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MEET YOUR "VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS" BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR "FOUNDERS MONTH OFFERINGS"

We are frequently asked: "What are you doing to continue giving our Veteran Missionaries assistance, especially financial assistance, in their golden years? How do you assist them? Through what means do you assist them? How can I help assist them?"

The short answer to that question for those who served long enough to vest into our traditional retirement/pension plan is: "We continue to honor and assist them by giving them a monthly 'service pension' for the remainder of their lives – and for which spouse may outlive the other."

This is just a small way we can honor them and show our love and appreciation to them for the years of service they gave to Christ in partnership with BFM.

Many of you have known our **Veteran Missionary Pensioners** for decades. You have not only known them, but you have loved them, fellowshiped with them, served with them, hosted them in your churches and in your homes, and have contributed to their missionary support.

We still have seven current Veteran Missionary Pensioners to whom we are giving this honor:

- Asa and Lucia Bratcher
- Bobby Creiglow (Betty is with the Lord)
- Harold and Ursula Draper
- John A. Hatcher (Alta is with the Lord)
- Paul and Wanda Hatcher
- Sheridan and Anita Stanton
- Wanda Turner (Richard is with the Lord)

[Click on their names to learn more about their missionary service and where they are now.]

The "Veteran Missionary Pensioner" account is not funded through the regular monthly offerings given to BFM, but rather through a separate investment account that

is established for that purpose.

Currently, every month, there is a disbursement of \$11,590.00 to fund their service pensions. That amount, even on a good month, is double the amount of growth we receive on the investment base in that account.

Would you help us with this expression of our love for them? When you designate your offerings for 'Veteran Missionaries Pension' or for 'Founder's Month Offering' [they are the same], they will be applied toward the continuing and on-going financial honor and support of these faithful life-long servants of Christ.

Your missionaries and their families have served and sacrificed greatly on your behalf during their productive years. Please make a small financial sacrifice for your missionaries in their senior years by giving to the Founders Month Fund.

And, there's MORE you can do to encourage them! Pray for them! Reach out to them through every means you can (call, write, email), and let them know you still appreciate them and their service. They would love to hear from you personally, or from your Sunday School class, or your church leadership.

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And, would you prayerfully consider making your gift toward our Pensioners recurring? Our disbursements of \$11,590 toward supplying their modest service pensions recur every month!



HAROLD AND URSULA DRAPER

Harold and Ursula Draper served in partnership with BFM for 32½ years from July 1977 – December 2009. Harold describes it this way:

"We served in Cuiaba, State of Mato Grosso from 1977-1979 in the Boa Esperanca Baptist Church.

We then went to Sao Luis, State of Maranhao for 8 years from 1980-1988.

Then, back to Mato Grosso for 21 years from 1988-2009.

Our ministry was in church planting, Bible teaching, and construction of church buildings.

Here are some of the churches we either started or nurtured:

In the State of Maranhao: Cruzeiro do Anil Baptist Church; Anajatuba Bap-

tist Church; First Baptist Church, Sao Mateus.

In the State of Mato Grosso: Boa Esperanca Baptist Church; Primavera do Leste Baptist Church; Novo Diamantina Baptist Church; Altos do Coxipo Baptist Church; Jardim do Fortaleza Baptist Church; Characa dos Pinheiros Baptist Church.

We started or helped start at least 10 Baptist churches and preached in many public places during our time in Brazil. Most of these works are still doing well. Since we have left Brazil, two of them have merged and David Hatcher has assisted greatly with in the Novo Diamantina church.

We are presently pastoring Faith Baptist Church in Paducah, KY. We are both 76 years old and slowing down just a little. We're ready to go to Glory when the Master calls."

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Sheridan Stanton • Steve WainrightMay God give them wisdom and discernment
as they prayerfully make decisions.

MEET YOUR VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS

BOBBY D. CREIGLOW
[Betty is with the Lord]*Bobby and Betty Creiglow served in
partnership with BFM in Brazil from
May 1960 to May 1993. Bobby also
served as Stateside Field Representative
for BFM from 1998-2003.*Here is Bobby's missionary service
testimony: "We began our missionary
service in Faith Baptist Church, Cruzeiro
do Sul, Acre, Brazil. This was our home
base from 1961-1973. There were five
other Baptist Churches in villages scat-
tered up and down the various rivers,
and only two had pastors. My service
included visiting these churches on a
regular basis holding evangelistic meet-
ings, and many times conducting VBS.
During the same time period, I was the
founder of two new churches, along with
another that was started, but not for-
mally organized until some time after I
left the area. I visited there several years
later and preached to a thriving Church.Here are some of the churches we
either established or nurtured during our
33 years of missionary service:STATE OF ACRE [Served among these
churches already established before I
arrived...]

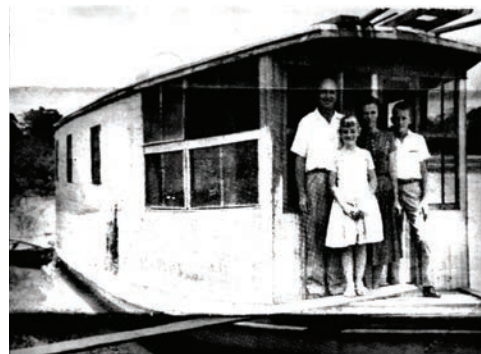
- Faith of Cruzeiro do Sul
- Faith of Moura Piranga
- Faith of Japaim
- Faith of Barao
- Faith of Parana dos Mouras
- Faith of Campo de Santana

I established these two churches during
my first term:

- Faith of Humaita (1962)
- Faith of Colonia de Japaim (1963)

CUIABA/VARZEA GRANDE –
STATE OF MATO GROSSOIn 1974, I moved from Acre to Cuiaba,
Mato Grosso to build a building and a
congregation for fellow BFM Mission-
ary Richard Turner, while he was on
his first furlough. When he returned
from furlough in 1975, I turned a con-
gregation of thirty members over to
him. I continued working with him on
the building that was finished one year
later. He organized that congregation
into the Boa Esperanca Baptist Church
in 1978.In late 1976 or early 1977 I moved
just across the river from Cuiaba to the
city of Varzea Grande, where after a
reasonable search, I found there was
no Baptist Church, in the city of 40,000
people, where I set up shop once again.
A church building was built for the new
church that was organized in October
1978. I served as pastor of the church
until 1983, at which time the congrega-
tion numbered around 130, and was
turned over to a Brazilian Pastor. Two
boys, one three years old, and his broth-
er, seven years old, that were in Betty's
first Sunday School class, were years
later called to preach and organized a
daughter-church from the one I had
organized.

NOVO DIAMANTINA

Upon an invitation by a lady saved in
the Boa Esperanca Baptist Church who
had moved 130 miles away to a
city called Diamantina, I agreed to start
a church in an area on top of the moun-
tain from the city. I started this work by
building the church house before ever
having a preaching service. In fact, the
first service was the inauguration of
the new building. One year later, the
Novo Diamantina Baptist Church was
organized with 20+ members.I am now a member of New Life
Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, serv-
ing every way I can to assist our pastor,
Steve Wainright, and our fellow mem-
bers."**Bobby D. Creiglow**
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THE PAST!NEW MISSIONARY FOR BRAZIL
The Creiglows - 1960Bobby Creiglow studying Portuguese with
Pessaeo as his teacher. (1960)

The Creiglows on their houseboat, circa 1962.

Worshipping with people in Tatajuba,
circa 1962. Mike Creiglow, front, played the
accordion, which was a great help with the
singing.

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WANDA TURNER
[Richard is with the Lord]

Richard and Wanda Turner served in partnership with BFM in Brazil from 1971-1987. Richard is now in Heaven with our Lord.

They began their missionary ministry in Manaus, Brazil during 1971-1973. Richard supply-pastored in Quatorze de Dezembro Baptist Church while Harold and Marie Bratcher were in the States on furlough.

Then they continued their missionary service in Cuiaba, State of Mato Grosso, during the years 1973-1985. It was during this time that Richard started and planted Boa Esperanca Baptist Church. They started meeting in their home living room, then moved to their carport. They came to the States on furlough around this same time, and Bobby Creiglow came to continue the building of the church until they returned. A building was constructed shortly thereafter. Richard also ministered and preached to the lepers in their own church located in the leper colony.

After fulfilling their work in Cuiaba, Mato Grosso, Richard supply-pastored in a church in Manaus from 1986-1987.

Wanda bears testimony to the sustaining Grace of God and His faithfulness to them and to her through all of their seasons of joy and difficulties: "four major surgeries for me, much demonic opposition, dangers on land and in air – and thankful for all the prayers offered for us and God who has kept us!"

Wanda is enjoying living in Lynchburg, VA where she is striving to live a Christ-like life and continue to be a

Founder's Month Offering

Give a special offering designated to BFM in honor of our founders.

All funds received in the Founder's Month Offering will be directed toward current and future missionary retirement support.



witness for Christ. Oh! and she also greatly enjoys her seven grand-kids and two great-grands!

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JOHN A. HATCHER
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John and Alta Hatcher served the Lord in church-planting missions for over 50 years in Brazil. Alta is now in Heaven with our Lord.

John spent the first terms of their missionary service pastoring Tabernacle Baptist Church in Manaus, Brazil. Then, during their later terms, they planted churches in the southern states of Brazil, especially Sao Paulo and Parana. Literally scores of Baptist churches were established and are still multiplying through their efforts.

John is currently living with their son, Paul Hatcher, and his wife Wanda.

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PAUL & WANDA HATCHER

Paul and Wanda Hatcher served the Lord in partnership with BFM in Brazil for over 40 years.

Paul grew up in Manaus, Brazil in the John and Alta Hatcher family. After marrying Wanda and pastoring here in the U.S., they returned to Manaus to serve in the Tabernacle Baptist Church. When John and Alta transitioned their church-planting ministry to the states in the south, Paul assumed the pastorate and leadership of Tabernacle Baptist Church. The church experienced phenomenal growth under his leadership and numerous churches were planted in the neighborhoods of Manaus.

In still later years, even while they were reaching Manaus, God laid it on their hearts to reach the states in NE Brazil. Through their outreach burden, vision, and efforts, numerous church-planting teams were sent out by Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manaus, Brazil, into the states and cities of the northeast. Churches that had been established in previous years were re-vitalized, and other church plants were established.

Just a few years ago, the Lord directed them to return to the States to provide care for their aging parents. They have faithfully fulfilled these services as well. They continue to serve and assist in their current home church in Clermont, FL.

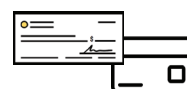
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SHERIDAN & ANITA STANTON

Sheridan and Anita Stanton served in partnership with BFM in Peru for 32 years from April 1983 to October 2014.

Anita and I were missionaries in Peru from April of 1983 until October of 2014 (32 years).

Here's a timeline of the major events:

- 1973 I graduated from High School and began studies at Lexington Baptist College.
- 1974, June 7th Anita and I were married.
- 1977 I graduated from LBC and our daughter Leah was born.

• 1978 I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and began pastoring the Jordan Baptist Church of Sanford, FL. Also, our son, Joshua, was born.

• 1982 resigned the pastorate of Jordan Baptist to begin preparations to go as missionaries to Peru under the authority of Jordan Baptist and legally and financially aided by Baptist Faith Missions.

• 1983, April - we arrived in Iquitos, Peru. Leah was five years old, and Joshua was four when we arrived in the Northern Jungle town of Iquitos, where the Amazon River begins. They grew up in Peru and came back to the States for college. Leah and Joshua are both grown now, married with children, and live in the United States.

• We lived for seven years in two different jungle towns of Peru: Iquitos and Pucallpa. Those were our "formative" years as missionaries. The Lord used us to start our first church in Pucallpa and then assume the directorship of the Pucallpa Baptist School (begun by former Missionaries, Del and Ada Mayfield). Anita and I worked with the school for five years and the Lord blessed with an increase in enrollment from 250 students to 870 in our last year there.

• My wife, Anita, (a graduate of the University of Kentucky) spent years in Peru

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developing Sunday school curriculum for our churches. Many of her materials have been used as Religion Curriculum in the Peruvian Public schools. She completed the curriculum series for children of all ages. She managed her home and took great care of her husband and children! She has always been a Proverbs 31 wife and mother.

• During the late eighties, the terrorist situation created an extremely difficult time for missionaries in Peru. We felt it best to move to the capital city of Lima at that time. There we stayed for the next seven years and were able to help start three more churches.

• It was also while in Lima I began traveling and teaching Bible classes in five different cities of Peru. This quickly turned into the Baptist Institute of Biblical Studies, which we continued until we left Peru in 2014.

• When our children returned to the USA to begin college, Anita and I felt it would be best to move and work out of the town of Huánuco, 6300 ft above sea level in the Andes Mountains. The main reason for moving there was because of the town's location in the center of Peru. The location allowed us to have our Institute classes there instead of me traveling all over the country. Because of the town's central location our pastors could travel to us. The first classes there were an immediate success in that they not only received the teaching but now Pastors had a venue for fellowship that they had never had before. This large-scale association significantly helped the unity among our pastors and preachers in Peru.

• Jungle, coast, or the Andes Mountains; everywhere we worked in Peru, we were always involved in church planting. The first church started was Iglesia Bautista Jordan in the jungle town of Pucallpa and the last church organized was the Iglesia Bautista Calvario in the Andean Mountain town of Huánuco. During those years we were directly involved in the planting of seven churches and indirectly with about thirty (working with Peruvian missionaries in starting new works).

• For most of those years I prepared course materials for the Bible Institute, pastored the mission we were involved with at the time. I also traveled around Peru to visit and encourage the churches and missions.

• 2008 I graduated with a master's degree in Biblical Counseling from Luther Rice Seminary

• 2012 I graduated with a PhD in Christian Counseling from the Louisiana Baptist University.

• Hosting mission teams became a ministry for us also. Some years we would host two or three teams a year. These mission teams were always a blessing to our work in Peru.

• People very often refer to missionaries' great sacrifices in leaving their homes in the USA, but we never considered our ministry in Peru as a sacrifice; that is until our grandkids came along. We are thankful for webcams, faster airplanes, and internet phones!

• In 2014 the Berea Baptist Church of Hidenite, NC extended a call for us to come and be their pastor. After thirty-two years



ASA MARK & LUCIA BRATCHER

Asa Mark & Lucia Bratcher served in partnership with BFM in Brazil for 22 years.

I served as a missionary in partnership with BFM for 22 years, but I have practically associated with BFM since I was 3 years old. That's when I arrived in the Amazon Valley with my godly parents on July 15, 1959.

I was ordained in May, 1977, and served as pastor of the 14th of December Baptist Church, Manaus Brasil, for the next 19 months. Then I served the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Manaus, for the next 7 months while missionaries Paul and Wanda Hatcher were in the States on furlough. Then for the next 3 years, I served as pastor of the Peniel Baptist Church, also in Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil. Then returned to the 14th of December Baptist Church for the next 18 ½ years, until December of 2000. In January 2001, I organized the Comunhão Baptist Church in Manaus, and remained as pastor for the next 12 years, until December of 2012.

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(half my lifetime) we knew it was God's will for us to leave the mission field of Peru and come to North Carolina to continue the rest of our years in ministry here. The Lord has been very gracious to us here and we have grown to love the dear Saints of Berea Baptist very much.

• 2018 the directors of Baptist Faith Mission invited me to serve as a director of BFM. I enjoy the opportunity to serve in this capacity and in some small way, give back to the ministry of Baptist Faith Missions in helping local churches send and maintain their missionaries on the foreign field.

• Our view of life is that neither the United States nor Peru is our home, but as the Bible teaches us, we are only pilgrims in this world and citizens of a heavenly city. To God be the glory!

On the last day of 2012, I arrived in Lexington KY to care for my Dad in his retirement after 53 ½ years in Brazil serving with BFM. I had the indescribable privilege of caring for him for the next 5 years and 3 months, until his glorious promotion to Heaven on March 23rd, 2018, just 6 hours short of his 91st Birthday. While we were making plans for a small birthday party, his Lord and Savior whom he served so faithfully for so long, had better plans. He had his 91st Birthday party in Heaven, organized by our Lord Jesus himself.

From April 2018 to March 2020, I continued to do mission work, spending 2 months in Manaus, and one here in Lexington. Since being stranded because of the Pandemic, both my wife and I have been working for the past year at the BAF Fan Company here in Lexington. This year Lucia and I will celebrate 41 years of marriage.

During these over 40 years of ministry in Brazil, Dad and I had the privilege and honor to organize or assist over 40 churches in 5 states. I also taught at the Amazonas Baptist Theological College and the Good News Bible College in Manaus and was a visiting professor at the Equatorial Baptist College in Belém in the state of Para.

Presently we reside in Lexington, KY. We appreciate all of BFM's support during this time, and even today, as we have been receiving the missionary's pension since January 2021. We thank God for every remembrance of you, and to God be all glory, great things He has done!



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GOOD NEWS FROM SOUTHERN BRAZIL!



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April 26, 2021

Dear Brethren,

Hey, things are finally improving here in Cruzeiro do Sul. Yesterday we had zero new cases, no deaths in 12 days and only 3 locals in the ICU. We continue to have patients coming from out of town to our hospital here, but those, too, have dwindled. The state and local governments have lifted the lockdowns and curfews. Wednesday we plan to start back with services open to the public.

One of my guys went with me on another trip up river. We went back to Serra do Moa. This time I took a bunch of goodies to our missionary couple, Rivaldo and Leila. My small group donated dishes, silverware, pans, sheets, blankets, hammocks and a number of other household items. I bought a little gasoline generator, wires and LED bulbs, so that they can have lights in the evening. The first thing that I did when we got there was run wires and sockets for our first night. While I did that Manoel and Rivaldo installed hammock hooks in 3 rooms. We held services, too.

This was the first trip with the new 60HP Mercury outboard that was purchased by Calvary Baptist Church, Hurricane, West Virginia. The motor was installed last year, but because of the pandemic I had not been able to make any trips. I had just built a new top for my boat to keep me out of the rain and sun. The river was high and it was really enjoyable. Thanks so much to Calvary and her pastors. You have made the life of this old missionary so much easier!

Bev and I gave two weeklong courses to couples who are getting ready to marry. We have done this for years, but a couple of years ago we completely revamped and reformatted the course. It has been a big success. One thing that the couples

all really like is that we have it here at our house instead of a classroom. The first round was for 5 couples. Last week we had two more. Last Friday Dauro and I performed the ceremony for my granddaughter, Heloisa and her husband Jetter. She is my first grandchild to marry. I also married both her parents and his parents a long time ago. They were one of the couples that did the classes with us. Because of the pandemic we had to have the ceremony here at the house. They plan to have a church wedding when the lockdowns and curfews are totally lifted. Dauro is qualified to do the civil marriage and I did the religious part.

There is plenty of good news coming from our works far and near. I have talked to several of our missionaries. Some of them have rural telephones and so we talk weekly to those. The word from the border, Foz do Breu, is that they have been having services already. Some have been saved and several new families moved into the village. They have continued to visit their mission points although, without holding services due to the virus spread. They also visited the Indian reservations on the Breu River. Those works are growing big time. The main pastor among the Hunikuim tribe is a young man named Aldenir. He almost died with a terrible infection a while back, but now is doing better. He has actually gotten into 2 more Indian villages in the last few months.

Well actually I have quite a bit more news, but have run out of space. Quite different from last month, when I had nothing to report.

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

In Christ, Mike Creiglow

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Missionaries Rivaldo and Leila



The first trip with the new 60HP Mercury outboard



The Creiglows' granddaughter, Heloisa, and her husband Jetter

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VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING

VETERAN (or **FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING**)

Currently, we have seven (7) pensioners, and every month, there is a disbursement of \$11,590.00 to fund their service 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 over the course of last year, **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. It can be any faithful servant of the Lord.

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 right now – 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:

- our online website portal [just click on the **"GIVE"** button at the top right at www.bfmnow.org]
- your church's collective offering [if your church is receiving one]
- USPS mail to Pastor George Sledd, Treasurer | P. O. Box 471280 | Lake Monroe FL 32747-1280

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

- Your BFM Directors

"Our missionary family has not been large, but their service has been long and their faithfulness has been great."

- Jim Orrick, 2014 -



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John A. Hatcher



Wanda Turner

"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."
Proverbs 4:18

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"People who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives, and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."

-Nate Saint

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

-C.T. Studd

"God, hold us to that which drew us first, when the Cross was the attraction, and we wanted nothing else."

-Amy Carmichael

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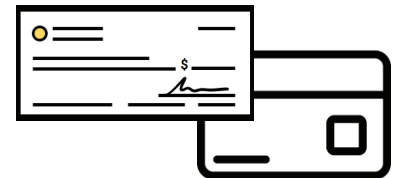
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WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

"Brethren, PRAY FOR US!" -1 Thessalonians 5:25
(adapted from SEND International)

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 SERVICE *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

*You can also read all the latest
letters from our missionaries
on our FaithWorks Blog!*

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JUNE IS VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING MONTH [or formerly known as FOUNDERS MONTH OFFERING]

Please give as generously as you can for the continuing support of our Veteran Missionaries Pensioners

Contribute to the 2021 Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering

*"Now also when I am old and grayheaded,
O God, do not forsake me, until I declare
Your strength to this generation,
Your power to everyone who is to come."
Psalm 71:18*

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 Month 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 Month 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.

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Baptist Faith Missions Veteran Missionaries Receiving Pensions

Missionaries	Where they served	Where are they now?
Asa Mark & Lucia Bratcher	Brazil	They live in Lexington, KY.
Bobby & Betty Creiglow	Brazil	Betty is in Heaven. Bobby lives in Lexington, KY
Harold & Ursula Draper	Brazil	They live in Bardwell, KY
John & Alta Hatcher	Brazil	Alta is in Heaven. John lives in Clermont, FL
Paul & Wanda Hatcher	Brazil	They live in Clermont, FL
Sheridan & Anita Stanton	Peru	They live in Taylorsville, NC
Richard & Wanda Turner	Brazil	Richard is in Heaven. Wanda lives in Lynchburg, VA



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