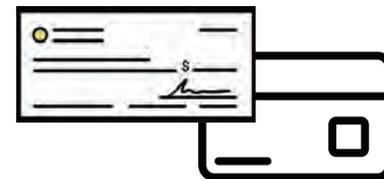
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Pray for other faithful Missionaries not in this issue:

**MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW
JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER**



THE 2021 SPRING CONFERENCE HAS BEEN POSTPONED... AGAIN

We regret to inform you that Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH, has once again thought it would be wise and prudent to postpone hosting the 2021 SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE. They (and we all) are still dealing with the lingering presence of the COVID-19 virus. We thank God that it appears to be abating in some ways in some areas of the country, but there are still so many uncertainties and variables that are ever-changing. With all of these 'unknowns,' they thought that it is not feasible to make plans for a gathering event that is still even just six weeks away. We want to thank Grace Baptist Church and Pastor Mark Pyles – and also the sister-churches and pastors who partner with them to host this Conference – for their diligent interest, efforts, and concerns for those who otherwise would plan to attend. In Pastor Mark's words: "I was sure hoping that by now we could meet again. But the Lord has it all planned out for His glory!" We look forward with anticipation to be sending more inviting announcements this time next year!

WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

adapted from SEND International

"Brethren, PRAY FOR US!"
1 Thessalonians 5:25

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sunday
Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture
Meaningful worship and fellowship times
Growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ
Commitment to the purpose of their ministry

MINISTRY

Monday
A work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of unbelievers
Boldness to share Jesus
Evangelistic contacts & ministry opportunities
Multiplication and health of the churches
Wisdom in the use of time, resources, & energy

FAMILY

Tuesday
Strong marriage
Needs of children
Support from family at home
An example for believers and unbelievers

RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday
Genuine interpersonal relationships
Willingness to listen
Wisdom to confront in a loving way
Accountability

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Thursday
Political and economic situation
Growth of God's Kingdom
Visas and continued residency
Safety

ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE

Friday
Diligence in life-long language study
Friends to help with language and culture
Willingness to engage with people even when language is weak
Cultural sensitivity

PHYSICAL NEEDS

Saturday
Health, safety, medical care
Emotional stability
Housing, schooling, transportation
Contentment in all things