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# Letters from our Missionary Wives

*"The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain." {Proverbs 31:11}*

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## DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON GOD'S GRACE



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April 18, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am glad I can write you in this special month, when we all take a special time to recognize and thank our mothers for who they are in our lives, for everything they taught us, and everything they did for us. My mother is someone I treasure very much; she has been an example of a faithful servant, a woman of prayer who depends totally on her Savior. I am so thankful for her life.

I am also thankful because in the last two months we celebrated four birthdays: my dad turned 80 years old, I turned 46, Sarah turned 16, and Benjamin turned 13. Now we have officially 3 teenagers at home, a little bit crazy at times; but in general, they are wonderful kids. :)

The bad news is that Jud tested positive for COVID-19 on April 12, and I tested positive five days later. Our kids did the CPR test today, and we should receive the results in 48 hours. We are doing relatively well; we do have symptoms but nothing we cannot treat at home. The interesting thing is that for us not to develop severe symptoms, we must medicate ourselves, since here in Brazil most doctors only prescribe fever and pain meds. We suspect that is the reason



*Raquel, Benjamin, & Jud*

so many people are losing their lives.

In my appointment yesterday, when the doctor asked me if I was taking medication, and I answered, she got mad, told me to throw it all in the trash can because it would not do any good for me. But, my oxygen saturation was 100% and my lungs were totally clear, and I had no fever. We know, even

among doctors/infectologists there are distinct opinions about prevention and treatment. Honestly, I believe we depend entirely on God's grace and mercy and plan for our lives; we have no control about our outcomes, it is in His hand, and we must trust Him that no matter

what happens He is going to be with us and provide for us and for our family.

One good news is that in the past year, God has opened doors for me to be part of an organization which works with Foster Care in families. Foster Care in families here in Brazil is something relatively new. It was only in 2004 – 2006 that it became a national public policy, and it was made a priority over institutional care. However, only 4% of children and adolescents

are living with families, 96% are institutionalized. In 2018 there were 33,146 children and 8,686 were between 0 -6 years old (26%). In countries like US, Canada, and England, the statistics are the opposite, 96% of the children are placed in families, and only 4% are placed in institutions. Our

desire is to change this sad reality, and open new services to offer kids the chance to have a family and to participate in community, since it is one of their most basic civil rights. Having said that, my prayer requests are a) that God give us human and financial resources to start

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**Raquel Hatcher**

new services in our city, b) Our family health c) and our children's online education and all it involves.

I am so thankful for BFM, for all the churches involved, and for you who are reading this letter. Thank you for your support, for your prayers, your love, and your financial contributions. It means a lot to us, and it means a lot more for Jesus Christ.

Love,  
Raquel Hatcher



*The Hatcher Kids*



*Raquel's Parents*

*"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.

## ENJOYING TIME ON FURLOUGH

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Greetings from WV!

It's so nice to greet everyone from this  
side of the US! We are all doing well and  
are enjoying our time on furlough. I  
hope and pray this letter finds everyone  
else doing well and enjoying the spring  
weather. It's certainly been a lovely time  
of year for us. We miss the deep green  
that surrounds us here during the spring  
and summer months. Kenya is beautiful  
and has many gorgeous plants and  
flowers, but the leaves and grass aren't  
as green as they are here. We are looking  
forward to the warm weather of the  
coming months.Our time at home has been a blessing  
to all of us. It's hard to believe thatin a few months, another school year  
will be finished. Kenna is currently  
in 7th grade and Cami is in 4th. Next  
year is the last year of middle school  
for Kenna, and the first year for Cami.  
They are growing up so quickly! I've  
been busy trying to figure out Kenna's  
curriculum for next year, knowing  
that she is approaching high school  
and that everything then "counts," so  
to speak. We are trying to enjoy each  
day and not get bogged down in the  
details.Nathan is working hard to keep up  
to date with everyone and coordinate  
the travel plans and present the min-  
istries to churches. He is doing a great  
job trying to meet all the needs of our  
family with all the transitions involved  
in missionary life. The girls, while en-  
joying their time on furlough, have  
also been lonely and miss their friends  
and pets in Kenya. Nathan does all he  
can to support and encourage them.  
He is a great father to our girls.This year has been different for us, as it  
has been for all of you as well. Covid has  
changed many of our "normal" furlough  
activities, but we are thankful to be home  
during this time. The people of Kenya are  
experiencing a return of lockdowns in at  
least 5 counties, including Nairobi, as Co-  
vid is spreading very rapidly there. While  
we can get vaccinated here, vaccines are  
very limited in Kenya and there are few  
ICU beds in the country. Please continue  
to pray for the country of Kenya during  
this time.Thank you all so much for your  
thoughts and wishes and prayers for our  
family. We appreciate them more than  
you know! We are so thankful to every-  
one who has invited us over to chat or of-  
fered for the girls to join in activities with  
your churches and groups. We pray ev-  
eryone stays safe and healthy during this  
time. Blessings.

In Christ,

Carrie (and Nathan, McKenna and Ca-  
mille)

## FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL

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Friends and family,

It is getting close to the time to re-  
cognize the mothers and the women  
who have followed God's will in follow-  
ing their husbands to the mission field.  
For those of you who know me, you  
know that I was a reluctant follower.  
And for those of you who are getting  
to know me, it was not that I did not  
want to follow God's will, I just wanted  
to rearrange His will. You see, we were  
traveling to the mission field every year  
carrying things that the missionaries  
needed and also taking people to in-  
troduce them to mission works. This  
is what I was trying to tell God and my  
husband that this was His will for our  
lives. But as you know, after four years  
I came to the realization that there was  
much more to do for Him.So, we spent 21 years in Brasil and  
I loved every minute of it. Then AJ got  
cancer and we had to come back to the  
States for his treatments, and the deci-  
sion was made that the treatment would  
be a long and arduous one, and we  
needed to stay here, so we helped the  
church call a new pastor and we moved  
home to Kentucky.

Now as I told you, the moving to

Brasil was a difficult decision—the  
moving back to the States was a mil-  
lion times harder. You see, we had  
made Brasil our home and were plan-  
ning to live there until God called us  
home to our heavenly home. This time  
we had decided God's will for our lives  
without consulting Him. He had other  
plans for our future and we are follow-  
ing them now.God had prepared a job we could do  
for Him and stay in the States. AJ, with  
the help of others, had started a Semi-  
nary in our town of Caragua and God  
expanded the reach of this Seminary  
farther than we could have ever imag-  
ined. We are now in five states and  
seven cities and almost four hundred  
students enrolled. We travel to Brasil  
four times per year and teach for two  
weeks the intensified version. Then we  
leave the students with lots of home-  
work. When we come back to Brasil,  
we repeat this again in another city.  
You see, we are a traveling Seminary  
because the students do not have the  
resources to travel to us.Now you ask what do I do during  
this time in Brasil? Glad you asked—  
I get to visit the church we left in the  
hands of our son-in-law and daughter.  
And, OH YES, my granddaughters.So now let me tell you about the  
last year and a half—I have packed  
our suitcases four times and unpacked  
them once. You see, we have not been  
able to travel because of the virus. I be-  
gan to get smarter each time, so I just**"The seclusion, the  
fear and all that  
has gone with this  
COVID-19 cannot stop  
our God! He is on the  
throne and He is in  
charge so we will wait  
on Him and His infinite  
wisdom."**

- Barbara Hensley -

left them packed and in the middle of the  
floor waiting for the GO signal. We have  
had four tickets to travel to Brasil and  
lost the first tickets, but I also got smarter  
with each passing time and began paying  
for the insurance. My grandbabies have  
outgrown over half of the clothes that  
were in the first suitcases. The chocolate  
has gotten that white color on it and—oh  
well—you can imagine the rest.We were all set for the April trip, but  
we had not told the grands because they  
have been disappointed enough. It was  
good that we did not tell them because  
you see Brasil got its second wave and we  
had to cancel again.The seclusion, the fear and all that has  
gone with this COVID-19 cannot stop  
our God! He is on the throne and He is  
in charge so we will wait on Him and His  
infinite wisdom.For He knows the plans He has for us,  
plans to prosper and not for evil to give  
us a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11In His service,  
Barbara Hensley

# HOMESCHOOLING & RAISING CHLOE



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Beloved Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe another year has come and gone...it reminds me of the phrase in the Bible, "...and it came to pass..." Just like many other euphemisms — "what goes up must come down," and "what goes around comes around" — it is also true that all things which come will also pass. Sometimes we feel stuck in current circumstances, but that's only our limited perspective. As the Alpha and Omega, God sees the beginning from the end. Not only do all things have a set time, they have set purposes as well.

Milimani Christian Homeschool Community's time has passed. This was both a relief and something I grieved deeply. People here in Kenya who know me well know that I poured 150% of myself into MCHC. I loved (and still love) the children and the teachers deeply, and I found great joy in helping all of them academically and spiritually. I loved discipling the teachers, not only in teacher training and opening their hearts and minds to children with learning challenges and differences, but also in their walk with the Lord. I loved talking about and demonstrating the love of Jesus to children from different walks of life — children from Christian homes, nominal Christian homes, and even a Hindu home. I loved watching children who were bitter bullies blossom into caring friends. I loved watching our neuro-diverse children find joy and confidence in a learning environment that treasured them and helped them find their strengths without belittling their challenges. I loved watching children learn to accept one another's differences while finding their

commonalities, even among different ethnic backgrounds. I can't begin to tell you what a joy it was. I don't understand why it had to end the way it did; I can only say that it was a good and beautiful thing, and I trust God will continue to use that time in the lives of the people who were touched by it. Having said that, it seems obvious that in the passing of MCHC, God had another great adventure planned...homeschooling and raising Chloe. Homeschooling and raising children are not new to me. Doing it for Chloe, however, is unlike anything we've ever done. Not only are we parenting and working with her academics, I find myself in the position of being her ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) therapist, her OT (Occupational Therapist), her emotional co-regulator (teaching her to regulate her own emotions by doing it physically with her), her advocate (and our own), and even a researcher to understand her and what she needs. This is more daunting than MCHC ever was, but everything I learned at MCHC, I am now applying at home. In fact, without my experience at MCHC, I would be quite ill-equipped. This is beautiful to me. You see, God is never doing only one thing at a time in any one circumstance. One of the things He was using MCHC for in my own life was training me to teach my own very special needs child. All this has pushed Roger and me beyond the limits of anything we feel capable of doing...or surviving. We're learning more about ourselves and our own hearts than we want to know, but even that is beautiful to me (usually...).

We can often feel stuck in

our challenges, but from time-to-time God reminds me to step back and see all the struggles that have come...and have now passed. There is so much hope and growth. Chloe's academics have really taken-off in her homeschooling environment. A friend of mine from the US with a Master's degree in Special Education is here and has done some evaluations with Chloe. She's told me that Chloe is actually quite intellectually gifted. She loves to read, her math facts are like muscle memory (when she's relaxed and can access them), she has an amazing memory both verbally and visually, and she loves music and cooking. In fact, she just loves learning and has a super cute sense of fun and humor to boot. I am so thankful to have her in an environment that won't squash that.

She does have challenges though, and I would ask you to pray for us as we research and find help for her in these areas. Autism often comes with other issues...a lack of ability to regulate her emotions (thus the scars up and down my arms), difficulty with social communication despite an extensive vocabulary, and severe anxiety due to sensory processing disorder and nervous system overload creating flight or fight reactions (usually fight...). In Chloe's case, her neuro-developmental psychologist has told us she also has attachment insecurities and food insecurities (from babyhood before she came to us), as well as dysgraphia, mild dyslexia, and dyspraxia. This a condition in which the communication between Chloe's brain and her muscles gets mixed up causing fine and gross motor skill difficulties. Basically, her muscles don't

know how to do what her brain tells them to do. This also affects her speech.

I really appreciate your love and prayers for our family. Please continue to pray for our kids in the US as well: Emily and Igor, Amy, and Josiah. It's hard to be "stuck" in Kenya with no hope of being able to see them anytime in the near future. We miss them terribly, and though we love the gift of being able to have video calls with them once a week, it's just not the same as a hug.

In Christ,  
Julie Tate

## Proverbs 31

<sup>25</sup> Strength and honor are her clothing;  
She shall rejoice in time to come.

<sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

<sup>27</sup> She watches over the ways of her household,  
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

<sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her blessed;  
Her husband also, and he praises her:

<sup>29</sup> "Many daughters have done well,  
But you excel them all."

<sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,  
But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.

<sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands,  
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

## MAJOR ADJUSTMENTS IN THE LAST YEAR



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Hello, dear friends,

It has been just a little over a year now that our life routines were drastically changed. With several lockdowns and worship services online only, I had to make some major adjustments. Added to this, our region went through a yearlong drought and water was rationed. The supply was cut off every thirty-six hours for thirty-six hours and I had to schedule my cleaning routine such as washing dishes, laundry and baths.

Our outreach ministries were also affected. We had to discontinue our English classes and suspend our children's Bible classes. What I had to do was to learn how to teach and counsel through the Internet. That isn't really how I prefer to communicate with others, but I had to adjust to the new restrictions.

Our fortieth wedding anniversary came around during this period and we had planned to take a small special vacation, but

because of travel restrictions we had to stay home and be creative. It actually turned out pretty nice. Bobby helped me prepare a very nice romantic dinner and we thoroughly enjoyed our special day together.

Our grandson, Jayce, is now three years old and we miss him greatly. We thank God for the technology that allows us to interact with him and our children, even though we can't be with them as often as we'd like. At least he knows us and recognizes us by sight and the sound of our voice.

My main prayer request is that I will stay encouraged in and through these new challenges. I need the Lord's wisdom to know how to be effective for kingdom work with a whole new set of circumstances. I am very grateful to you who pray for us and support us faithfully.

In Christ's love,  
Charlene Wacaser

**"My main prayer request is that I will stay encouraged in and through these new challenges. I need the Lord's wisdom to know how to be effective for kingdom work with a whole new set of circumstances."**

- Charlene Wacaser -

## WALKING THE PATH GOD HAS SET FOR US



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Dear Friends,

How thankful I am to be given the opportunity to share a bit of my heart today. April is a special month for me... my birthday month! I feel blessed to have a Spring birthday because the whole creation emerges after a cold, hard winter to be reborn with color, new life, beauty!

I'm also reminded of my new birth in Christ. As an

innocent ten year-old, I had no idea of the wonderful life that was beginning. I also had no idea of the rocks or curves that would be in my road. I did know, however, that the One who gave His life for me would hold my hand, guide me in the dark, share my joys, never leave me and that His ways were above my ways and better than my ways.

Would I have predicted that the year 2020 would hold pandemic (as I child I didn't even know the word!), unexpected blessings, death, new opportunities, frustra-

tion? Not a clue! But I knew the Savior and He has been more than enough! Being locked down physically did not cut me off from my Lord...rather gave me opportunity to focus more on Him. I have had the privilege of standing in awe of my Father as He has rained down unexpected blessing after blessing.

He has placed people in our path to help us each step of our way. I have felt His comfort and peace as I watched my sister pass from this old earth to glory. In rather mundane ways, God has given us opportunities to share Him with people that we would have never met if it weren't for coronavirus.

But oh, the frustration! We desire to go home and yet it seems as we pass each step the next sign reads, "two more weeks!" So, once again, I must rest on His chest and realize that, just as in the past, He knows what He is doing! It's my place to wait, to love, to walk with Him and share His love with those He puts in our path.

So, together, let's walk the path He has set for us with joy, sharing His love with those who we encounter each step of the way.

Yours because of Him,

Judy

**"Once again, I must rest on His chest and realize that, just as in the past, He knows what He is doing! It's my place to wait, to love, to walk with Him and share His love with those He puts in our path."**

- Judy Hatcher -

## Quoteable Quote

"You are as much serving God in looking after your own children, and training them up in God's fear, and minding the house, and making your household a church for God, as you would be if you had been called to lead an army to battle for the Lord of hosts." -Charles H. Spurgeon

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# REACHING MORE PEOPLE IN UBIM



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Dear brothers and sisters,

Hope all of you are doing well through these different times in our lives. It's hard to believe that a year has passed so fast. We are doing well, thank God! Things in our area have gone up and down. At the moment, the virus is slowing down, but not controlled. Through these times what calls my attention is the fact that as human beings, so many times we get so busy with our everyday lives and we think we have everything under control. Then all of a sudden, life changes. Something invisible to human eye changes the whole world. In my life what came to my mind was a verse we all know but so many times it stays

in the back of our mind.

## MARK 13

*32 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.*

*33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.*

*34 For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.*

*35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning:*

*36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.*

*37 And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

These verses are what I use in my

life to keep me focused on what God wants for me to do. What my purpose on earth is! Sharing God's message is so wonderful and so powerful.

The ministry that I work at is in a small village on the edge of the river and now a road goes through there. When I was a child living in this area the only way to get to these places was by boat. Today we are blessed and can reach more people faster. The village of Ubim has many young people. Also part of it is an Indian tribe. This is a real blessing. You can't just go to the tribes. You would have to have special permission. God was so wonderful that He sent a mother by there one day and she asked what that place was. I told her it was a kids club from the Baptist church. Then she asked if the kids from the tribe could come. I said sure that would be wonderful. They have not stopped coming since. Actually, more and

more of them are coming—from 2 year olds to teenagers! Praise the Lord! The average attendance we have is 55 kids. I start this work at 3:30 and it goes to 8:00 pm. We had to split the time frame into 3 groups because of their ages. That way we can better work with each age group. Two years ago I had t-shirts made for them and many of you gave for this to be possible. I would like to make new ones. If you would like to help, make your donation to "Ubim t-shirt". May God bless each of you. We are planning on working with the mothers also. Things got a little slowed down because of the virus problem but things are starting to get back in the swing.

I want to thank each one of you for your prayers and support! We could not do what we do without your partnership!!

Love in Christ,  
Kathy Barros



Ages 2-7

children  
in Ubim



Ages 7-12



Teens

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# VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING (or *FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING*)

June is the month for appealing for our **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering**. And, we are fervently appealing to you on their behalf. Please read this appeal with an open heart asking God how he wants you to give – and to give you something to give.

**What is the Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering?** That name may be a little new and unfamiliar to you, but it is the same offering that has before been called **Founders Day Offering**. They are two names for the same offering and are used for the same purpose. We will continue to link this offering to the Founders Day Offering name, but we do want to make our **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering** more prominent.

**Here's why: this offering is allocated to providing service pensions for our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners.** We have a number of Veteran Missionaries who have given a substantial portion of their lives in missionary service for Christ in partnership with BFM. BFM gives them a modest service pension as a token of our love and gratitude for their service.

However, their pensions are NOT supplied from the monthly Missionary Support Fund that supplies the needs of our current active missionaries. The pensions for the **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners** are funded from a separate investment account that has been established for that sole purpose. And, all the funds that are allocated and deposited into that Veteran Missionaries Pension Fund are disbursed for that purpose.

**Currently, we have seven (7) pensioners, and every month, there is a disbursement of \$11,020.00 to fund their pensions. That amount, even on a good month, is double the amount of growth we receive on the investment base in that account.**

And, as a side note here – you know what a hit investment accounts have taken in the recent past weeks, *and that decline/loss activity only makes our attention and generosity toward our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners all the more urgent.*

Here is another way we are going to expand our participation in this **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering**. We will continue to ask you to give your most generous gifts in the memory of our

founders: H. H. Overbey and Z. E. Clark. But, we want to expand it further by encouraging you to give gifts both ***"In Memory Of..."*** someone who is now with the Lord and ***"In Honor Of..."*** someone who may still be living, but whose love and service for BFM you would like to honor.

For example: you could give your most generous gift ***"In Memory Of..."***

- ▶ Hafford Overbey and Z. E. Clark
- ▶ a former BFM missionary who is now with the Lord
- ▶ a former Director of BFM who is now with the Lord
- ▶ a family member, loved one, or friend who is now with the Lord

Or, you could give your most generous gift ***"In Honor Of..."***

- ▶ a current BFM Veteran Missionary Pensioner
- ▶ a current missionary
- ▶ a current Director, pastor, or other servant of the Lord whom you wish to honor

All of these gifts will be allocated to and deposited in the **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Fund** and will be used to continue to support them in their golden years.

So, who are you thinking of – either with the Lord or still serving the Lord – whom you would like to memorialize or honor with an offering that will be used to fund the service pensions of our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners?

Pray about and prepare your most generous offering. You can contribute your Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering via:

- through our online website portal
- through your church's collective offering [if your church is receiving one]
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P. O. Box 471280 | Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280

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

- Your BFM Directors



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# The MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION RECORD

You are used to seeing our Monthly Contribution Record (or Offering Report) here. It will no longer be publicly published as it has been from the first issues of this newsletter due to issues relating to privacy, security, and the threats of personal identification theft. We believe you will understand.

However, we commit to still making this Offering Report available to you if you wish to receive it by composing it on both an electronic file and also on paper, whichever you prefer.

If you are an interested contributor to BFM, then simply send your name and how you would like to receive the Monthly Contribution Record [electronic via email or paper via USPS] to Steve Wainright, one of our BFM Directors.

Send him:

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Of course, you will also receive your annual receipt of contributions at the end of the year.

**Your March 2021**  
**OFFERINGS**   
[Transacted in April 2021]  
**Grand Total: \$46,279.50**

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

We have prepared our Annual Financial Report for calendar year 2020. This Annual Financial Report is a comprehensive, detailed, and full disclosure of every offering received and every disbursement made with those offerings during 2020. We are only stewards of your faithful and sacrificial offerings toward the Gospel ministries of your missionaries. So, if you are a contributor and want to receive a copy of this Annual Financial Report either via email attachment or paper copy, we'll be glad to send you one.

Simply contact: Dave Parks  
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**And, as always, on behalf of our missionaries,  
thank you for giving!**  
- the Directors of BFM

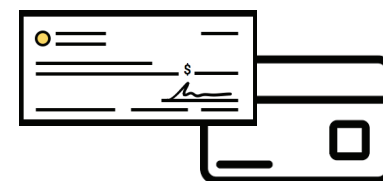
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### Mail a Check



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**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.



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## PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD for how quickly people can be reached in our day and time! PRAY for the works in Ubim. [PAGE 5]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for unexpected blessings and opportunities in the midst of frustration! PRAY as they rest in God's timing to return to France. [PAGE 4]

► **JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for the new opportunity to help with foster care services! PRAY the Lord would provide the necessary resources for this. PRAY for them as they recover from COVID-19. [PAGE 1]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for still being on the throne and at work! PRAY for the Hensleys as they wait upon the Lord's timing to return to Brazil for in-person seminary classes. [PAGE 2]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for time at home! PRAY for them as they select curriculum to homeschool. PRAY for Kenya. [PAGE 2]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for how He has used Julie's experience at MCHC in Chloe's schooling! PRAY for them as they research and find help for her challenges. [PAGE 3]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for helping Charlene make adjustments to continue ministering during the pandemic! PRAY she will stay encouraged through these new challenges. [PAGE 4]

Pray also for our other  
**Faithful Missionaries:**  
**MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW**  
Brazil



# "Mothers in Israel"

## SPECIAL EDITION!

*During this Month – read, honor, and pray for our Missionary-Wives...*

"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" Judges 5:7

Deborah, the judge, called herself "a mother in Israel". She was not referring to her biological children because we don't have written record, at least, that she and Lapidoth had any biological children. But, she was 'a mother in Israel' because of the spiritual leadership and nurturing she demonstrated during this time of spiritual declension. She provided the leadership of conviction, moral courage, and inspiration to trust and obey God – and she influenced and strengthened many.

So have our missionary-wives who have as faithfully and valiantly served with their husbands to be mothers, not only to their own children and families, but to countless others also. So, in keeping with the Mother's Day tradition we observe here in the States, we have asked our beloved missionary-wives to write this month's letters from their own distinctive perspectives. This is our way of recognizing them, honoring them, and rising up with their husbands and children to bless them! Proverbs 31:10-31

*"The heart of her husband safely trusts her;  
So he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good and not evil  
All the days of her life."  
[Proverbs 31:11-12]*

## VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING (or FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING)

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