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

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WHAT'S A MISSIONARY WIFE'S LIFE LIKE?



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Charlene Wacaser has served with her husband Bobby in Brazil since 1985 and gives us a great glimpse into what that involves from her perspective.

April 22, 2022

Dear readers,

When I'm asked what a missionary wife's life is like, I guess I have to say that it is as varied as there are missionary wives. This is true because every missionary wife has her own personality and her own set of skills and struggles that shape her. I'm certain that there are many

circumstances and experiences that we missionary wives have in common just by the nature of our calling to leave our families, our home culture and language. But how we adjust to all of these is different in many ways because we are different in many ways.

Before anything else, though, I want

you to know that I do not consider my life on the foreign mission field a sacrifice or a burden. I am thankful to the Lord for the life He has given me. Yes, I have my struggles and hardships, but I know that each and every one of you do too. Some of mine are completely different because of my calling, but many are very similar to yours. I am both happy and fulfilled in what the Lord is using me to do here in Brazil. I thank Him for the privilege to serve Him where I am.

It is hard for me to put a title on my role, so I will just share some of the things that I do and not worry about titles. I help our couples' ministry team leaders prepare for our outreach events. We usually hold 4 to 5 of these events per year. They are basically two-hour banquets, each with a different décor theme and different marital issues in focus. My husband, Bobby, usually brings a message addressing the marital principle in focus and always shares the gospel with the lost guests. My part is to help plan the décor and set up

the auditorium for those who attend. I also work with our children's teaching ministry. We have put together a great team of volunteers who are gifted teachers and I assist them now. Through the course of our

ministry and with each new church plant, I am usually the first and main children's teacher as we begin to discover and develop new teachers from among our new converts.

Maybe one of my most important roles, though, is to assist Bobby in whatever he needs me to do. When he has to counsel women, he always has me with him, both for my female input and for ministerial integrity.

Our home life is one of the strongest illustrations of what we teach and of what he preaches, so I realize that I must give great attention to making it both pleasant and solid. We have raised our children and we now have an "empty nest," but I want it to still be full of joy and love.

The hardest part for me as a woman is the absence of our children and our grandson. But I would rather be 5,000 miles away from them doing what the Lord wants me to do than to be in the same city with them when that's not His will for me.

My prayer request is that Bobby and I will always be attentive to the Lord's leading. We want to be in fellowship with Him so intimately that we will know when and where He is leading us to new opportunities to share the gospel and plant new churches.

I am really grateful to all of you who pray for us and for the faithful support to maintain our ministries.

Yours in the love of Jesus,
Charlene Wacaser



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Charlene working with some of their ladies for "Kids Day"

"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.

LIFE IN KITALE, KENYA

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Greetings from Kenya!

I pray this update finds everyone doing well. This is Carrie writing this month for the annual missionary wives' prayer letter. I hope the weather is getting warmer for all of you. I'm sure you're ready for nicer weather after the winter months. Here in Kenya, we are finishing dry season and entering rainy season. The dry season was long this year and especially hot (up to 90 degrees and no air conditioning anywhere). Everything became very dry and dusty and lack of water was a concern. But thankfully, the rains have started and things are beginning to turn green again and the temperatures are cooling down a bit.

Currently there is a fuel shortage in the country. The suppliers are trying to increase the price, but the government is refusing to pay it, so there

is a stalemate. The government is working to get the suppliers to lower the cost, but it's taking a while to do it. There have been reports of people waiting in lines at the gas stations for up to 8 hours to get just a bit of gas for their vehicles. This is really affecting the livelihoods of people such as taxi drivers and piki=pikis (motorbike taxis). In addition, there are fewer supply trucks to bring goods, such as food, from Nairobi to Kitale. We've had extremely limited milk for the past couple weeks, and the price of goods is also increasing rapidly, which causes a huge burden on all families and businesses here. The people are struggling to buy the food they need for their families. Please pray that the fuel situation gets resolved quickly and that prices reduce for the people of this country.

Homeschooling continues to go well. The girls really enjoy their classes and are doing a great job working diligently. We've been doing some PE activities as a family, such as morning exercise, which has been really nice. Cami enjoys learn-

ing to cook and Kenna has taken some drawing classes online, which has been a huge blessing. We've gotten a new kitten who is an endless delight for the girls. He's a snuggly little guy and such a blessing for us.

Please pray for the girls as they are needing friends. We had a family with some girls their ages here, but they've moved to another part of Kenya. This has been a big loss for our girls as they were close and played a lot together. There have been a lot of changes in our community with families leaving and we're all struggling with it to some extent. Please pray for us as a family. Missions can be so difficult with all the goodbyes we say. There are very few "wazungus" (westerners) left in our town. Please pray for strength and for new families to come.

Thank you all for the encouragement you send and the prayers you say on our behalf. We appreciate them more than you know. Each of you is a blessing to us and we're thankful for you. God bless you all as you head into the summer months.

In Christ,

Nathan and Carrie Radford

LADIES TAKING THE GOSPEL TO VILLAGES

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April 21, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pray and hope that all are doing well. We are doing great. This year has been unusually rainy. The virus problem has stopped, and we have been able to reach out to more communities. The work in the village of Ubim is growing more and more. I still have the work with the children during the afternoon and then at night, Odali is doing a service for adults. This has really been a blessing.

We are working more and more with the church members to get involved in the different ministries. I try more and more to involve the ladies in different ministries and try to help them find the area they can



help in. More and more are starting to get involved.

Our plan is that as more members get involved, we can go to more places to have services in the villages. Thank God, more ladies in the church are getting involved. The greatest difficulty here is that most of the women do not drive and lots of the families do not have cars. So, this makes it harder for some. We want to make teams that can work together. Since I work with kids and

teens, from time to time, I take some of the ladies and girls of the church to help me.

My request for prayer is that God open the eyes and hearts of the members

of the church to see the need to take the gospel to these villages. Pray that the women see the need to get more involved and minister to the kids and young people. Most of them have never done things like this. Thank you for your love, prayers, and support!

God bless each of you ladies and your families.

Love in our Savior,

Kathy Barros

FAITH STRENGTHENED THROUGH CANCER JOURNEY



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The most emotional time was when we shared it with our children. To see their tears and their eyes and their confused/sad faces broke our hearts, and we all cried together. But it wasn't a cry of desperation, it was

a cry of submission. During our journey, my faith was strengthened. Not because I had everything under control, quite the opposite, I had no idea what our future would be like, but I had someone, Jud, who modeled to our family what it means to be thankful in all situations. He showed us daily, what it means to trust God without asking "Why me?" or "Why now?" or "Why this way?" He demonstrated to us what it means to have joy despite pain and uncertainties. In the middle of it all, Jud's example helped me to

have the same attitude. As Paul said in I Corinthians 11:1 "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." This verse has a personal meaning to me now.

We, Christians, are called to glorify God with our lives in everything we do, and, as we do, we elevate Jesus Christ high for everyone to see. When people see Jesus, they can't help it but give Him glory also. That is why faith without works is dead. How will people see Jesus if we don't show Him

"We, Christians, are called to glorify God with our lives in everything we do, and, as we do, we elevate Jesus Christ high for everyone to see. When people see Jesus, they can't help it but give Him glory also. That is why faith without works is dead. How will people see Jesus if we don't show Him with our actions?"

Raquel Hatcher



with our actions? James 2:16-17 "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

More than ever, I understand it now. Before, I thought Paul could ask people to follow him as he followed Christ, because he was the chosen of God, he was special. But, we all, if we are Christians (disciples of Christ), we ought to do and say the same thing. We need each other on this journey. God knew we couldn't make it without one another. We need to see in each other's lives, what it means to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Jud is cancer free now; God chose to heal him. We don't have enough words to describe how thankful we are to have received the gift of life on this earth, but we are even more thankful to have received eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I want to say thank you for your prayers, your supportive messages, your cards of encouragement, your gifts, and your financial assistance. Everything you did for us; you did it for Jesus. We're forever grateful for Baptist Faith Missions, and all our brothers and sisters who live this journey with us during sad and joyful times.

Love,
Raquel Hatcher

Proverbs 31

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

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

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

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

²⁹ "Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."

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

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

Wheaton,
April 24, 2022
Dear friends,
It is with joy I write to all of you. I hope this letter finds you well.

Life in Chicago has been full of adventures. When God led us here last August 2021, we didn't quite understand, nor did we know what was coming ahead. But our God is an omniscient God, He knows each one of our days, He knows our past and our future. Just a few weeks

after we were settled in one of 24 missionaries' apartments, Jud received the news of having lymphoma. I confess, it caught us by surprise. The days ahead were difficult, as Jud and I tried to swim in the waters of the unknown. We didn't say much during those days, but we could almost read each other's thoughts, one of them being: "It's our turn to glorify God through pain and sorrow, and to continue to trust and love Him in the valley as on the mountain." We didn't question God. We chose to live one day at a time, without speculating into the future, or falling into the "what if" trap.

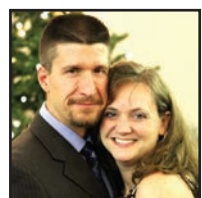


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THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES: NOT BABOONS IN THE KITCHEN



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April 21, 2022

Happy May to you all!

I don't know about you, but my head is absolutely spinning! It seems as if the whole world is changing, doesn't it?

I think for me, with everything in the world seeming to be upside down, my brain is struggling even more with the fact that everything in my personal life seems upside down right now, too. It's not the rainy

season bringing on millions of flying termites (thousands of which ended up in my house last night including in Chloe's bed...); it's not the monkeys and baboons finding their way into my kitchen to steal food; it's not the electricity going on and off that makes my brain hurt.... No, it's transition, chaos, colors, sounds, waiting, not being able to talk about things, and sometimes not feeling heard that short-circuits my brain. Bring on the baboons, the monkeys, and the termites...but give me familiar surroundings; colors that don't hurt my brain;

and people who hear me, know me, understand me, and will pray with me. In the midst of total chaos, this is what my soul longs for.

As you probably know, Roger, Chloe, and I are not currently in Kitale. But if you read Roger's newsletters, you already know that; so, instead of reiterating all of that story, I'll share with you how Chloe and I are doing

walks with us; she's playing outside more; she's showing a lot more maturity in her conversations with me, and she is trying her best to regulate her emotions and reactions to things (something Luke – the OT – said would likely happen as she becomes more capable and independent as a result of OT).

But OT takes years of work, and it is

things and colors...having to be even MORE hyper-vigilant that things don't get broken or ruined. It's difficult learning how to manage a household with the nearest grocery store an hour away...learning new people and new people learning about us and Chloe...figuring out how to fit into a new community. But truly, any difficulty is worth getting the help Chloe and we need, especially since we can't bring her back to the US.

But there is also amazing beauty and peacefulness here. The view of the Rift Valley and the surrounding mountains (including a beautiful dormant shield volcano called Mt. Longonot) has always been a visual balm to my soul. The streets are quiet without the traffic and the motorcycle taxis of Kitale. I feel safe to walk, am surrounded by the Kijabe forest (I grew up wandering around woods for hours at a time), and love watching the antics of the local Colobus monkeys, Sykes monkeys, and even the baboons.

As far as how you can pray for us, you can pray for the following: 1) A support worker; 2) respite for Roger and me; 3) peace in Chloe's heart and soul and mind; 4) the medical/mental/spiritual/emotional support our family needs; 5) transitions to end sooner rather than later; 6) parental patience; 7) acceptance of Chloe by the community; 8) comfort as our second daughter is getting married in May and, though we will be there for the wedding, we can't participate in the festivities the way we could if we were there...and we have to leave Chloe behind with hired help. Please pray for them and for her. She struggles mightily with abandonment issues and Mama's heart hurts deeply for her; 9) Adoption to open up; 10) For me to find a quiet place to work on my art...a past-time I discovered last August that really helps me cope.

Thank you all,
Love,
Julie Tate



Chloe



Julie's Art

in all of this.

Chloe has both really struggled with this transition and greatly benefited from it.

She is seeing an American occupational therapist here in Kijabe who is absolutely wonderful with our whole family. The first couple of weeks we were here, Chloe fell down the steps in the house (not all the way) three times, she threw something out of anger and shattered a large, beautiful bathroom mirror (which doesn't belong to us), she began wetting the bed nightly, and she regressed to a lot of mal-adaptive behaviors because everything was new and scary to her. Three months later though, her core strength has noticeably improved; she's able to take long



Monkeys

only one of many things she needs. We are asking God to provide a support worker (preferably from the US) who can come for a year and work with Chloe on a daily basis – which would also provide Roger and I with a break from being her caregivers 24/7/365. As brilliant, funny, sweet, and compassionate as she is, it's a well-known fact that of all the special needs which children face, autism is one of the most difficult on the family as a whole. The marriage failure rate of families with autistic children is 80%. That's scary high. So, it's really important to be in a location where not only is Roger able to minister and do church planting, but also where our whole family can get the support and care (physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally) we need.

The transition hasn't been easy on any of us. It's difficult (though much appreciated) to live in someone else's home surrounded by unfamiliar

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

A LOVE FOR CHILDREN



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April 27, 2022

Dear friends and family,

Looking back on our time serving the Lord in Brazil shows me where God wanted to use me. Over the last 26 years, my service to the Lord was through the children of Brazil.

Our first years in Garça were with Odali and Kathy Barros establishing an orphanage. There I worked mostly with boys 9-23 years of age. Then we moved to the city of Jacaree hoping to start another orphanage. This dream did not come to life as the mayor of that city did not want Americans opening an orphanage. As we lived there, I worked with the neighborhood children. Then God moved us to Caraguatatuba. In Caraguatatuba, we started Saturday Bible classes with children. When we started a new church in that same area, our first attending were those same children.

So, as you can see my area of service has been always with children in my life. God has always directed my heart to the area of children. Even as a child and teenager myself, anywhere I sat in church, there was always a group of children.

As we have now had to switch gears because of AJ's cancer, my focus changes. We came back to the States for the treatment for his cancer. Because of this coming back, we thought God was through with us on the mission field. AJ went to Dave Parks to say that he would resign BUT Dave said that he did not think God was finished with him. So, we have entered a new episode of our lives. We now are focused on the Seminary that we had started years back. This way AJ



can continue in his doctor's care in the States but continue traveling to Brazil for the Seminary. I am looking for my place in this new work, asking God what he wants me to do. Can you pray with me as I seek God's will?

Looking back over these past 26 years I realize that every life we touch leaves a lasting impression. For example, AJ and I have two children that God gifted us, but I have many more that God has placed in my heart from Brazil. When there is a special day for mothers, I not only get cards and calls from my biological children, I also get cards and calls from my heart children from Brazil. This is just a remind-

er of how God works through each life that passes through your life.

Continue praying for me as I wait for clear knowledge of God's will in this new area of my life.

I am sending some pictures for you

to see some of the beautiful children that God has put in my life in Brazil.

Serving a risen Lord,
Barbara Hensley



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VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING (or FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A TIME OF RENEWAL



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

.....“but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

One year ago this week, John and I returned to our home in France, after spending almost 2 years in the states with my sister, Peggy. We were thankful that we could be there to walk with her through the difficult days of illness. It was heartbreaking to watch as her body faded, yet found rest and peace in the knowledge that, as she faded here, she would rise perfected and whole in the presence of our Savior!

We returned to our home that was made spic and span by our church family here. How blessed can we be?! France was still in partial lock down from Covid, so our movements were somewhat restricted. However, our friends and family made our re-entry here warm.

Our year has been filled with “renewals”. Church meetings...after attending via Skype (for which we were grateful). What a blessing to sing together, pray together, share blessings, share heart needs, study together, in the skin! Our recent study has been on how to be the light in a dark world.

Youth meetings...how invigorating to meet, play, eat, and discuss God's word with teens! Most are ones that have come over the years, so we are blessed to see their growth and commitment.

Bible study group in Mazères...we are encouraged and blessed as we see the quiet growth and expansion of the gospel in this little town, mainly through the dedication of a single Christian lady who lets her light shine. Several have been saved as fruit of the group that meets at her house. Last meeting our hearts soared as an 80... something year old friend just started sharing verse after verse that God had used to “carry her through”.

Old friends...after three times of being cancelled by Covid, we were able to share a meal and afternoon with a couple who are former neighbors. We count each other as dear friends. We continue to pray that they will commit to Christ.

New encounters...just out for a daily walk brought about a weekly English conversation meeting where we have been able to discern their spiritual needs and share Jesus.

The more I write, the more I'm reminded of God's goodness to us over the past year, however, I'll stop as I'm sure your eyes are tired!

The verse thought at the beginning of this letter is actually the conclusion of a declaration that begins in the preceding verse, “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall... but...”. Today, if you're tired, weary, I want to assure you, renewal will come!

Thank you for being a part of God's work here in France.

Judy Hatcher

Quoteable Quotes

“The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman.”

-E. Elliot

“Mothers, you have a calling that can become the long-remembered ground of faith, not just for your children — mark this — but for the untold numbers who will be affected by your children. And that's in addition to all the other thousands of ripple effects of faith in your life.”

-J. Piper

“When a woman is absorbed with God's glory, she will interpret her life according to His truth.”

-S. Hunt

“To me, a lady is not frilly, flouncy, flippant, frivolous and fluff-brained, but she is gentle, she is gracious, she is godly and she is giving. You and I have the gift of femininity...the more womanly we are, the more manly men will be and the more God is glorified. Be women, be only women, be real women in obedience to God.”

-E. Elliot

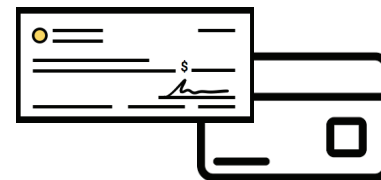
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PRAY & PRAISE

...IN THIS ISSUE

► **ODALI & KATHY BARROS:** PRAISE GOD that more ladies in their church are getting involved in the village ministries! PRAY the Lord would open the eyes and hearts of the church members to see the need to take the Gospel to the villages. [PAGE 2]

► **JOHN MARK & JUDY HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for renewals over the past year of church meetings, youth meetings, and Bible studies in person! PRAY that God would use their new friendships that are forming for His glory. [PAGE 7]

► **JUD & RAQUEL HATCHER:** PRAISE GOD for the lessons learned and strengthened faith during Jud's cancer journey! PRAY that all of us will elevate Jesus high in our lives for all to see that He may get all the glory. [PAGE 3]

► **AJ & BARBARA HENSLEY:** PRAISE GOD for how God has used Barbara in the lives of so many children! PRAY the Lord would give her clear knowledge of His will as she seeks His direction in this new area of her life. [PAGE 5]

► **NATHAN & CARRIE RADFORD:** PRAISE GOD for the rain and for homeschooling going well! for PRAY regarding the fuel shortage. PRAY the Lord would give them strength as a family and that He would provide friends for their children. [PAGE 2]

► **ROGER & JULIE TATE:** PRAISE GOD for the improvements Chloe is making! PRAY for a support worker, respite, and peace. [PAGE 4]

► **BOBBY & CHARLENE WACASER:** PRAISE GOD for how He has used Charlene in various roles in their ministry! PRAY that she and Bobby will remain in close fellowship with the Lord and be attentive to His leading. [PAGE 1]

**PRAY FOR OUR OTHER FAITHFUL
MISSIONARY FAMILIES NOT IN THIS ISSUE:**
MIKE & BEVERLY CREIGLOW

"Mothers in Israel"

SPECIAL EDITION!

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

"MOTHERS IN ISRAEL" Judges 5:7

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

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

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

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