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GOOD NEWS FROM THE “ORELHÃO” ON THE PERUVIAN BORDER



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September 27, 2021

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from the Blue Grass State. Bev and I left Cruzeiro do Sul on August the fifth. After a brief stay in São Paulo, we went to visit Pastor Pedro and family in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina in southern Brazil. He is finishing up his doctorate and will soon be returning to Cruzeiro. We had promised to visit them and since we had to go to the far end of the country to get to the States, we spent a few days with them. While there I preached at Trinity Baptist Church where Pedro's family serves.

Once Stateside we stopped in Florida to visit the Hatchers. So good to see John, Paul and Wanda. Also got to see my aunt Evelyn, Dad's only remaining sibling. Didn't get to see my Dad for several weeks, because he and Lois had been exposed to “the bug”.

We have been all over the country visiting family and friends. Spent a great week with Adam and the girls in Napa, California. Got

to visit Paul and Brenda Creiglow (some of their kids and grands, too) in San Diego. Got to visit good friends Jim and Cris Johnson and Ken and Lydia Palmer, who we had not seen in 10 years in Reno, Nevada.

It has been refreshing to attend services all over the place. So far, we visited Calvary in Missouri where Bev's brother is member. We were privileged to host Pastor Randy and 4 of his men a couple of years back. Attended First Baptist of Juneau, Alaska! Was at Adam's church in Napa Valley, Grace. Have visited Emmanuel here in Lexington where our daughter Monica is member and teaches a Sunday School class. Got to be at Buck Run one Sunday morning. Hershael and Tanya York are friends from way, way, way back! They treated us to Honduran lunch and a ton of great memories and fellowship. Last Sunday preached at New Life. Thanks Pastor Steve. Dad is a member there.

Things seem to be going great down home. We are having well over 400 in all services. The men just held a retreat at our camp, Salém, with over 150 present.

Now, before I go, let me share



Recent men's retreat at Salém



Group of workers at Foz do Breu on the Peruvian border. The guy in the red shirt right over Mike's shoulder is José “Cobra”, their missionary.

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as they prayerfully make decisions.

PARTIAL LOCKDOWN IN KENYA

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Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and
gone, and we are now at the end of
summer and beginning the school
year. It seems like the summer
months just flew by, and now we
are in the later months of 2021. It
is hard to believe the school has
already started. May we remember
the students, teachers, and parents
during this challenging year with
coronavirus. We pray that all will
be safe and healthy. We hope this
finds each of you doing well and we
thank you so much for your interest
in missions around the world.Please continue to pray for
Kenya and the coronavirus. Our
understanding is that there is a par-
tial lockdown in the country now,
with religious gatherings meeting
in a limited capacity. There is also
an extended curfew, which has
been going on for months. Kenya
is now getting some of the vaccines
shipped to them from overseas, so
please pray that the vaccines willget into the right places quickly
and prevent the virus from spread-
ing further. We trust the Lord in
all these things and know He is in
complete control.Jeremiah 32:17 says "Ah Lord
GOD! behold, thou hast made
the heaven and the earth by thy
great power and stretched out arm,
and there is nothing too hard for**When we are going
through challenging
times, such as this past
year, may we get into
the Word and remind
ourselves of the great
promises of God. He
will be with us and
take care of us.**thee." Also, Psalm 121:2, "My help
cometh from the LORD, which
made heaven and earth." These
verses remind us that our help
comes from the Lord, and that
nothing is too hard for Him. When
we are going through challenging
times, such as this past year, maywe get into the Word and remind
ourselves of the great promises of
God. He will be with us and take care
of us. May we trust Him always.I (Nathan) am continuing to
travel and report on the ministries
in Kitale, Kenya. Please pray for me
as I travel, for safety, as well as good
meetings in the churches. So many
of you have asked how you can pray
for us, encourage us, etc. We are so
thankful to each of you and your
heart for missions. We could not
do this without you and we are
so thankful for your support and
encouragement.This month marks the 20th anni-
versary of the September 11 attacks
in New York and Washington. May
we be mindful of those who lost
their lives on that tragic day, and
keep the families in our prayers.
Also, for the brave responders who
perished in the efforts to save others.
How we need to keep America in
our prayers, for safety, freedom, and
for the people to remember the Lord.
In closing, I love Psalm 20:7, which
says "Some trust in chariots, and
some in horses: but we will remem-
ber the name of the Lord our God."
Amen. We will keep you updated.Until next month,
Nathan and Carrie Radford

BIBLE STUDIES RESTARTING IN MAZERE!

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September 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are grateful to God for His
continuous provision and your par-
ticipation in what God has called us
to do. Twenty-two years ago we
arrived in France with a passion to
communicate the Good News of
Jesus Christ to French people and
make disciples that God would put
together in churches of Jesus Christ.Two years after our arrival, God
brought our son Philip and his wife
Amanda to join us in the ministry
here. They had felt God's leadership
to this part of the world for several
years. Their daughter, Abigail, was
five months old when they arrived.Today she is in her third year of
preparation to be a doctor in Physi-
cal Therapy. So much has changed
yet much remains the same. Only
two or three French people out of
each thousand profess personal
faith in Jesus Christ. Many are athe-
ist. We rejoice that some have come
to faith in Christ, followed the Lord
in baptism and are serving the Lord
here, other places in France and
other countries.And, there is so much more to
do.The church at Tournefeuille is
still meeting in person with some
joining us live using the internet.
We have had good services. The
Covid virus has made it more com-
plicated to interact with and com-
municate the Gospel to those who
do not know Christ. However, God
is not caught by surprise and does
not change. We must continue to
pray for wisdom to do what He

wants us to do.

Next month we will restart Bible
studies in the city of Mazere after a
hiatus of four years that appeared to
be permanent.Your prayers for our home loca-
tion and meeting place are greatly
appreciated. It appears that by this
time next year we will be living and
meeting about a mile and a half west
of where we are now. This will place
us in the neighboring city of Plaisance
du Touch. This city was established
around 1000 A.D. Philip and his family
have lived there for a number of years.
We have had many church and youth
meetings there and we hope that God
will use the move to enable us to share
the Good News with more people.Thank you for your continuous par-
ticipation and prayers. May God bless
each of you.From France,
John and Judy

SEEING STRESS IN THE STATES



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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

My, what turbulent times we all live in these days.

Most of you probably don't know this but as I write this I am currently in the United States. I made an unplanned visit here for a month, mostly for personal reasons—to visit family and to attend to some issues I felt could use my assistance. My trip is now winding down and by the time you read this I will probably be back in Kenya with Julie and Chloë.

Being here in the States has shown me something: People all around the world are stressed. I've known for some time that the people in Kenya are stressed, after

all I live with and around them. Now I know that the people of the United States are also stressed.

I've noticed that some are stressed about Covid and the possibilities of contracting the disease.

I've noticed that some are stressed about the economy and the downturns it has taken.

I've noticed that some are stressed about politics and the political status of the country.

I've noticed that you're kids are stressed about returning to school, and wearing masks, and being sent home for being exposed to Covid, etc.

I've noticed that you're very concerned about events in Afghanistan.

I've noticed that many of you are stressed about the constant state of flux and change.

I've noticed that a lot less people are attending church services on a weekly basis.

In short, I've noticed a lot of

little changes from the last short trip I made to the United States 2 years ago. Yes, I've noticed. But, no, I am not lecturing you. I love you all and feel much compassion for your stress, your anxiety, and your concerns. And because of this, I plan on doing something when I return to Kenya.

Normally, I express in my newsletters the way that you can pray for the Kenyan people. If you've read any of my newsletters I know that you've seen many prayer requests like this. But this time around, when I return to Kenya, I'm going to gather together the believers that attend the Chapel in Kitale and we are going to pray specifically for you, you believers in the United States. Will that be OK with you, to have a few followers of Christ on the other side of the world, in a different culture, using a different language, praying for you? We are going to pray that God be with you, that you feel the

presence of God in your lives daily and in a special way during these turbulent times. We are going to pray that God bless you with all spiritual blessings. We are going to pray that the love and grace of God shower down upon you. We are going to pray that you trust God and accept his will in your lives in all things. We are going to pray that when you are stressed and anxious that the peace of God would envelope you. We are going to pray that God would work in your politics to bring about his glory and your good. We are going to pray that your love for others would grow and grow.

This is different, I know, because normally I ask that you pray for us. However, this time we are going to pray for you. I hope you are OK with this.

Blessings to you all,
Roger, Julie & Chloe



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something strange and wonderful. One day my phone rings here at Monica's house. It was our missionary at Foz do Breu on the Peruvian border. He tells me that the river is finally coming up and wants to know when I will arrive. Now he knows that I am in the States, but it is simply unbelievable that I could talk directly to one of our most remote outposts from here in Kentucky! Let me tell you a little about the work there and José Costa, our missionary.

I was the first person to preach the gospel in that distant village back in 1966. It took a long time to establish a permanent work, 30

years to be exact. José's dad, Senhor Roceno, was one of the first to be saved. Brother Roceno had a big family. Most of the boys were alcoholics. All of them had odd nicknames. One is "Papel" (paper). Another is "Tatu" (armadillo). José's nickname is "Cobra" (snake).

Well José Cobra got saved and with a few years of teaching is now our missionary. Our church supports



A Brazilian telephone "booth" called orelhão or "big ear".

him with \$400.00 a month. He is also paid by the federal government

to measure the rainfall and river level every day. But beyond this he is also responsible for the one and only satellite telephone booth in the whole region! Thus, he can call me even when I am in Kentucky. That phone booth is called "orelhão" or "Big Ear". When you see the picture, you will understand why.

Bev and I are taking care of some health issues and getting rested for the next phase of our ministry. Prayer for our treatments and recovery.

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

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow

HEADING TO BRAZIL TO ENCOURAGE PASTORS & CHURCHES



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Dear friends and family,

The tickets have been purchased and if all goes well with the COVID test that has to be taken because of international travel, we will be headed to Brazil on the 7th of October. Please be in prayer for this trip and for the churches we will be visiting.

Our trip to Brazil will be two weeks before the classes will begin so that we can visit the churches and encourage the pastors and their workers. Many of the churches have been affected by COVID and are now afraid. We just want to encourage them and help them with their fears and anxieties.

The classes will be starting on the 18th of October and will be held by Zoom. Dr. Derek and Dr. Edge will be the professors and the classes will be "Biblical Proclamation" and "Theory of Evangelism and Discipleship".

The pastors in Brazil are facing the same problems we have here in the States. They are doing as required: social distancing (picture of the seating in Caraguatatuba Baptist Church), mask wearing, and sanitizing of the seating. And with doing all that, some are still afraid to return to church. Even with the vaccine being available and the restrictions being lifted, the people are still hesitant

about returning to church. This is also affecting the seminary. FEAR! So, just to help us and them to remember Who is in control and therefore not place our faith in institutions, structures or people, but in God, we will be making this trip. He is steadfast and forever! In Him we must put our FAITH. He is an AWESOME God!!!!

However, their financial problems are much more prominent than what we are experiencing here. So, I am telling all our readers about this because we all need a little pick-me-up at times. So, we are offering scholarship assistance to help with the cost of the classes and materials that they will be needing. Many of our students in the rural areas will be gathering together to assist the Zoom classes as not all of them have a computer. So, this month while you are praying for these students and the classes maybe you would consider sending an offering designated to their class costs and their travel expenses.

We would, as always, like to thank everyone for their support of us and BFM with your prayers and financial giving. We are able to minister to the Brazilian pastors and through those pastors, to the people of Brazil. God is greatly using the Bluegrass Baptist Seminary for His honor and His good there in Brazil. What an AWESOME God we serve.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara



THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

Will you pray about and consider giving your personal offering toward the 2021 THANKSGIVING OFFERING?

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

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

Consider these truths:

- ▶ All the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries are funded through offerings and contributions given to the *Missionary Support Fund*
- ▶ The only contribution streams that supply the Missionary Support Fund are the monthly offerings given to the *Missionary Support Fund* and the THANKSGIVING OFFERING
- ▶ The monthly *Missionary Support Fund* contributions do not sustain all the accrued annual disbursements for the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries
- ▶ Therefore, we need and depend upon the THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS to make up for the monthly deficits we will incur in providing the commitments, benefits, and services we give our missionaries over the upcoming year
- ▶ This year's THANKSGIVING OFFERING will make up for next year's monthly deficits in



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

Missionary Support Fund contributions and disbursements

- ▶ IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE SUFFICIENT THANKSGIVING OFFERING FUNDS NOW IN ADVANCE OF NEXT YEAR'S DISBURSEMENTS, THEN WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REDUCE THE COMMITMENTS, BENEFITS, AND SERVICES WE GIVE TO OUR MISSIONARIES
 - we have no other reserves, subsidies, or endowments to draw from or fall back on
 - we cannot borrow money to operate
- ▶ So, it is essential that we all give as generously as possible so our missionaries' needs will be supplied
- ▶ Will you give a generous personal THANKSGIVING OFFERING right now?
 - and, at the same time, may we encourage you to commit to making monthly – even recurring – offerings to the *Missionary Support Fund*!
- ▶ Your missionaries' needs will be met – and thanksgivings to God will abound and increase and continue!

GIVE NOW!

USING FRIEND'S BOAT FOR RIVER MISSION TRIPS



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Greetings to all of you who have been a blessing in our lives and ministry! We thank each one of you for your prayers and support! May God continue to bless each of you!

We are doing well, and God has blessed us with health and protection from any harm. In the area that we live, there have been some problems with 25 prisoners who had escaped from prison. They were attacking cars and also stealing in homes, but things have calmed down. Praise the Lord!

The services at the church and the missions are back to normal, and more of the people are coming back.

We are excited that next month we are going to have a special day like we used to have four or five times per year before the virus appeared. October has a day that is called Children's Day. We are going to take advantage of the date and have a special event. We will be bringing kids and families from around the area and mission points. We will have a special service for the kids with puppets.

We have a friend who has a boat that he has offered to be used for missions on the river. This coming week-



The boat to be used for missions on the river.

end he has invited me to go with his church on a mission trip of 3 days to the Village of Gapoaçu. Looking forward to this trip and it will be exciting to plan others. There are many villages that can only be accessed by

boat.

We are finishing the baptistry at the church. We always had baptism on the riverside, but it is somewhat of a problem getting everyone there. So, we decided to finish it. Soon we will

be having baptisms there. There have been several saved. Praise the Lord!

God bless each of you!

Love in Christ,

Odali and Kathy Barros

PRAYING FOR A YOUNG TEEN TO STAY FAITHFUL TO HIS SAVIOR



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Dear Friends,

I just came home from a visit with a 19-year-old young man who is reaping some results of bad choices. In case he or a friend reads this report, I will refrain from printing his name. In my conversations with his mother, his grandmother and with the young man himself, I can understand a lot of the factors that contributed to his getting onto the wrong path in life. His father has been a drug addict most of the

son's life and his parents eventually divorced and he has been without a father present in the home for several years. I had this young man as a student in my English classes a few years ago and I discovered that he is very intelligent and has a captivating personality. What I see in him is a lot of potential, but a lack of self-discipline and a lot of pent-up anger. Instead of applying his intelligence and natural charm to a constructive lifestyle, he has made a series of terrible choices. To assuage his anger about his absent father and lack of the nicer things in life, he chose to use marijuana and other drugs. His habit increased but his income didn't, so he resorted to another horrible choice, to sell

drugs to afford more. He got caught by the police and went to prison. His sentence was 5 years.

I had shared the gospel with him when he was my English student and, while he was in prison, he began to read the Bible vigorously. The Lord had mercy on him, and he came to a saving relationship with Christ. His behavior and his attitudes changed, and he was released from prison for good behavior after five months of serving his five-year sentence. He is on probation and must use an ankle monitor, but at least he is not still behind bars. My visit this morning was occasioned by a plea from his grandmother, who is a member of my church. She had started to see

her grandson begin to make some bad choices again and she's afraid that he'll end up back on the same terrible path he was on before. I had a great conversation with him, and I believe that the Lord used me to help him work out some practical steps for him to avoid the pitfalls that led to his earlier situation. The great difference now is that he is a true child of God through faith in the Lord and he has the presence of the Holy Spirit to empower him to make right choices and to hold to them. On a very practical level, I am going to go and pick him up and take him to church this weekend to

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

Will you please take the time to read this appeal for a much-needed generous Thanksgiving Offering? Maybe you have not given in previous years. May we explain the importance of the Thanksgiving Offering for the continued support of your missionaries? And may we invite you to join us this year in giving to supply the benefits and services we have committed to our missionaries?! *Thank you!*

1. "WHY DO WE HAVE A THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We have a Thanksgiving Offering because WE NEED IT for the coming year to supply the financial commitments we have made to our missionaries for the services and benefits we provide from a common contribution receptacle account called the "Missionary Support Fund." The monthly contributions we receive for the Missionary Support Fund are not sufficient to supply ALL of the benefits and services we commit to provide for our missionaries. So, we NEED the Thanksgiving Offering to supplement the monthly Missionary Support Fund offerings.

2. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING SO IMPORTANT?"

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

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

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

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

4. "HOW ELSE IS THE MISSIONARY SUPPORT FUND SUPPLIED?"

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

- their monthly salary
 - their monthly standard housing allowance
 - their monthly standard ministry allowance
 - their monthly hospitalization premium
 - expenses for printing *BFM News & Reports* – their monthly newsletters, reports, and updates
- We just wish to reiterate – and we cannot over-emphasize – that we have no sources of funding for these*

committed benefits other than the monthly Missionary Support Fund and the Thanksgiving Offering. If we do not receive the necessary funding through these two contribution streams, we cannot disburse the benefits.

5. "WHY IS THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING GIVEN AT THE THANKSGIVING SEASON?"

- The BFM Thanksgiving Offering began many years ago in conjunction with the annual Thanksgiving Missionary Conference in the Detroit-area and has continued that way to this day.
 - Also, the Thanksgiving season is good reminder of the thanks we owe God for His Indescribable Gift in Jesus Christ – and our Thanksgiving Offering is a good way to express that thanks.
 - And, the Thanksgiving season and Offering is a good occasion for us to give missionary offerings so others, also, may hear the blessed Good News of salvation through Christ...and, in this way, share our Thanksgivings to God with others and MULTIPLY STILL MORE THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD.
- See 2 Corinthians 9.11-15

6. "HOW CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church receives a Thanksgiving Offering for the missionaries supported through BFM, then we encourage you to give your offering through your church. Most of the Thanksgiving Offerings that are given by churches are made up by the voluntary offerings of individual members who give to the Offering. *Pastors, we encourage you to give your church the opportunity to contribute to our BFM Thanksgiving Offering.*

7. "WHAT IF MY CHURCH DOES NOT RECEIVE A BFM THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

If your church does not participate in the Thanksgiving Offering, you may send your personal gift to the Treasurer of BFM and *designate it "Thanksgiving Offering."*
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You can also give online at www.bfmnow.org and click on 'Give' and *designate for "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo field.*

8. "CAN I GIVE MY THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLY AROUND THANKSGIVING ... OR DURING NOVEMBER?"

No. Many churches and individual Friends of BFM give on or around "Thanksgiving Sunday." However, offerings begin coming in before November and continue to come in to the Treasurer during the months following November, and sometimes on into the next year. *You can give your Thanksgiving Offering any time. But, all offerings designated "Thanksgiving Offering" go toward the same collective Offering for that year.*

9. "HOW IS THE "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" PERSONAL GIVING MINISTRY PERTINENT TO THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We introduced the "EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" ministry and plan during the 2003 Thanksgiving Conference. "Every Friend a Giving Friend" encourages each of our missionaries' friends to personally participate in regular giving to the Missionary Support Fund. This plan is nothing new or unique; it is just another way to express and articulate what the Friends of BFM have been doing since the inception of the Mission.



It is also patterned after the instructions Paul gives us in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9: that is,

1. to purpose in your heart to give an offering (9:7)
2. to give as generous an offering as God enables you (8:1-3 & 9:6)
3. to ask God – and trust Him – to supply you with the funds you will need to give the offering (9:8)
4. to plan and begin preparing even a year ahead of time (as Paul instructed the Corinthians and the other churches to do) (8:10-11 & 9:2)
5. to give your offerings to the Lord and to the Lord's missionaries willingly and cheerfully (9:7)
6. to express your love and obedience to the Lord through your generous giving (8:8 & 9:13)
7. to give as your response to Jesus Christ's grace and gift of Himself to you (8:9 & 9:15)

We encourage every Friend of BFM to be a **Giving Friend** and give a personal Thanksgiving Offering to help supply our missionaries' needs that are met through the monthly Missionary Support Fund.

"EVERY FRIEND A GIVING FRIEND" also challenges each Friend of BFM to personally participate in missions by giving monthly offerings *over and above the regular tithes and offerings you give to your church to meet the needs of your local church's ministries.* We encourage each **Giving Friend** to make a personal commitment to either begin giving or increase your giving each month to the Missionary Support Fund.

10. "WHY DO YOU SET GOALS FOR THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING?"

We set goals because the goal amount is keyed to the projected needs we expect to provide for the coming year of missionary ministry. And, when we increase the commitments, services, and benefits we give our missionaries so they can better fulfill their ministries, our needs for the necessary funds increase also.

And, please remember with us that we cannot approve and commit to increasing the services and benefits we provide for our missionaries unless we believe the Lord will supply those funds through your giving.

**OUR 2021-22
THANKSGIVING OFFERING
GOAL IS \$50,000.00.**

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

Thank You, GIVING FRIENDS!

VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND

Please prayerfully consider helping us support our faithful veteran missionaries in their senior years by giving a recurring generous offering designated for "VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSION FUND."

You can do that by simply making your contribution to Baptist Faith Missions and designating it for "**Pension Fund**" or "**Veteran Missionary Pensioners**" or by anything that says "**Pension.**" We will know what you mean, and your offerings will go directly toward honoring our **Veteran Missionaries Pensioners** who have served our Lord and us so faithfully and sacrificially.

You can mail your contribution to our Treasurer, George Sledd. Or you can give online by going to our website and click on the gold "GIVE" button.

When you make your transaction online, you will be given the "**Recurring option: __Yes! Please register me for the recurring program!**"

We pray and hope you will.



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meet some dedicated youth that will be glad to befriend him and help him leave behind those bad habits and develop healthy new ones. As you think of him, please pray that he stays faithful to his Savior.

All praise to God, the COVID cases have nearly disappeared from our area and this has led our schools to have regular in-person classes again. Our evangelistic teams are getting invitations from several schools to come and minister to their students and staff. I know this sounds odd for public schools, and it is. The main reason this is happening is the work of the Lord, of course. On the human level, our strategy is helped by having "insiders" in some of the schools. Last week was one such case. A member of my church is one of the assistant principals and she presented to the head principal proof of our team's track record of working with students who were unruly and problematic before, but who became well-behaved and cooperative after our evangelistic program in their school. We are excited that our team is getting more and more of these opportunities. Our volunteers are thrilled that they are again able to share the gospel nearly every week with hundreds of students and their school staff.

Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to honor the Lord with the opportunities afforded us. Thank you for your concern and faithful prayers on our behalf.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

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**BFM, c/o George Sledd
P.O. Box 471280
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280**

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



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Pray also for our other faithful missionary families not in this issue:

JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER
São Paulo, Brazil

66th ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

in the interests of Baptist Faith Missions

NOVEMBER 8-9-10, 2021

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH | Dearborn Heights, MI

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CONFERENCE THEME:

BY FAITH WILL YOU...PRAY (Matthew 9:37-38)

BY FAITH WILL YOU...GIVE (2 Corinthians 9:6)

BY FAITH WILL YOU...GO (Isaiah 6:8)

Do you have any questions about Baptist Faith Missions: who we are or what we do? Please join us at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon for our BFM Open Advisory Forum. Bring your questions and/or suggestions. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.

MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 8TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor George Sledd, Jordan Baptist Church, Sanford, FL

8:00 p.m. – Singing

8:25 p.m. – Message, Pastor Mark Pyles, Grace Baptist Church, Fairborn, OH

TUESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 9TH

9:15 a.m. – Music & Singing

9:30 a.m. – Message, Pastor Jonathan Turner, Richland Missionary Baptist Church, Livermore, KY

10:15 a.m. – Message, Missionary Judson Hatcher, São Paulo, Brazil

11:00 a.m. – Break

11:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor Bill Brooks, Gethsemane Baptist Church, Taylor, MI

12:00 Noon – Lunch

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 9TH

1:30 p.m. – BFM Open Advisory Forum

Everyone is welcome! Please feel free to ask any questions you may have about BFM, our missionaries, or our activities.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9TH

5:00 p.m. – Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Music

6:45 p.m. – Singing

7:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor Dan Hillard, Grace Missionary Baptist Church, Wyandotte, MI

8:00 p.m. – Singing

8:15 p.m. – Message, Pastor Peter Santisteban, Victory Baptist Church, Russellville, KY

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 10TH

9:45 a.m. – Music

10:00 a.m. – Singing

10:15 a.m. – Message, Pastor Darrell Messer, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bellbrook, OH

11:00 a.m. – Singing

11:15 a.m. – Message, Issac Heil, Addyston Baptist Church, Addyston, OH

THANKSGIVING OFFERING APPEAL

WE NEED TO REACH FOR OUR \$50,000.00

THANKSGIVING OFFERING GOAL!

Will you pray about and consider giving your personal offering toward the 2021 THANKSGIVING OFFERING?



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