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JOHN A. HATCHER, 60-YEAR MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL, MEETS HIS SAVIOR FACE-TO-FACE



“...Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.”

-Matthew 25:23

John Albert Hatcher, died on May 14, 2022, at

his son's home in Clermont, Florida, where he lived comfortably for the past eight years under the loving care of Paul and Wanda Hatcher, his eldest son and daughter-in-law.

John was born in 1925 in Alexandria, Kentucky, to Albert and Beatrix Hatcher. He was the second of four children, reared in a God-fearing home on a dairy farm. He trusted the Lord Jesus at age nine after hearing the Gospel story of the three crosses, which he later made into a visual pamphlet, translated into three languages, and shared with hundreds of people in his latter years.

Upon finishing high school at Campbell County H.S., amidst World War II, he signed up as a volunteer for the U.S. Merchant Marines. He served proudly for four years, including action on D + 1 day at Normandy, France. After the war he enrolled in Georgetown Baptist College, Georgetown, Kentucky, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. He went on to earn a Master's in Theology at Lexington Baptist College and a Doctorate in Theology at Luther Rice Seminary.

In his first year at Georgetown College he met his wonderful wife, Alta McKeehan, and they were married for 69 years. Throughout their college years

they worked together in home missions in Kentucky. After graduating, he pastored in Shelbyville and Beattyville, Kentucky, and finally in Alton, Illinois before they followed God's call to be life-long missionaries to Brazil, sponsored by Baptist Faith Missions.

He arrived in Brazil in 1955 with Alta and their children, and dedicated the first 19 years to church planting in the Amazon Valley, working in the city of Manaus and in villages along the Amazon River. During those years John founded Batista das Americas School and the Manaus Baptist Theological Seminary, and was involved in starting several churches. His many skills and talents were put to God's use: piloting his boat, building churches and school buildings, making pews and desks, educating and training young pastors, translating theology books, printing Christian literature and song books, evangelizing and teaching by radio, using puppets, ventriloquism and magic to reach people for Christ. John played the saxophone and clarinet and loved Christian music.

In 1976 John and Alta felt led to move to the city of Garça, São Paulo, in southern Brazil. There he started ten churches in ten cities where there were no Baptist churches, along with a bus ministry and Bible Institute through which the churches were serviced with leadership.

In 1989 John moved 200 miles further south to Urai, Parana, Brazil. In the next years he repeated the church planting and leadership training, resulting in seven thriving churches in that region, each with its building paid for.

John Hatcher was known for his unwavering faith in God, incredible discipline and work ethic. As his late mission director, Hartford Overbey put it: John Hatcher works!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The “**Veteran Missionary Pensioner**” account is not funded through the regular monthly offerings given to BFM, but rather through a separate investment account that is established for that purpose.

Currently, every month, there is a disbursement of \$9,690.00 to fund their service pensions. That amount, even on a good month, is double the amount of growth we receive on the investment

base in that account.

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

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

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

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And, would you prayerfully consider making your gift toward our Pensioners recurring? Our disbursements of \$9,690 toward supplying their modest service pensions recur every month!

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

STANLEY & EMILY KEYES LEGACY GIFT TO BFM – TO BE
ALLOCATED TO OUR VETERAN
MISSIONARY PENSIONERS

Anyone who has attended our Conferences over the past 30 years will know and recognize Stanley and Emily Keyes. They began attending our Conferences back during the 1990s while Louis Maple was their pastor. They loved the missionaries who partner with BFM. Sister Emily went to be with the Lord just 2-3 years before Brother Stanley. He continued to attend our Conferences by himself until he also joined her here more recently. When he was called to Heaven, we received the most generous gift of \$75,000 which they had bequeathed to BFM in their will. We have allocated their Legacy Gift to the support of our Pensioners. Their generous gift will supply the service pensions for our Veteran Missionary Pensioners for several months. We bless them, and more, we bless God for putting His Grace into their hearts to continue to love our missionaries in this way. We pray others will follow their example and do likewise.



Stanley & Emily Keyes | 2013 BFM Spring Conference

LEGACY GIFTS – PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
OUR PENSIONERS IN YOUR WILL

Ever since our Traditional Pension Fund was established years ago, that Fund has been supplied by numerous generous gifts that have been given to BFM. Some have donated properties to BFM and the sales of those properties have been allocated to our Pension Fund. Others have bequeathed Legacy Gifts to BFM in their wills. These gifts have sustained the on-going ministry

of helping to support our Veteran Missionary Pensioners in their senior years after they are no longer physically able to continue their active on-the-field service. This is just another way you can perpetuate your partnership in missionary support for years to come. We pray you will consider helping our missionaries in this way also.

MEET YOUR VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS



BOBBY D. CREIGLOW
[Betty is with the Lord]

*Bobby and Betty Creiglow served
in partnership with BFM in Brazil
from May 1960 to May 1993. Bobby
also served as Stateside Field Repre-
sentative for BFM from 1998-2003.*

Here is Bobby's missionary service testimony: "We began our missionary service in Faith Baptist Church, Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil. This was our home base from 1961-1973. There were five other Baptist Churches in villages scattered up and down the various rivers, and only two had pastors. My service included visiting these churches on a regular basis holding evangelistic meetings, and many times conducting VBS. During the same time period, I was the founder of two new churches, along

with another that was started, but not formally organized until some time after I left the area. I visited there several years later and preached to a thriving Church.

Here are some of the churches we either established or nurtured during our 33 years of missionary service:

STATE OF ACRE

[Served among these churches already established before I arrived...]

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

I established these two churches during my first term:

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

CUIABA/VARZEA GRANDE – STATE OF
MATO GROSSO

In 1974, I moved from Acre to Cuiaba, Mato Grosso to build a building and a congregation for fellow BFM Missionary Richard Turner, while he was on his first furlough. When he returned from furlough in 1975, I turned a congregation of thirty members over to him. I continued working with him on the building that was finished one year later. He organized that congregation into the Boa Esperanca Baptist Church in 1978.

In late 1976 or early 1977 I moved just across the river from Cuiaba to the city of Varzea Grande, where after a reasonable search, I found there was no Baptist Church, in the city of 40,000 people, where I set up shop once again. A church building was built for the new church that was organized in

October 1978. I served as pastor of the church until 1983, at which time the congregation numbered around 130, and was turned over to a Brazilian Pastor. Two boys, one three years old, and his brother, seven years old, that were in Betty's first Sunday School class, were years later called to preach and organized a daughter-church from the one I had organized.

NOVO DIAMANTINA

Upon an invitation by a lady saved in the Boa Esperanca Baptist Church who had moved 130 miles away to a city called Diamantina, I agreed to start a church in an area on top of the mountain from the city. I started this work by building the church house before ever having a preaching service. In fact, the first service was the inauguration of the new building. One year later, the Novo Diamantina Baptist Church was organized with 20+ members.

I am now a member of New Life Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, serving every way I can to assist our pastor, Steve Wainright, and our fellow members."

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Listen:

Follow this link to listen to
Bro. Creiglow teaching
about "The Gift of
Evangelism" in Sunday
School, October 2021.

MEET YOUR VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS



SHERIDAN & ANITA STANTON

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

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

Here's a timeline of the major events:

- 1973 I graduated from High School and began studies at Lexington Baptist College.
- 1974, June 7th Anita and I were married.
- 1977 I graduated from LBC and our daughter Leah was born.
- 1978 I was ordained to the Gospel Ministry and began pastoring the Jordan Baptist Church of Sanford, FL. Also, our son, Joshua, was born.
- 1982 resigned the pastorate of Jordan Baptist to begin preparations to go as missionaries to Peru under the authority of Jordan Baptist and legally and financially aided by Baptist Faith Missions.
- 1983, April - we arrived in Iquitos, Peru. Leah was five years old, and Joshua was four when we arrived in the Northern Jungle town of Iquitos, where the Amazon River begins. They grew up in Peru and came back to the States for college. Leah and Joshua are both grown now, married with children, and live in the United States.
- We lived for seven years in two different jungle towns of Peru: Iquitos and Pucallpa. Those were our "formative" years as missionaries. The Lord used us to start our first church in Pucallpa and then assume the directorship of the Pucallpa Baptist School (begun by former Missionaries, Del and Ada Mayfield). Anita and I worked with the school for five years and the Lord blessed with an increase in enrollment from 250 students to 870 in our last year there.
- My wife, Anita, (a graduate of the University of Kentucky) spent years in Peru

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ASA MARK & LUCIA BRATCHER

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

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

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

Asa Mark & Lucia Bratcher

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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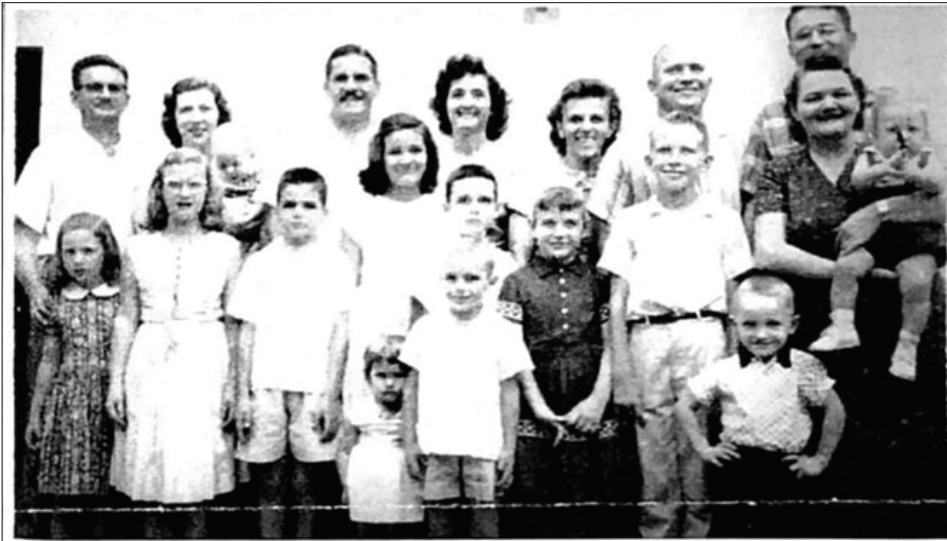
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HONORING THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF JOHN A. HATCHER



Four Missionary families all together in Brazil. Left to right: The five Wallace Yorks; The seven John Hatchers; The four Bobby Creiglowes; The four Harold Bratchers. Twenty in all. It is unusual to get all the missionaries together at one time for a picture. Pray for them.

"Paul and David once counted seventy churches that their dad planted during his ministry. Not long after that I was speaking with Bro. Hatcher and, noting how remarkable his life has been, I suggested that his life represented one of the great missionary lives of 20th-century missions and I wished that someone would write his biography so more people could know about him. He got a horrified look on his face and said, 'Don't rob me of my reward! I want to be commended by Jesus in heaven not by men on earth!' Today he got the thing he desired most." -Hershael York [pictured above in his Mother's arms, third from the left on the back row]



JOHN ALBERT HATCHER

APRIL 30, 1925-
MAY 14, 2022
MISSIONARY TO BRAZIL
1955-2015

"The greatest joy of the day is when there is an opportunity to tell someone about the Savior."

John A. Hatcher And Jose Rodrigues



Well Done.



"Each day I ask the Lord to give me opportunities to tell the Gospel to someone. I have had great opportunities. I always remember: Every person who dies lost will spend an eternity in Hell. Jesus can save if they believe, BUT, no one can believe unless they hear. Lord, help us to be faithful in telling the Story!"



Nearly 2,000 years ago three crosses were raised in Jerusalem.



Luke 23:33-43



Jesus died on the middle cross. He died to save sinners.



One thief made fun and ridiculed Jesus. He died and went to eternal punishment.



The other thief recognized that he was a sinner and asked for mercy; he went to Heaven.



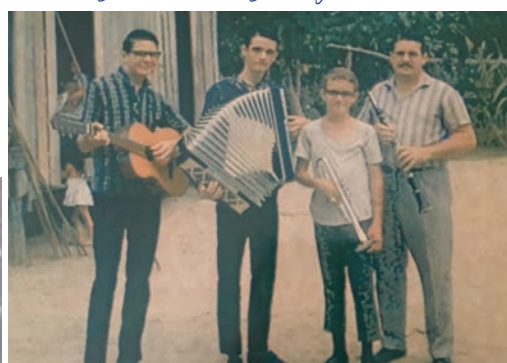
One the first day of the week Jesus raised from the cdead. He can save all who trust Him.

This is the message of Three Crosses that I heard as a young boy that transformed my life forever. I drew this tract and use it for evangelizing the lost.

"The work of missions is like the sun. Though it is the same every day, yesterday's sunshine will not serve for today. For men to live, the sun must shine day after day. Missions is spreading the message of the 'Sun of Righteousness' and must be done day after day, generation after generation."



Muito Obrigado, Pr. John, for faithfully giving 60 years of your life to Brazil for the sake of the Gospel.

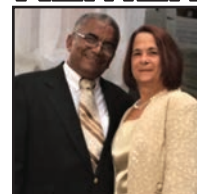


"Heaven will bring great joy for we will be with Jesus forever and we will see those He has saved to whom we have sowed the Seed. 'Lord, help us to be faithful in sowing the Seed!'"



Here are the extended Hatcher family members who were able to attend his memorial/celebration services. This picture was taken on Wednesday, 05/25/2022, at the interment/military honors service conducted at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery where Alta's body is also buried. Some could not make it in. Kathy and Odali were in the Acre interior [Cruzeiro do Sul] when they received the news of Brother John's Homegoing. They were unable to make the necessary connections to get from there to here. Kathy recorded a voice message, and it was played during his service the Tuesday night before. Lynn [Hatcher] McGary and her husband, Ross, are both also with the Lord, and their children attended and are pictured here. Lynn and Ross, and Alta, and the infant who died on the mission field and is buried in Faro celebrated their reunion in Heaven.

HIS LEGACY CONTINUES... REMEMBERING BFM MISSIONARIES



Odali & Kathy Barros

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May 19, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to our Lord for precious moments in our lives. This month is a special month as we remember the missionaries of BFM who have served the Lord for many years.

Kathy and I had planned a trip to my home state, Cruzeiro do Sul, for over a year. With all the pandemic problems we had to change it. But finally, this month we were able to make the trip. The day we arrived we got a message that Brother John Hatcher had gone to be with the Lord.

Many places we have been we have met people that were led to the Lord by Bro. John

Hatcher and also Bro. Bobby Creiglow. What a special moment! These men of God were used to touch many lives and also left an example of serving through good times or hard times.

May God bless each person and the churches that have given to this mission and for uplifting all of us in prayer.

Our works in our ministry are doing well. While we are traveling, we have left those from our church that are doing leadership training caring for the work. Pray that this will encourage our members to want to do more.

We had a special evening with Mike and Beverly Creiglow. My Christian life and ministry started with them. I'm thankful for their influence in my life. May God continue to bless them and their ministry.

Thank God for each of you supporters of BFM. God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,
Odali and Kathy



Odali & Kathy Barros with Beverly & Mike Creiglow

**Hatcher
Obituary**
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All of John and Alta's children are actively involved in church work, serving the Lord as pastors and missionaries.

Only Heaven will tell the extent of John Hatcher's influence in spreading the Gospel to the nation of Brazil. He is loved and will be missed by thousands. He fought the good fight, finished his course, kept the faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Alta McKeehan Hatcher, his daughter, Lynn McGary, his unborn son, buried on the banks of the Nhamunda River in the Amazon, and his brother, Charles Hatcher. He is survived by two sisters Neree Woods and Jessie Sills, his loving children, Ranaah Paul Hatcher (Wanda) of Clermont, Florida, John Mark Hatcher (Judy) of Toulouse, France, David Judson Hatcher (Pennie) of Manaus, Brazil, Kathy Amazonas Barros (Odali) of Iranduba, Brazil, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributing to John's lifelong passion, missions.

You may do so at:

Baptist Faith Missions
c/o Pastor George Sledd, Treasurer of BFM
P.O. Box 471280

Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1280
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Please designate to the "General Fund in memory of John A Hatcher".

Condolences may be made to the family at: Paul Hatcher
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VETERAN MISSIONARIES PENSIONERS OFFERING

VETERAN (or **FOUNDERS DAY OFFERING**)

Currently, we have six (6) pensioners, and every month, there is a disbursement of \$9,690.00 to fund their service pensions. That amount, even on a good month, is double the amount of growth we receive on the investment base in that account.

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

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

But, we want to expand it further by encouraging you to give gifts both:

- **"In Memory Of..."** someone who is now with the Lord ... and
- **"In Honor Of..."** someone who may still be living, but whose love and service for BFM you would like to honor. It can be any faithful servant of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pray about and prepare your most generous offering.

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And, would you prayerfully consider making your gift toward our Pensioners recurring?
Our disbursements of \$9,690 toward supplying their modest service pensions recur every month!

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- Your BFM Directors

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- Jim Orrick, 2014 -



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WANDA TURNER

[Richard is with the Lord]

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

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

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

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

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

Wanda is enjoying living in Lynchburg, VA where she is striving to live a Christ-like life and continue to be a witness for Christ. Oh! and she also greatly enjoys her seven grandkids and two great-grands!

Wanda Turner

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HAROLD AND URSULA DRAPER

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

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



**PAUL & WANDA
HATCHER**

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

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

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

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

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to Sao Luis, State of Maranhao for 8 years from 1980-1988. Then, back to Mato Grosso for 21 years from 1988-2009. Our ministry was in church planting, Bible teaching, and construction of church buildings. Here are some of the churches we either started or nurtured:

In the State of Maranhao: Cruzeiro do Anil Baptist Church; Anajatuba Baptist Church; First Baptist Church, Sao Mateus. In the State of Mato Grosso: Boa Esperanca Baptist Church; Primavera do Leste Baptist Church; Novo Diamantina Baptist Church; Altos do Coxipo Baptist Church; Jardim do Fortaleza Baptist Church; Characa dos Pinheiros Baptist Church.

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

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

Harold & Ursula Draper

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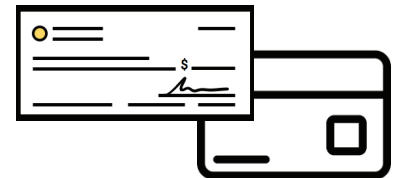
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WAYS TO PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE *Sunday*

Consistent times of prayer and learning from Scripture
Meaningful worship and fellowship times
Growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ
Commitment to the purpose of their ministry

MINISTRY *Monday*

A work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of unbelievers
Boldness to share Jesus
Evangelistic contacts & ministry opportunities
Multiplication and health of the churches
Wisdom in the use of time, resources, & energy

FAMILY *Tuesday*

Strong marriage
Needs of children
Support from family at home
An example for believers and unbelievers

RELATIONSHIPS *Wednesday*

Genuine interpersonal relationships
Willingness to listen
Wisdom to confront in a loving way
Accountability

PLACE OF SERVICE *Thursday*

Political and economic situation
Growth of God's Kingdom
Visas and continued residency
Safety

ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE *Friday*

Diligence in life-long language study
Friends to help with language and culture
Willingness to engage with people even when
language is weak
Cultural sensitivity

PHYSICAL NEEDS *Saturday*

Health, safety, medical care
Emotional stability
Housing, schooling, transportation
Contentment in all things

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on our FaithWorks Blog!**

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

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

Contribute to the 2022 Veteran Missionaries Pensioners Offering

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

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

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

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

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

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Baptist Faith Missions Veteran Missionaries Receiving Pensions

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



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