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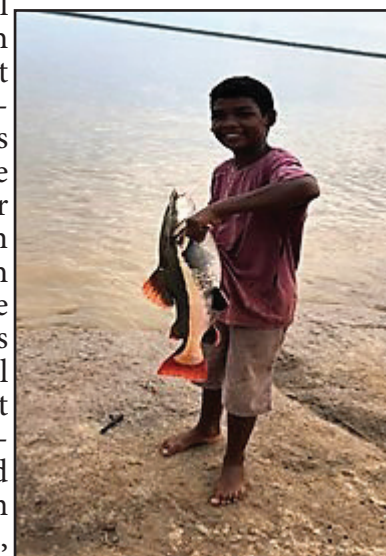
## CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
We hope and pray that all are doing well and being blessed. We are doing great, and God has blessed us and kept us safe.

This month has been really wonderful. After all the problems with the pandemic and not being able to have special programs, it was great to celebrate the special day we have for the children. Here in Brazil, October 12th is Children's Day. The church I pastor, Pedras Vivas, had a special day and we brought kids in from the communities near us and also from Ubim. From the Village of Ubim, there were 87 that came. Since there are lots of small children, the mothers came with them. It was really great to see the members of our church getting involved in the activities and others in serving the food. The kids had lots of fun.



I have challenged our church to make this end of the year different. So many times, churches slow down the end of the year doing less things and sometimes having financial problems. We have planned a meeting with the men and women of the church to challenge them to visit and reach out to more people in the community. Pray that God would touch their hearts to see the need to tell people about God's love.

How would you like to catch one of these? It's called a pirarara. Come and visit us. One of the things we do to reach out to people by friendship is fishing. The last few weeks we have been able to go fishing and have taken some people with us. This young teenager in the photo is living with us. On one of my road trips with him he accepted Christ as Savior. God has blessed us. We are thankful to each of you that pray for us and give to the ministry. May God continue to bless you and give us wisdom to do His will!

Love in Christ,  
Odali and Kathy Barros

*"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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as they prayerfully make decisions.

## WAITING ON PASSPORT RENEWALS

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October 5, 2021

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and  
gone, and we are now into the latter  
months of 2021. While there have  
been so many challenges this past  
year with the coronavirus pan-  
demic, it still seems the year has  
gone quickly. This month holds  
two important dates for our family,  
with me (Nathan) turning one year  
older on the 21st, and my wife and  
I celebrating our 17th anniversary  
on the 16th. What a blessing my  
wife has been to me over the years,  
and may God give us many more  
years together to serve on the mis-  
sion field.Please continue to pray for Kenya  
at this challenging time of corona-  
virus. Things are continuing, but in  
a limited capacity. My understand-  
ing is that religious gatherings can  
still meet, but at 30% capacity of  
what they were meeting at. So, there  
are still obvious restrictions. I am  
sure you still have to wear masks  
in public, as well as sanitizing asyou go around town. Please pray  
for all missionaries and servants  
in Kenya at the present time, that  
the Lord would watch over them  
and protect them. As we go out  
and come in, wherever we are,  
God is watching over us. Isn't that  
wonderful? Psalm 121:8 says, "The  
Lord shall preserve thy going out  
and thy coming in from this time**"The Lord is good  
unto them that  
wait for Him,  
to the soul that  
seeketh Him."****Lamentations 3:25**forth, and even for evermore."  
Amen. May we trust God as we  
go out and come in, even with the  
challenges of this pandemic.My wife is staying busy with  
homeschooling our daughters.  
She is doing well this year and our  
daughters are both doing well.They are absorbing the materials well  
and progressing in their studies. Our  
daughter McKenna is doing a new  
math program and is catching on  
quickly. Camille is also doing well,  
and of course I am thankful for my  
faithful wife for investing so much  
time and energy in teaching them  
and preparing them well in their  
studies.We are nearing the end of our  
time of furlough and would ask that  
you would pray for us. I (Nathan)  
still plan to share, preach, and pres-  
ent the ministries in Kenya as God  
opens the doors. We are still waiting  
on our passports to be renewed, so  
this is a big prayer request at this  
time. Our paperwork has been sub-  
mitted and we are waiting for the  
renewals. God is in control and we  
trust in His timing. We are waiting  
on the Lord and seeking His will.I will close with Lamentations  
3:25, which says "The Lord is good  
unto them that wait for him, to the  
soul that seeketh him." In our times  
of waiting in our lives, may we seek  
Him with our whole hearts. He is  
good and faithful. May God bless  
each of you for your heart for mis-  
sions. We will keep you updated.Blessings,  
Nathan and Carrie Radford

## SHARING JESUS IN BIBLE STUDIES &amp; ENGLISH CHATS

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October 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We hope you are enjoying the  
Lord's blessings. This week has been  
busy as we have started some new  
meetings and are getting back in the  
groove of the school year schedule.  
Our Sunday meetings continue to be  
held in person with some joining us  
by internet.The restart of Bible Studies in  
Mazere this week went very well.  
We are studying through the Apos-  
tle Paul's letter to the Philippians.  
Philip and Amanda are restarting  
Bible studies in the home of a church  
family in the city of Cugnaux. A  
couple of other weekly Bible studiesare also held. Small group meet-  
ings are a very effective means of  
communicating the Good News of  
Jesus Christ to seekers and helping  
those who trust Christ to grow up  
in Him. This has been our primary  
method of outreach to adults since  
we arrived in France.The first Youth meeting of this  
school year is tomorrow evening.  
The Lord has enabled us to com-  
municate the Good News to many  
Middle School and High School  
students through these meetings.This week Judy and I also began  
meeting with three ladies who want  
to practice speaking English. We  
have found this to be a great way  
to connect with people in order to  
tell them about God's offer of eter-  
nal life through Jesus Christ. One  
of the ladies in the present group is  
an acquaintance made on our trek-  
king path. Each time we crossed  
the friendship grew. When sheexpressed a desire to work on English  
to be able to communicate with a pos-  
sible future son-in-law who is Austr-  
alian, we offered to meet with her for  
English chats.Another participant was a kinder-  
garten teacher for our granddaugh-  
ters years ago, sang in the community  
choir in which I (John) sang and "by  
chance" (another way of saying "divine  
appointment") we crossed her (while  
trekking) as she was going to sign up  
for English improvement classes at the  
local community meeting house. She  
decided to cancel the English improve-  
ment classes and meet with us! She  
brought a friend who also sang in the  
community choir.Please pray with us that God will  
open hearts to Jesus for eternal life and  
help us all to keep growing up in Jesus.Your sister and brother in Southern  
France,  
Judy and John

## OPPORTUNITY TO RESET



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October 8, 2021

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ,

Cause and effect.

Cause 1: Over the past year and a half we have had a number of what I'll call Governmental Covid Restrictions placed on religious institutions, including churches. The way this works is this: The government gets concerned about Covid cases, or the rise of Covid cases and as a result it shuts down cross county travel, institutes a curfew, and places serious restrictions on churches. Sometimes they say churches cannot meet, other times they say children under 12 and people over 59 cannot attend, or they say that less than 50% of a building's seating capacity can be used. During these times of restrictions people oftentimes fear

going to church. These restrictions often last a month or two before the government lifts them at which time people start trickling back to church. Then, after a month or two the government gets concerned again and the cycle repeats all over again.

Cause 2: I visited the States for a month.

Effect 1: Because of the above reasons our attendance at the Chapel has dwindled considerably. I suppose this is to be expected. It is difficult for a small church group of people to survive such circumstances.

Effect 2: We have an opportunity to press the RESET button on the ministry, to do some things differently and to implement some changes that need to be made. Of course, I'm not going to change the basic things I started the Chapel for in the first place. I still plan on making the teaching and preaching Biblical and simple, directing the people to love and follow Jesus. I also still plan on keeping the worship simple and heartfelt.

These are things seldom found in



churches here in Kitale. Thus, the great need for an institution like the Upper Room Baptist Chapel. But, pushing the RESET button means we can implement a chil-

dren's ministry to make attending easier for families of children. We can also implement more first-century like fellowship – eating together, sharing together, and helping each other. Also, we can implement what is oftentimes called “Outreach”. I don't want to call it that or even to think of it like that because “Outreach” usually focuses on “bringing people to the church”. I want the people of the Chapel to simply be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community, serving others in our community and showing them the love of Jesus. And, I don't want them to do it to “bring people to the church” but simply because we love Jesus, love others, and want to show them the love and heart of Jesus.

So, we get to press the RESET button. Opportunity or challenge? Probably both.

Blessings to you all,  
Roger, Julie, and Chloe



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## By faith, will you... PRAY...GIVE...GO?

*“The most glorious works of grace that have ever taken place have been in answer to prayer; and it is in this way that we have the greatest reason to suppose that the glorious out-pouring of the Spirit which we expect at last will be bestowed ... We must not be content however with praying without exerting ourselves in the use of means for the obtaining of those things we pray for.”*

*~William Carey*



## ENCOURAGING TRIP TO BRAZIL!



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Dear friends and family,

This has been an AWESOME month traveling in Brazil. We arrived and went to Caraguatatuba to see the grands and family. My first message preached here was at Caragua Baptist Church where our son-in-law Walmir Quaresma is the Pastor. Always great to be back in the home church. There we have so many sweet memories of establishing this church and all the children that we ministered to, and also all the groups that came there to help in the construction and evangelism around the community. What an AWESOME time we have had there in Caraguatatuba.

The churches of Brasil have had the same challenges as ours here have had. One of those challenges is dealing with COVID. The challenge is getting the word out and now to get the people to come back to in-person services and classes. Here, as in the States, it is predicted many will not return to Church nor Seminary.

However, our Lord is in control and with Him all things are possible.

This trip has been to encourage our students who are attending Seminary. Before COVID our enrollment was nearing 400 students counting all the locations. During the pandemic we have gone down to around 200.

I have been encouraged with the enthusiasm from the different locations where we have visited on this trip. They have demonstrated that they are ready to return to classes.

We have re-organized the classes and with the problems of COVID we have learned how to reach the students with Zoom. And now we will have some classes that are in-person four times per year, and four by Zoom. Through the Zoom classes we will be able to reach many more Pastors and Church leaders with classes and instruction. What an AWESOME God we serve!!!

Even though we have had some problems in the pandemic like losing four of our pastors to COVID we know that God is in control. Good

things have come out of this also. Because of the pandemic we have been given permission to have more Zoom classes than in-person classes. Because of this we are able to still maintain our quality of instruction and training, reaching more students, and expanding the Seminary.

Our first graduation for our Master's program will be this coming year. In this Master's program we are offering two different degrees: a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies and a Master in Pastoral Ministries. The Master in Pastoral Ministries will only be offered to Pastors. The schedule for the upcoming year has been discussed with the students and is now on the calendar.

This trip has been wonderfully blessed with renewed contacts, classes scheduled, and many miles traveled. Pastor Derek and I were invited to be speakers in a Bible conference in one of the towns where we have had classes for the Seminary in Nativity da Serra with Pastor Israel. We spent Saturday and Sunday there and went back to Caraguatatuba because it was overly cold where we were. Then to end the trip, I was asked to preach back in Caragua on the Sunday before we left. Barbara and I have had a wonderful time with the grandbabies (they are no longer babies) who are 10 and 13 years of age.

Thanks to all who are our prayer warriors because without all of you we would not be able to do what we are doing. A special thanks to Durbin Memorial Baptist Church and Heritage Baptist Church for helping with this trip financially and to all the Baptist Faith Missions supporters who make each month easier by your financial support and prayers that hold us up when we are too weak to hold ourselves up.

Continue to pray for the missionaries and the work that is being done to take the word to the needy.

In His service,  
Aj and Barbara



Family lunch with Walmir, Mary Katherine, Edson, and granddaughters



## BFM NATIONAL CONFERENCES OUTREACH—WILL YOU HELP US?

Over the past three years, Directors of BFM have been attending and representing BFM in other national Conferences. These Conferences are also attended by numerous pastors and members of like-minded churches that share our core values of the Doctrines of Grace, local church, and Baptist distinctives. There are many such churches and brethren whom we have met and have yet to meet.

Through these contacts, God has been pleased to open their hearts with interest and inquiries concerning the ministries of BFM missionaries. Some have begun partnering with BFM with their monthly support. We bless God and thank them for the opportunities God has opened up for our acquaintance with one another, fellowship around our common convictions, and partnerships in support giving.

All of these efforts have been under the leadership of our David Pitman, our Field Representative. We want to pass on to you a request from him [and us] to help us with the expenses for these and future outreach opportunities we are planning.

*Dear Brethren,*

*I am very thankful that we were able to present BFM at the October G3 Conference to over 6,400 attendees. We are praying for abiding fruit like partnering sending churches and missionary candidates and missionary support contributions.*

*There will be no G3 Conference in 2022. I propose that we return to the Founders Conference in January, 2022. What I ask is for 6 churches to give \$300 each to help with the cost. I will ask Addyston to be one of those churches.*

*Thank you.*

*David Pitman, Field Representative*

Of course, these outreach efforts require expenses. BFM has purchased the opportunity to set up an exhibit table and display along with numerous other ministries in attendance at these Conferences. We have also produced handout cards and other materials to be distributed. We have funded the travel and accommodations for our Directors to attend and personally represent BFM.

Please join us in praying for the Lord's pleasure in these activities and in your financial sharing in the expenses to continue this valuable outreach.

Here are some sample images from the last Conference.



Front of handout card



Back of handout card



At the G3 National Conference in Atlanta — October 2021



David Pitman,  
Field Representative



Darrell Messer, George Sledd, Sheridan Stanton,  
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# ORDINATIONS, OUTGROWING SPACE, & COUPLES BEING USED IN MINISTRY



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October 20, 2021

Dear Friends,

I can't use the word 'proud,' because it would assume that some credit goes to us, but we are very grateful and thankful to the Lord for our couple's ministry leaders, Edinei and Debora. The husband, Edinei was an eight-year-old boy when we met him 35 years ago. His dad was an alcoholic and his family had no interest in the things of the Lord. Charlene and I started a children's Bible club in the garage behind our house and Edinei was one of the first kids from our neighborhood to accept an invitation to come. He started attending weekly and eventually brought several other members of his family. Edinei came to know Jesus as his Savior and Lord and has been faithful in Christian service for all these many years. His wife, Debora, was 11 when we met her. Her father and brother were doing some remodeling work for us on our house. We became friends

with their entire family back in 1995 and since then, she, her mother, sister, brother, and several other family members have surrendered to Christ. Both Edinei and Debora volunteer many hours each month in ministering to the married couples in our church and in evangelistic events to married couples. This weekend they are holding a retreat where we will work together to evangelize and teach 30 couples for three days. Charlene and I feel like the two are practically our children, but more than that they are God's children and our co-laborers in His service. We are thankful for them.

This next Sunday we'll have the privilege of ordaining two young men to Gospel ministry, Cledson and Adriel. Cledson is our youth minister and has been doing a fantastic job together with his wife, Fabiane. Our youth group has grown from 8 to 35 under their leadership in the last year.

Adriel and his wife, Lorena, are our traveling evangelistic team leaders. That ministry is made up of 12 volunteers who travel by a 15 passenger van throughout Brazil and South America taking the gospel to public schools and parks. Adriel

has proven to be a wise leader to his team and a very effective evangelist to students and adults. It will be a joy and blessing to ordain these two men as dedicated servants of the Lord in spreading the gospel and discipling converts.

October 12th is a national holiday in Brazil (a patron saint's day). Informally it has become "Children's Day" for more commercial reasons. For whatever reason the day is celebrated, we took advantage of the long weekend to do a special event to attract families with their kids to our 'Children's Day' gospel play. Our drama team worked for many weeks in rehearsals and stage preparations to perform the play in two services. The team did an outstanding job, working with a great attitude and sweet spirit despite the long hours and the personal cost of travel back and forth to practice for several weeks. The Lord blessed and we did have one 11-year-old boy make a public profession of faith in the Lord. The folks who were on the team were also greatly motivated by their participation in the event and the great reviews from those who watched. In fact, someone who saw a video of the presentation

who attends a different church has asked our drama team if they would give the presentation at their church as well.

The Children's Day presentation also helped us to come to a huge decision. We must move to a larger building. For the event we just held, we asked the church members to divide into two groups in order to have a smaller congregation at each presentation, allowing the people who would come as guests to have a seat in our crowded auditorium. It helped some, but our last service was still packed to the max. This with only half of our regular congregation in each service and more than 30 workers behind the curtains engaged in the presentation. We are presently in the process of signing papers on a larger building. We pray the Lord will guide and provide as we seek to grow this church and as we train leaders to go out to begin new works as well.

We are super excited with all that the Lord is doing through and in us.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for us.

In Christ's love,

Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

## LAST CALL! THANKSGIVING MISSIONS CONFERENCE

*in the interests of Baptist Faith Missions*

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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)**

*For a full schedule, visit [www.bfmnow.org/66th-annual-thanksgiving-missions-conference/](http://www.bfmnow.org/66th-annual-thanksgiving-missions-conference/)*



**PLEASE NOTE:** During our Thanksgiving Conference, we will also be presenting, highlighting, and emphasizing the need to care for our Veteran Missionary Pensioners and ways we can all participate in this ministry of gratitude and appreciation.

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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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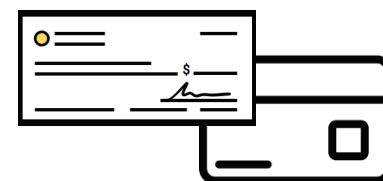
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## PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

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

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



## 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?*

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 *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!**

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

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