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December 16, 2021

Dear Friends,

The apostle, Paul, wrote from prison telling his readers to "rejoice always". If he could say that honestly from a Roman prison cell, then we should certainly be able to rejoice in every situation in which we find ourselves today. We can and do.

We rejoice mainly because we are certain of our eternal salvation through the grace of God and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We also rejoice because He not only saved us, but also sustains us every single day. These are facts that we can reflect on in any circumstance and find peace and comfort. I don't want to lessen in any way the value of the knowledge of these truths because, to be honest, I often need to feed my heart and mind on them.

An amazing thing is that the Lord doesn't stop there! Beyond His saving and sustaining grace, He has been pouring out large and small blessings on us and our ministries. Charlene is celebrating her 60th birthday tomorrow and I'm a little bit older than she, yet we both enjoy wonderful health due to God's love and care. Our ministries are steadily increasing in the number of people involved and impacted. Certainly, the enemy attempted to hamper or destroy our evangelistic outreach with this horrible COVID pandemic, but the Lord used it for good, just as He promised. Some of our brothers and sisters in Christ were called home to

heaven, yes, but that was to their benefit. The Lord even used the quarantines and lockdowns to teach us new ways to minister and touch people's lives for good.

Our traveling evangelistic team, Projeto Vida, has just returned from their last trip of the 2021 year, and it was very fruitful. The team traveled to the nation's capital, Brasilia, and was able to evangelize in the public schools in one of the most ungodly regions of the country. Many youth and several teachers/administrators surrendered their lives to Christ because of these efforts. The president himself asked our team to pray for him at one of his public appearances while they met with him and some other evangelical political leaders.

Early in January we will be hosting our first missions volunteer training seminar. We expect to have college-aged kids from several different states participating in this two-week training program. We will spend the first week teaching the biblical basis for missions/evangelism and then the next week we'll be taking them to a city in the southernmost state of Brazil, Rio Grande do Sul. That region of Brazil has the reputation for being the most Satan-worshipping part of the country and we know that that is where the greatest need for the glorious, good news of Christ is. Please pray for our workers and the volunteers as they seek to win the lost for God's glory.

Charlene and I are so grateful for your faithful prayers, concern, and support of our ministries. Thank you.

In Christ's love,
Bobby and Charlene Wacaser

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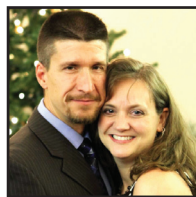
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May God give them wisdom and discernment
as they prayerfully make decisions.

THE SEASON OF HOPE

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Tates, everyone!

This Christmas of 2021 marks the second Christmas marred by a general feeling of world-wide fear and trepidation. For some people, the words "Corona Virus" bring feelings of imminent threat. For others, it is more a feeling of caution but also uncertainty because of the way world governments are dealing with the situation. For some there is fear; for others there is angst. For some there is fear of disease, suffering, and even death; for others there is fear of corruption, oppression, and tyranny. Either way, there is more shared world-wide distress than I have ever seen in my adult lifetime.

I love how the Psalmist in Chapter 4 of the Book of Psalms says to God, "Hear me when I call...You HAVE relieved me in my distress." David prayed because he was in need of relief, but he talked as if God had ALREADY given it. David assumed it; it was a foregone conclusion to him. He prayed with an expectation of hope. Not a "hope so," but a "hope KNOW."

Sometimes I'm not sure what specifically I need – I just know

there is this anxiety, this longing...this emptiness that needs filling. This...dis-satisfaction with this world. It's a longing for Hope – for the end of futility...the end of sin and its effects both around me and in me...the end to brokenness,

and this is the Season of Hope because Jesus is our "Hope Know."

This season especially (right now in 2021) is given to us as a reminder – a refocus.

"Take heart," Jesus said, "for I have ALREADY overcome the world." It's done. It's finished. Now we are simply waiting for it to work its way through – but it's done – it's a foregone conclusion.

All the suffering, the hate, the disease, the oppression, the death – it has ALREADY been dealt the death blow and lies writhing on the ground fighting for its last gasp of oxygen. The answer has ALREADY been given – the healing medicine ALREADY applied. It's been done in the birth, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus. We long for peace, and the Prince of Peace



disease, and death...the end to evil, poverty, and oppression...the end to division, hate, and violence...the end to suffering of all kinds.

But God teaches me through His Word that He has ALREADY relieved me in my distress. He has ALREADY sent His answer – in the greatest, most complete, and most comprehensive manner possible.

IMMANUEL.
GOD WITH US.
JESUS.

God IS the God of all Hope,

has come.

So, God, hear us when we call. Have mercy on us. You HAVE relieved us in our distress. Now, fill us with the Peace You have ALREADY provided so we can love others with the love with which You have loved us. Help us be satisfied in our dis-satisfaction, knowing we hope (KNOW), along with all of creation, for the full coming of Your PERFECT-ED Kingdom.

The King is Coming!

Love,

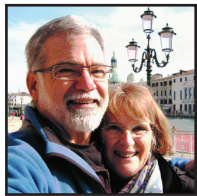
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GOD AT WORK THROUGH BIBLE STUDIES



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December 15, 2021

Dear Fellow laborers,

A new year is beginning, and we have no idea how it will end. May our Lord and Savior through His Spirit indwelling us enable us to live each day in His presence. Judy and I are very thankful for the faithful support we receive from you. We hope that you will be encouraged by what God is doing here in the South of France.

It has been a blessing to see a good number of participants in the Sunday meetings during the past month. We would have to look back to the pre-Covid days to see as many in attendance. Better yet, in addition to the members and regular attendees, we have had several first-time visitors. A couple of these are ladies who have been involved in a weekly Bible study for some time. One grew up in a muslim family with a father who is an Imam.

The excellent question you may be asking is, "What gets these people to come to Bible studies or Sunday meetings?" The answer is, "They are touched by people just like you who are part of the congregation." The two ladies I just mentioned were touched by Anaëlle, a lady who is part of our church. Ra--- met Anaëlle when they were both getting their hair done. A conversation ensued and out of it a friendship. Anaëlle realized that her new friend was searching. She invited her to participate in an ongoing ladies Bible study and Ra--- began participating and has become very interested.

Anaëlle is a chiropractor.

Ste----- came for an adjustment. As Anaëlle listened to her, she realized that Ste---- was quite depressed and looking for answers. When Anaëlle suggested that she might find help in their Bible study, Ste----- began attending. She now gives evidence of having trusted the Lord and is planning on attending our Sunday meetings regularly.

Judy and I are also very encouraged by the Bible study that has restarted at Mazere. A couple of the attendees are ladies with whom Douceline has been having one-on-one Bible studies for years.

You may have asked the question, "How do these Bible studies work?" The participants get together, the leader asks questions that allows participants to share what is happening in their lives. A believer leads in prayer and then the Bible study gets underway. We begin a book of the Bible and continue to study it until we are completely through that book. After reading the passage for a given Bible study the leader asks questions to which the answers are in the passage just read and lets participants vocalize the answers as they find them in the text being studied. Sometimes background information from other books of the Bible or history are given but we do not lecture. The purpose is to help enquirers find the answers God has given in His written revelation. IT WORKS! This is how most to the people in our congregation have come to Christ.

Well, I have a Bible study starting in about an hour, so I had better wrap this letter up.

May God bless you, your family, your friends and your church as the new year begins.

From France,
Judy and John Hatcher

PREPARING TO RETURN TO KENYA



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December 3, 2021

Dear praying friends,

Another month has come and gone, and we are officially at the end of 2021. What a challenging year it has been, yet the Lord has been with us through it all. Through these challenging times, may we trust the Lord more than ever before. 1 Chronicles 16:11 says "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually." Amen. May this be the desire of our hearts.

We have officially booked our return to Kenya, later this month. We were delayed a little, as I (Nathan) contracted coronavirus last month and had to quarantine. It was not a bad case, for which I am thankful, but there were definite symptoms, such as cold-like feelings, and a lot of lethargy. I had a great decrease in energy upon my diagnosis. Those who have also contracted it probably have had similar symptoms. I had to rest for several days and recover. This was one of the major delays, but I thank the Lord I am strong and healthy again.

Please pray for my wife as she is very stressed right now, trying to remember to pack everything, all the school materials, supplies, and making sure we have everything we need. She

does a great job at it, but please pray for all of us, that we would do our best, cross off all our to do lists, and be able to get everything done in a timely manner. The weeks before is always the most stressful, but I hope and pray we get it all done.

Please also pray for this new strand of coronavirus called Omicron. It is already in various African countries (southern Africa), but it will probably be just a matter of time before it makes its way across the continent. We are trusting the Lord to keep us safe and healthy during our travels back, and also while we live in Kitale.

There are always adjustments upon our return, so please pray for us upon our return. There are also many things to do upon our arrival to catch up, so I (Nathan) need prayer that I will get all the major items done upon our return.

We wish you each a great upcoming holiday season. This Christmas, may we enjoy our time with friends and family, but never forget the birth of our Lord and Savior. I will close with Matthew 1:23, which says, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." May God bless you for your heart for missions.

Merry Christmas,
Nathan and Carrie Radford

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December 15, 2021

FAMILY

Tomorrow (December 16), Laura will undergo a surgical procedure to install a cochlear implant in her left ear. The surgery takes 6 hours and a week to recover. The Lord provided us with one of the best doctors in the nation for this type of procedure at Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Once the device is activated, she will begin hearing therapy along with the device's fine tuning. We are grateful to the Lord for making provisions for Laura to hear again from her left ear.

On December 1st we celebrated Melissa's 10th birthday. She requested an astronaut themed party. We could not take her to outer space, but she

had an out of this world party with her siblings, school and neighborhood friends. Sarah received her driver's permit and is excited to practice driving as much as she can. Benjamin is part of the wrestling team at his middle school and is doing incredibly well, as this is his first experience with the sport.

Raquel has completed several training courses, including an EMDR certification. She is an amazing psychologist and loves assisting people in counseling. She is also able to serve several missionary families around the world through online platforms and continues to provide leadership and consultation for foster care families in Brazil.

My lymphoma treatment is developing successfully. I received all three cycles of chemotherapy, on December 27th will run a CT scan in preparation for the radiation treatment. This last cycle hit me the hardest, but I am

grateful to see the glory of God manifested through it all. As if my hands were not full enough, God allowed me a new learning opportunity. I started an online PhD in Organizational Leadership at Columbia International University. This is a degree I have aspired for many years as it directly relates to the work of our ministry. It should take 27 months to complete, and I am excited to get back into academic life once again.

We are so thankful to God for His Sovereign hand, for your prayers, and encouragement through emails, text messages, phone calls and cards in the mail. Words cannot fully express our hearts' gratitude.

MINISTRY

All things are on queue for Jonas and Charis to arrive in the States on January 15th for their training and exposure trip. They will be visiting three universities: Palm Beach Atlantic University, Liberty University and

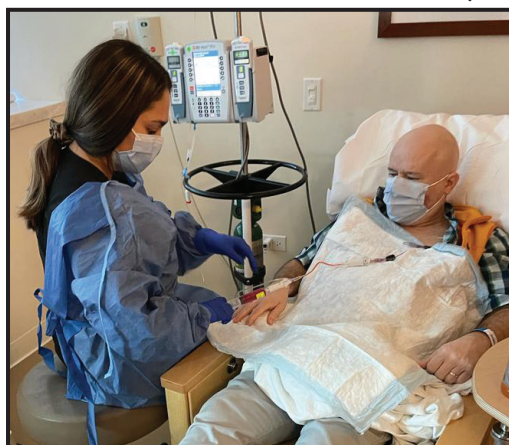
Wheaton College. This trip will also include visits with several churches as part of a mentorship plan developed for them. Jonas was recently ordained and is a gifted servant of the Lord. I am thankful for all who are assisting in making this trip a reality.

The ministry in São Paulo is strong under Pastor Helder's leadership. Christmas Season is always a culminating moment for people to become involved in serving the local communities and people are more approachable. Christmas Cantatas are well underway and the 2022 calendar is loaded with plans for connecting with new people and making disciples.

I plan to participate in the Missions Conference at Park Ridge Baptist Church in Orlando on January 17, 18 and 19. Would love to have you join us if you are in Florida and able to come.

Grateful always,

Jud and Raquel Hatcher



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MISSION-MINDED CHURCHES & THE GUARANI INDIANS



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December 22, 2021

Friends and family,

It is Barb and my wish is for all of you to have had a wonderful Christmas and to have an AWESOME 2022.

Continuing with our trip to Brazil in October, we were able to visit the missionaries to the Guarani Indians, Pastor Valdival and his wife Rose.

On this visit we saw some needs in their ministry and for their personal lives. They have bought some property for them to get out from under the expenditure of rent so they could

have more money to put into their ministry. Now this purchase is not a recent one, but they have had it for some years. As a matter of fact, some of you here in the States have been a part of the renovation of this property. When we showed our friends the house, some said they thought it should be torn down and started all over. But they started and little by little they renovated the house and are now living in it and are very thankful for their home. One of the reasons for the location of the home is to be closer to the tribe that they work with. As with many of the Pastors in Brazil, they can use some help. The home is needing some work on the front of the house because the lean to over their outdoor cooking area and laundry room is just about like it has no cover over it, even though it does have a covering. I got to examining it closer and it had been covered with clay roof tiles, but they were of various sizes, so when it rained, it rained inside as well as outside. When we got back to Caragua, I was able to talk to the Pastors of two of the Churches that we worked with,

and they agreed to help with this project. The labor and workers to do the work were ready, now the money for the material was needed. In our estimate we would need around 2,000.00 and so Barbara and I gave some seed money and in the last month, these two Churches have raised the rest. I am elated to say that this month the work has been completed because these two Churches are mission-minded and saw a need and sacrificed to help a missionary. It is AWESOME



when you can look back and see the Churches you have worked with living the truths you taught them.

Pastor Valdival's ministry with the Indians is in need of Bibles in the native language of the Guarani. The cost for these Bibles will be around \$1,500.00 for 40 because they have to be ordered and shipped. But when we went to visit them (the Indians), the wife of one of the leaders told of having three Bibles, but she now only has one because everyone who visits her asks for her Bible to keep. So, if we can get more printed, we can get more of God's Word out to more people. Please be praying for this need and if God puts it on your mind to help, send donations to BFM designated for Bibles.

We want to take this time to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one who so faithfully supports Baptist Faith Missions and to Baptist Faith Missions for supporting us. Continue praying for our health and opportunities to serve the Lord in Brazil.

In His service,
Aj and Barbara



IN NEED OF VAN, REACHING OTHER COMMUNITIES



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December 15, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Hope and pray that all are doing well. We have been praying for those where the tornados hit. May the Lord be with each one through this difficult moment.

We are doing well. God has blessed the services that we have started in the homes. This has opened doors in homes of people that don't go to church. In the village of Serra Baixa we are giving soup on Wednesday nights. The number has grown. We were doing this in the open. Now we have been able to use a small auditorium that belongs to the community. This way we can have a service.

What has been really great, and was our plan, was to get more people from the

church involved. One of the families that we first started at, we went to pick up to bring to church. The first time there were 3. The last time there were 12.

We plan to go into other communities. As you drive along the highway you see many exits of dirt roads. As you drive, you come into many small communities. Many of the people that live in these places don't have cars, so it's hard for them to go to a church. So, the best way to reach them is going and having services in their homes. We are praying for God to provide us a van. It is hard to bring so many in a pickup truck and it is not safe.

Kathy and I, our son Jonas and his wife, and the teen who lives with us are going to spend Christmas in Garça where we had the children's home. Several who were from the home will spend Christmas with us.

God bless each of you. Pray that all of you have a great holiday season. Thanks for your prayers, love and support!

Love in Christ, Odali and Kathy



Teens in Ubim



Service in a Home



Serving Soup



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.



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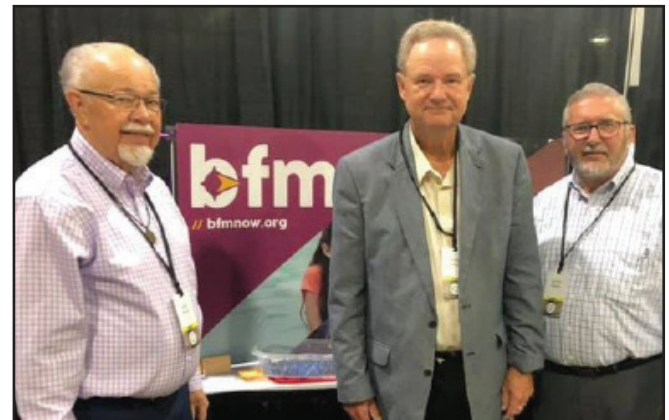
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At the G3 National Conference in Atlanta — October 2021



David Pitman,
Field Representative



Darrell Messer, George Sledd, Sheridan Stanton,
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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."

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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.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you."

-Anonymous



UPDATE

- As of this date [12/21/21], we have received \$77,225.08 for our current **Thanksgiving Offering!** The **Thanksgiving Offering** is carried over into 2022 to help us supply all the support services and benefits we have committed to your missionaries. Our hearts are filled with *thanksgiving to God* for working His Grace in your hearts to move you to give – and *thanksgiving also to you* for your generous responses. If you have not given your **Thanksgiving Offering** to help us supply your missionaries' needs – either individually or through your church's collective offering – please prayerfully consider and commit to do so. And Grace to You [2 Corinthians 8.1-4]!

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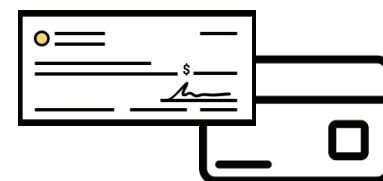
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Pray also for our other faithful missionary families not in this issue:

MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW

BFM WINTER CONFERENCE

CALLED OFF UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE!

**THE BFM WINTER CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CALLED OFF
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

Pastor Ben Glover and the Park Ridge Baptist Church have regrettably and reluctantly called off until further notice the BFM Winter Conference scheduled for January 16-19.

This is due to outbreaks of the Omicron Virus both in the greater-Orlando area and also among the members of their church.

They didn't want to do this, and especially at this late date, but they believe it is the wisest, safest, and most prudent course of action at this time. They would still like to hold open the possibility of re-scheduling for some time soon, maybe even within the next couple of months. We'll see how all the circumstances develop. Stay tuned... But, for now – **THE BFM WINTER CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CALLED OFF until further notice.**

They also regret and apologize if this causes complications to anyone who may have already made or booked travel/accommodation plans. But this decision is made with prayerful consideration of everyone's best interests.

We do want to thank and commend the Park Ridge church for hosting the Winter Conference for going on four decades. They have been faithful and diligent supporters and advocates for our missionaries. Pray for them.

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