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## RETIRED COUPLE GIVES OF THEMSELVES TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE



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March 2, 2021  
Dear Friends,

As many of you know, the seasons in southern Brazil are at the opposite times of year as those in the northern hemisphere. Because of this, our school calendars are also just the opposite. The months of December to February are their summer break. Due to the pandemic last year, the students had mostly virtual classes. This year looked bright for returning to the classroom for all of two weeks! But then there was an increase in the number of COVID cases in our state and the governor issued a shutdown of all public buildings. We aren't sure if this will truly be just two weeks or if it will be extended like it was last year, but it does drastically affect our ministry outreach strategies.

Each year we are invited into public and private schools to share the message of hope and salvation through gospel skits, testimonies and the preached word to tens of thousands of students and staff. The longer these doors stay closed, the less people we are able to reach. Rather than accept defeat, though, we have sought the Lord for other open doors of opportunity and He has blessed. Our traveling team has had to stay within the metropolitan area of our city, but they



have found several avenues through which they can connect with people who are lost and desperate. The homeless population of a town our size is considerably large, in the thousands. We have found locations where these folks assemble for food or clothing.

We have asked our churches to donate what they can toward this outreach effort and encouraged the members to accompany the outreach teams in their effort to show the love of Christ through gifts of physical and spiritual food. Since our teams have not been able to get into the public schools, they are free to return regularly to meet with and minister to this homeless population. Each visit gives our workers the chance to get to

know the people they are ministering to a little better and we have seen barriers of defense come down. We are finding that, yes, most of these folks are there due to repetitively bad choices, but we also find folks who are hurting and suffering and have never heard a word of grace and love and forgiveness. In the last few months, we have been instrumental in leading 16 former drug addicts to Christ and they are now voluntarily in Christian drug rehab centers seeking to become productive servants of the Lord. We thank God for these open doors and for the open hearts of our workers to reach out to those who are on the outside.

Manuel and Maria are a couple who retired from their secular jobs in order

to minister fulltime in missions and evangelism. Their retirement income is caught up in a bureaucratic mess and the pandemic has only served to increase that mess, but they are still joyfully giving themselves to share God's love through practical and spiritual means, day in and day out with these homeless folks. I thank the Lord for putting examples like them in my church and in my life to challenge me to keep my first love for the Lord aflame. I hope that this testimony of their service will encourage you to do the same.

In Christ's love,  
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser



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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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David Mitchell • Dave Parks • Mark Pyles  
David Pitman • George Sledd  
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*May God give them wisdom and discernment  
as they prayerfully make decisions.*

# FINETUNING PRESENTATION AND PRAYING FOR NEXT TERM



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March 2, 2021

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and we are now into the month of March. Time passes so quickly and the weather of spring is already beginning to start in the state of West Virginia. We had a cold spell for several days this past month and our electricity even went out several times. We are thankful for the nice, sunny weather that is coming ahead.

I (Nathan) have been in the process of contacting churches to speak for furlough. I worked hard on my missions dvd this past month, got it finished, and am waiting for the final copies to arrive soon. I have also been working on my missions presentation, so it has been a busy past month. Our new prayer cards are also finished, so I am thankful for all the accomplishments of the past

few weeks. Please pray for me as I am working on fine tuning my missions presentation, and that God would receive all the glory. Please also pray that churches will begin to open up and get back to some normalcy after all the challenging months of coronavirus. God is in control.

My wife Carrie has been busy with homeschooling our daughters. She is doing a great job, although it can be overwhelming at times. Education is no small matter, and she wants to ensure that she is doing her best and that our daughters are getting schooling materials that will prepare them well for high school and university. Please pray for her for strength, wisdom, and guidance as she prepares for each year.

Kenya is still getting hit with the coronavirus. I saw also that Tanzania, which is right next to Kenya, is also seeing a surge in its cases. They are many medical challenges all over Africa at the moment, so would you please pray for the continent of Africa in general? That the doctors, nurses, and medical facilities would not be overwhelmed, that a treatment/vaccine would come quickly, and that those who have con-

tracted the virus would be recovering and healing. Hopefully things will start to get back to normal in the coming months.

Please also pray for the young men that I hope to train in our next term. Please pray that God would lead me to the right men for ministry, those that are hungry for the Word of God, have a servant spirit, and desire to see others disciplined and churches started. Matthew 4:4 says But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Amen. May we be hungry for the Word of God, and allow it to feed us each day spiritually. Also, consider Matthew 23:11 "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." A servant spirit is something I desire in my students, and I am trusting God to lead me to these men in His plan.

We will be sure to keep you updated. Thanks so much for your prayer support, letters of encouragement, sacrificial giving, and interest in the work of God in Kitale, Kenya. You each are such a blessing.

Until next month,  
Nathan & Carrie Radford

## PRAYING FOR BRAZILIAN PASTORS & BROTHERS



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March 18, 2021

Friends and family,

I cannot say it has been a very busy month but I have had the privilege of getting to pray more for our Brazilian Pastors and brothers. There is one in particular and his name is Daniel. I made his acquaintance in Campinas, São Paulo in our Seminary class. He is a very active pastor and is working in three missions—quite an active pastor. He has been in the hospital with COVID for the past four weeks. He is now off the ventilator and is showing marked improvement. We have been able to follow his recovery through family and other Pastors. God is AWESOME.

Sometimes I feel a little guilty in that here in America we are getting the vaccine for COVID and other countries are so slow in gaining access to the same medicine.

We have been able to visit Virginia Beach where we have supporters. In the past we have had many visitors from the churches there. They have helped with the missions there and the ministry to the people. It still amazes the people in Brasil that people from America would use their vacation to come to work with them. What an AWESOME God we serve.

We have our tickets for our trip to Brasil for seminary classes in São Paulo. However, we are hearing that there is no improvement in the pandemic. But we all know who is in control and He will let us return at the appropriate time.

Please keep us in your prayers as we are on hold with our plans for Seminary and ministry to Brasil.

Many thanks to all who keep us in your prayers. Please continue to pray for the Seminary, the teachers, the students, and for Brasil.

Thanks to all of you who contribute to BFM and all the missionaries that are supported by those contributions.

In His service,  
AJ and Barbara

## 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!

# SPECIFIC WAYS TO PRAY FOR THE TATES



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Thank you to all who spend time praying for us, for our family, for our ministry here in Kenya and for our spiritual well-being. Needless to say, we need this support from you all. Life and ministry are hard, as you know. And as I know, life and ministry are hard for you back in the United States as well. We all must press-on. And for those of you who are praying for us, on occasion I like to offer some prayer suggestions for you.

First, please thank God that things are going well at Upper Room Baptist Chapel. This past month we again had some new visitors to add to our new visitors from the previous month. Our attendance is still low but it is encouraging to have some new folks who show an interest in our simple, Biblical teaching and in our approach to loving and following Jesus with all of our hearts. They seem to appreciate what we are doing and we pray that some of them will continue to come and to grow with us as we follow the teaching of the Lord.

Second, speaking of the teaching of the Lord, I have started teaching our folks at the Chapel a new series from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This is the longest and most concentrated of Jesus' teaching found anywhere in the New Testament and we at the Chapel need to know the things that Jesus taught. My focus in this series is to show that Jesus' teaching is counter-intuitive to the thinking of the world and that in this sermon Jesus wants to completely change the way that we think, act and approach everything we do in this world. I want our people to know that Jesus gives

**"I want our people to know that Jesus gives his followers principles for Kingdom living and that, as he says at the beginning of the sermon, his followers will be happy, fortunate and blessed if they believe and follow them. Please pray that we would truly grasp Jesus' counter-intuitive teaching, that we would believe him even though what he says is contrary to what our flesh naturally thinks and believes, and that in believing what he teaches we would have the courage to follow him every day and hour of our lives."**

- Roger Tate -

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Third, please pray for the Kenyan people. Times are still very hard for most people here. The economy is still sluggish, Covid is still effecting people, businesses are suffering, crime seems to be up (we even had a break-in and theft off our own compound last week), street children roam Kitale, and

there seems to be just a general tension in the air. The people of Kenya and Kitale need God now more than ever.

Last, please pray for me, Julie, and Chloe. We face so many physical, spiritual, and emotional challenges every day that seem overwhelming and crushing. This seems to be an especially challenging time that even the other missionaries in Kitale are feeling acutely. Here on the mission field our faith is challenged in ways that I never did, but probably should have, anticipated. Please pray that God would give us strength, that his Spirit would draw near to us, that we would trust him completely and that he would be glorified in our lives. Greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. He that has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. To God be the glory.

Blessings to you all,  
Roger, Julie & Chloe

# 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

# GETTING BACK TO NORMAL; OPPORTUNITY IN NEW COMMUNITY



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope all is well with all of you. Thank God we are all doing well here. Things here are still a little complicated with the virus but God has been working. Our church services are back to normal with less people.

Close to our church there is a project for alcoholic and drug addicted men. There's about 40 of them and they have been attending our services on Sunday night. There have been several of them that have gotten saved, which is wonderful. We have two of them who have completed the treatment and are working here with us.

This last week a lady from our church brought one of her neighbors, a new friend of theirs, to meet us. It has really been interesting and we have been able to share the gospel to them. The couple, Carol and Hugo, have shown an interest in knowing more about God. Pray that as God opens the opportunities to share with them the gospel that they will accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

The work in Ubim is getting back to normal. Some of them can't come because they have to cross the river in a canoe but things are really doing well there. Continue to pray as we reach out more and more to them.

Kathy and I were at the new community that has lots of new homes and we were talking about going there to survey and see if there's a possibility of starting a ministry there. We ask that you please pray with us about this.

God bless!

Love in Christ,  
 Odali and Kathy



Indians from the tribe crossing the lake



Men from the addiction treatment project



Kids in Ubim



# BRINGING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS



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## CODE RED

The COVID scenario appeared to be looking better because of the vaccines currently being distributed in Sao Paulo. Then, reports came out at the beginning of March stating that deaths by COVID are higher than ever and that more severe lockdowns are scheduled. As of this letter, we are in code RED for all of the city and state of São Paulo. Critical care bed capacity in our city hospitals are beyond 150%. Please, pray for the health workers in São Paulo, infected people, people we minister to, and our family's health.

## PRESSING FORWARD

We continue with online meetings for worship, prayer, discipleship and team planning. We assist several families with monthly

groceries, housing rent, and emotional support. So many people have lost their source of income and several have lost loved ones. My heart breaks every time I hear of someone's dire Coronavirus infection and in several cases death. It feels overwhelming because it is. Thankfully, we trust in the one who holds our future. The one person who holds us and everything together is the Lord. He is our steadfast hope. But not everyone we minister to believes this way. It is very hard for those who fear death to face the "end". Our role is to keep pressing forward and pointing people to Jesus, for He alone is the only hope for this pandemic and for the greatest pandemic of them all that rests in people's hearts.

## IMMERSED

When not in lockdown, we actively pursue community engagement. While our kids play, we connect with parents and this has led to many new friendships and opportunities to share Christ

and invite people into our home (please see pictures). "Jesus and a table" - this is such a rewarding ministry opportunity. As it is an incredible evangelism strategy is to invite people to our home to play games, eat dinner, and point people to Jesus (see picture). Pointing people to Jesus is our desire through occasions such as these.

## HOPE FOR ORPHANS

In the last 18 months, Raquel (my wife) has taken on a new project. Raquel assists in placing orphaned children with loving foster parents. Foster parenting is still "new" in São Paulo and most children are sent to an orphanage and get lost in the system. She is serving as an advocate for orphaned children, raising awareness with judges; recruiting, training, and certifying parents to become legal foster parents through "Aslan Brazilian Beneficent Association" for local courts to assign children into loving families with homes.

Raquel is a licensed psychologist, holds a doctorate in psycholo-

gy, is a member of "World Without Orphans", and "Orphans Rights Movement". She is earning the trust of local judges and city authorities as she works with them. The legal process in the court system is often challenging, as most judges find it easier to send the child to an overcrowded orphanage instead of a foster family. The benefits of a child placed with a foster family instead of a government orphanage are obvious - foster parents embrace, know them by name, and love the child as their own.

Raquel has received (court-assigned) newborn babies at local hospitals to place them into the arms of loving foster parents equipped to nurture them. We need your help. I ask you to consider a monthly contribution for this project. Please, designate "Judson Hatcher - HOPE Kids". Please, continue to pray with us.

Grateful,

Judson and Raquel Hatcher



In-Home Discipleship



Hope for Orphans



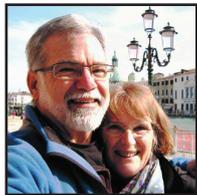
Community Engagement



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## RETURN TO FRANCE ON THE HORIZON!



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a full month the past one has been. We have covered many miles on roads in seven different states since we last wrote to you. God has enabled us to spend wonderful moments with family and friends some for the first time in over a dozen years. Thank you for your continual prayers and support.

Meeting regularly with believers on three different continents via internet for prayer, study of the Word, worship of our LORD and Savior and counseling is a continuing blessing. And, the best news, our physical return to France appears to be on the horizon! We are hoping to complete the remaining task this week that will free us to return to Tournefeuille.

Judy and I celebrated 48 years of marriage on the third of March with a sirloin steak lunch and a nice walk along Lake Michigan. Paul (my brother) and Wanda Hatcher, missionar-

ies to Brazil you helped for over 40 years celebrated 50 years of marriage yesterday... taking care of Dad... missionary helped by you for over 60 years in Brazil. They have all three been sick with the infamous Covid virus. Paul and Wanda are now well on their way to recovery and Dad is doing better. Our entire family is very grateful for the diligent care Paul and Wanda have provided for our parents. Paul tells me, "We are just contributing to your ministry so that you are able to serve where you serve." Their contribution often includes sleepless nights.

We do not know all that you are going through, but our Heavenly Father, Eternal God and Creator of all does. He is reachable day and night ... without internet. Feel free to email us using the address posted on the BFM site if you would like for us to pray for you.

May the blessings and peace of God be with you,

John and Judy Hatcher

P.S. – When you email indicate in the subject line some things that will help us know that it is not spam (church, or location, etc.).

## 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.

**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]*

When you click the "Give" button on our website, you can quickly and securely make a donation via check or credit card. After entering your name and billing information, you can put the designation for your offering in the "Memo" field. You also have the option to setup a recurring payment that runs weekly, biweekly, monthly, every other month, or quarterly. An email receipt with a confirmation number will be sent to you for every transaction.

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Your February 2021



# OFFERINGS

[Transacted in March 2021]

**Grand Total: \$46,567.66**

Your total offerings you contributed in February 2021 was \$46,567.66.

**\$23,725.23 was contributed to the Missionary Support Fund.**

We are thankful to God and to you for your giving 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!**

Would you please bear with us as we appeal again to you to prioritize your regular contributions to our **Missionary Support Fund?**

**\$36,117.65** – this is the amount of disbursements we have made during the month of March to provide for the essential services we provide for your missionaries so they can continue their ministries on their respective fields:

\$15,200.00	Salaries
\$ 6,250.00	Housing and field ministry expenses
\$11,528.60	Medical insurance premiums [we pay in full]
\$ 315.00	Correspondence and media outreach
\$ 2,824.05	Essential services to facilitate and administer their support
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\$36,117.65	Grand total for all Missionary Support expenses

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.

All of these disbursements go either directly to your missionaries or on their behalf. If you do the math, there is a deficit of **\$12,392.42** between what was contributed to the **Missionary Support Fund** and what was disbursed to your missionaries in the commitments and services we provide for them.

The way we make up that deficit is by drawing from the **Thanksgiving Offerings** you gave over the end of last year. But we must make it our aim to sustain the **Missionary Support Fund** on a monthly basis so we can use the Thanksgiving Offerings to increase our support services to your current missionaries and also provide for future missionaries as the Lord calls them from our churches and gives us opportunity to partner with them.

*So, PLEASE! may we appeal to you to prioritize giving to the Missionary Support Fund. Doing so will enable 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 God has called them and their churches have sent them to fulfill on their respective fields.*

**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 -*

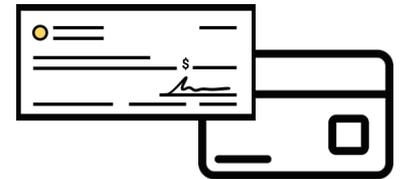
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### Give Online

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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:

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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.**



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## TRYING TIMES IN CRUZEIRO DO SUL



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Dear Brethren,

Grace and peace to all of you. The Creiglow crew is all in good health. I have been encouraged to see that the pandemic numbers have been dropping rapidly in the United States. The opposite is happening here.

This letter will be short. Why? There is not much positive to report. This is a new experience for me. I have had my share of difficult times, but this letter will be hard to write.

The second wave of the virus has hit Cruzeiro do Sul and all of Brazil for that matter. The numbers are alarming. Yesterday Brazil had 30,000 more new cases than the US and 250 more deaths with 120 million fewer people! We lost 2 more members last week. Then we had a border crisis, with 400 Haitians trying to cross the Peruvian border. On top of that we had a historic flood. 10 of the 22 cities of the Acre were under water. We had several families housed in our school buildings.

You, too, have had to deal with the pandemic, major winter storms and unbelievable flooding. We have been praying for you and hope that you will do the same for us.

We are under lockdown and had to stop our services for now. We do livestream 3 services every week. Our musicians, praise groups, the pastor and media folks are the only ones in the building. I also record short lessons that go on our Facebook and YouTube channels 2 or 3 times a week. We are taking care of our members primarily through our small groups, even though they are not allowed to meet in person.

Since I can't get out I have also been working on building my new shop. It is almost finished. My tools were scattered in 3 locations and I had no real place to work. Now everything including the boats and motors will all be in the same location.

Well I am sorry to not have much to report to you right now, but I hope you understand.

Thanks for all of your prayers and support. God bless you during these trying times.

In Christ,  
Mike Creiglow

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